

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL
MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2013
6:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Burke. Commissioners Considine, Kuhn, Blackburn, Brechon and Mayor Burke answered Roll Call. Reverend Steve Young from the Greater Life Church gave the Invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Kuhn moved that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, September 16, 2013 be accepted and placed on file. Voting Yea: Commissioners Considine, Kuhn, Blackburn, Brechon and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TOTAL LABOR & OUTSIDE CLAIMS

Commissioner Blackburn moved that the Total Labor & Outside Claims in the amount of \$721,021.88 be approved and ordered paid. Voting Yea: Commissioners Considine, Kuhn, Blackburn, Brechon and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF YTD FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Finance Director Paula Meyer handed out a revised Financial Summary and gave a brief overview of it. After no further comments, the Mayor called for the vote. Commissioner Considine moved that the year-to-date Financial Summary through September 30, 2013 be accepted. Voting Yea: Commissioners Considine, Kuhn, Blackburn, Brechon and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Commissioner Considine highlighted on Fire Prevention Week being October 6-12, the new trailer, purchasing smoke detectors and batteries from the Fire Department, fire station tours and evacuation drills.

Commissioner Kuhn thanked the citizens for their tolerance during the final grading and blacktopping of the streets and parking lots. He advised all work should be wrapped up within two weeks.

Commissioner Blackburn thanked John Groshans for his care of the flowers and thanked the Fire Department for their efforts on the pancake breakfast they sponsored.

Commissioner Brechon also thanked the public for their patience with the improvements done to the Beanblossom parking lot.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORTS

Mayor Burke reported that the Monthly Building Permit Report for September, 2013 and the minutes of the Plan Commission Meeting of September 26, 2013 are on file with the Clerk and available for inspection.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Burke welcomed the Boy Scouts here tonight.

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PET. – SPECIAL USE – 1107 EASTERN AVENUE

Commissioner Kuhn moved that the Petition for Special Use pursuant to the request of Marvin Hogenson and Steven Dilger, for property located at 1107 Eastern Avenue, be referred to the City Attorney for proper action. Voting Yea: Commissioners Considine, Kuhn, Blackburn, Brechon and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO EXECUTE HUMAN RESOURCES CONTRACT
CITY/PAUL GREUFE & ASSOCIATES

Commissioner Blackburn moved that the Mayor be authorized to execute the Human Resources Contract between the City of Dixon and Paul Greufe & Associates. Discussion followed. Dan Langloss gave a brief overview of this month-to-month contract. Mayor Burke commended Dan on his research of this item. After no further discussion, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Considine, Kuhn, Blackburn, Brechon and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY ENCROACHMENT
422 EAST 7TH STREET

Commissioner Considine moved that the Request for Temporary Encroachment pursuant to the request of Boulay and Bouaphan Khanthirath, for property located at 422 East 7th Street, be referred to the City Attorney for proper action. Discussion followed. Patricia Moore advised she has a problem with the fence as it obstructs her view with a right turn onto Dement. She advised she has a copy of the initial building permit and stated the landscaping is beyond the 4-foot overage. Lastly, she asked that this request be denied. Amy Mekeel stated this could be a violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). John McGuire advised the fence does not impede the view and shrubs have been removed. Laura Helfrich does not feel there is a visual blockage. She stated the homeowners understood the fence permit was okayed, and she questioned why the fence was not checked out after the completed installation. Commissioner Brechon stated it is very nice property and the ADA question should be re-visited after the City Attorney researches it. Commissioner Considine advised he looked at the property while driving and on foot and advised 29 neighbors feel the fence is not a problem. Commissioner Considine also stated it has been seven years since the fence was installed and there has not been one issue regarding it. Commissioner Kuhn advised he also has been by the property several times and sees no obstruction facing east to the right. He also stated possibly this should be tabled until the attorneys research the ADA issue. Commissioner Blackburn stated the fence is not a problem. Mayor Burke lastly added that he does not see an issue with the fence. After no further discussion, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Considine, Kuhn, Blackburn, Brechon and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PLACE ON FILE – ORD. – ACCEPTING THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN
RESPECT OF CITY OF DIXON VS. JANIS CARD COMPANY, LLC et al

Commissioner Kuhn moved that an Ordinance accepting the Settlement Agreement in respect of City of Dixon vs. Janis Card Company, LLC et al be placed on file until the Special Council Meeting of Tuesday, October 15, 2013. Discussion followed. City Attorney Tom Sanders gave a brief legal description of this agreement and advised it must be placed on file for 7 days prior to passage. After no further comments, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Considine, Kuhn, Blackburn, Brechon and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

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PRESENTATION – REP. TOM DEMMER
LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Rep. Tom Demmer advised he is visiting cities and boards to let them know that if there is any issue he can help with, he has an office in Rochelle or he can be reached at tomdemmer.com. He stated he is happy to work on projects for residents. He then highlighted on the accomplishments since he took office and stated that passing a State budget is a significant issue.

