

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL  
TUESDAY - JANUARY 28, 2014  
4:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

The Council met in Budget Session on Tuesday, January 28, 2014 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Burke and roll call was answered by Commissioners Blackburn, Brechon, Considine and Kuhn.

BUDGET WORK SESSION

Mayor Burke turned the meeting over to Commissioner Blackburn. Commissioner Blackburn stated three organizations' representatives are here tonight to present why they are requesting a donation from the City. He advised a lottery was held and the order to present is (1) Dixon Municipal Band; (2) The Next Picture Show; and lastly (3) Dixon Airport Board.

**DIXON MUNICIPAL BAND**

Mark Bressler and Dave Johnson represented the Band. Mark stated the Band is requesting \$22,000 from the City to operate this year. He stated they would continue to do their 10 summer concerts, 1 winter concert, 2 parades and any special event they are asked to do. Mark advised their budget includes a request to have a Dixon Municipal Band Commission created to oversee it. Commissioner Blackburn asked if the band would play at the St. Patrick's Day parade on March 15<sup>th</sup>? Mark advised he would discuss this with the band and requested the St. Patrick's Day Committee contact him.

**THE NEXT PICTURE SHOW**

Bonnie Kime and Sandy Schuler represented this entity. They advised their request from the City is the same as last year--\$10,000 to be able to continue exhibitions and the education of art. They further advised their organization brings tourism to the downtown and because the schools have eliminated Art Classes, their gallery fills the need in the Sauk Valley area. Bonnie advised this year is The Next Picture Show's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, John Deere's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and Sauk Valley Bank's 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary; therefore, there will be a huge two-day event being held on August 9-10 in Dixon.

**DIXON AIRPORT BOARD**

Representatives Al Hill and David Flenner advised the Airport's current budget is \$134,595, which includes grants. They advised they would be receiving a \$150,000 grant from the FAA towards projects that the City would have to fund 10% of the cost. Al advised there are three requests in their budget currently—North fencing project, the cost being \$208,000; an equipment request for new lawn mowers, the cost being \$23,000; and hangar issue costs which are up from last year's budget by \$9,000. He stated his Board is requesting \$99,084 from the City this year. Al stated the airport surfaces are in great shape but now they need to concentrate on building improvements. He stated that the Airport needs better equipment to keep it open during bad weather because, if not open, it could affect our Federal funding. Commissioner Brechon asked about the Airport's revenues and stated the City needs to bring more people and more special event out there. Al advised Commissioner Blackburn that a 5-year plan through 2019 has been proposed and the Board will be meeting with two new engineering firms at their next meeting. Commissioner Brechon questioned what a longer runway would do for Dixon, and Al advised that corporations would use Dixon for their planes. He advised the FAA requirement for landing is 5000 feet or more, and our Airport only has 3900 feet.

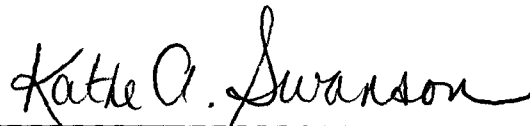
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Commissioner Blackburn advised that Vicky Turner from Dixon Tourism and John Thompson from the Chamber of Commerce would be at the next Budget Session to make their presentations to the Council. At this time, Rusty Cox, Water Superintendent, was asked to explain his budget and requests. Rusty advised there is no change in his operations/maintenance line item but there is a \$132,000 new equipment request for two new SUV's, one new pickup truck and a new backhoe. Rusty stated the Water Department's major projects for 2015 include Towers #7 and #10 painting at a cost of \$410,000; Palmyra Street at a cost of \$270,000 and the Downtown Streetscape at a cost of \$770,000. He then asked for a consensus from the Council to expedite entering into an engineering agreement for plans and specifications. It was the consensus of the Council to have this agreement be placed on file at the February 3<sup>rd</sup> Council Meeting. Rusty advised there would be a contractor hired to do the work. Dan Mahan advised that when the weather breaks, his crew would televiser the sewer lines, which are six feet under the water lines, to see what the contractor would need to do. Commissioner Considine stated the City needs to get more than one bid and Rusty should contact both Wendler Engineering and Willett Hofmann & Associates.

At this time, Commissioner Blackburn stated this session would adjourn and the next budget meeting would be held on Tuesday, February 11th at 4:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kuhn moved that the Special Council Meeting of Tuesday, January 28, 2014 be adjourned to meet in Regular Session on Monday, February 3, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.



Kathe A. Swanson, City Clerk