PROCLAMATION – “PASTORS/CLERGY APPRECIATION DAY”

Mayor Burke proclaimed Sunday, October 13, 2013 as “Pastors/Clergy Appreciation Day” in the City of Dixon.

PROCLAMATION – “MENTAL ILLNESS AWARENESS WEEK”

Mayor Burke proclaimed October 6-123, 2013 as “Mental Illness Awareness Week” in the City of Dixon.

OATH OF OFFICE – POLICE OFFICER CHARLES E. THOMAS, JR.

Mayor Burke administered the Oath of Office to Police Officer Charles E. Thomas, Jr.

OATH OF OFFICE – FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC
CRYSTAL D. BRASINGTON

Mayor Burke administered the Oath of Office to Firefighter/Paramedic Crystal D. Brasington.

PROMOTIONAL PRESENTATION
CAPTAIN MARK CALLISON TO DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF

Commissioner Considine read a bio on Mark Callison and Chief Shipman presented Mark’s family with his new bars to be pinned on him.

PROMOTIONAL PRESENTATION
LT. RYAN BUSKOHL TO CAPTAIN

Commissioner Considine read a bio on Ryan Buskohl and Chief Shipman presented Ryan’s family with his new bars to be pinned on him.

PROMOTIONAL PRESENTATION
FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC JACOB HENRY TO LIEUTENANT

Commissioner Considine read a bio on Jacob Henry and Chief Shipman presented Jacob’s family with his new bars to be pinned on him.

PLACE ON FILE – REAL ESTATE CONTRACT
CITY OF DIXON/LINCOLN AVENUE CHURCH OF GOD

Commissioner Brechon moved that the Agreement for Sale and Purchase of Real Estate between the City of Dixon and the Lincoln Avenue Church of God, for property located at 1571 Franklin Grove Road, Dixon, IL 61021, be placed on file until the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting of Monday, October 21, 2013. Voting Yea: Commissioners Considine, Kuhn, Blackburn, Brechon and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

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PLACE ON FILE – ORD. AMENDING TITLE IX, CHAPTER 2, SEC. 9-2-34
& TITLE I, CHAPTER 4, SEC. 1-4-1A

Commissioner Considine moved that an Ordinance amending the Dixon City Code Title IX, Chapter 2, Section 9-2-34 and Title I, Chapter 4, Section 1-4-1A be placed on file until the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting of Monday, October 21, 2013. Discussion followed. Chief Dan Langloss advised this section of the code was updated some time ago but this was inadvertently left off. After no further comments, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Considine, Kuhn, Blackburn, Brechon and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PLACE ON FILE – PROPOSAL FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
WILLETT, HOFMANN & ASSOCIATES
7TH STREET ANNEX RE-ROOF PROJECT

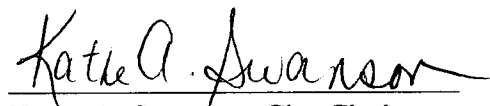
Commissioner Brechon moved that the Willett, Hofmann & Associates Proposal for Professional Services for the 7th Street Annex Re-Roof Project be placed on file until the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting of Monday, October 21, 2013. Discussion followed. Commissioner Brechon advised that this item and the next one have been budgeted for and these projects are in need of being done. After no further comments, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Considine, Kuhn, Blackburn, Brechon and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PLACE ON FILE – PROPOSAL FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
WILLETT, HOFMANN & ASSOCIATES
STREET DEPT. BUILDING MASONRY REPAIRS & IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Commissioner Brechon moved that the Willett, Hofmann & Associates Proposal for Professional Services for the Street Department Building Masonry Repairs and Improvements Project be placed on file until the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting of Monday, October 21, 2013. Voting Yea: Commissioners Considine, Kuhn, Blackburn, Brechon and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kuhn moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, October 7, 2013 be adjourned to meet in Special Session on Tuesday, October 15, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Voting Yea: Commissioners Considine, Kuhn, Blackburn, Brechon and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.


Kathe A. Swanson, City Clerk