

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL
MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2014
5:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL/INVOCATION

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Burke. Commissioners Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke answered Roll Call. Absent was Commissioner Blackburn. The Pledge of Allegiance was cited. Retired Dr. Vinnie Marrandino, KSB Hospital Chaplain, gave the Invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Kuhn moved that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, November 17, 2014 be accepted and placed on file. Voting Yea: Commissioners Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TOTAL LABOR & OUTSIDE CLAIMS

Commissioner Considine moved that the Total Labor & Outside Claims in the amount of \$906,284.78 be approved and ordered paid. Voting Yea: Commissioners Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Commissioner Brechon stated that Dixon Main Street needs to supply the City with meeting minutes and a budget so the Council can see where their monies are being spent. She advised that member Scott Brown should bring a report to the Council for review.

Commissioner Considine read a prepared statement regarding the "Keep the Wreath Red" campaign with the Dixon City and Rural Fire Departments. He advised this campaign would be from December 21, 2014 through January 4, 2015.

Commissioner Kuhn reminded the citizens of the snow ordinance in effect for odd/even parking after 2 inches of snowfall. Commissioner Kuhn then gave a brief update on the Streetscape Project and advised it is wrapping up for the winter months. He stated plantings would begin in the spring. He also invited everyone to the Streetscape Dedication Ceremony to be held Friday, December 5th at 5:30 p.m. at the corner of 1st Street and Hennepin Avenue.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORTS

Mayor Burke reported that the Monthly Building Permit Report for November, 2014 and the Tourism Board Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2014 are on file with the Clerk and available for inspection.

ORD. #2955 – 2014 TAX LEVY

Commissioner Kuhn moved that an Ordinance for the levy of taxes for the corporate purposes of the City of Dixon, Lee County, Illinois for the calendar year 2014 be passed. Voting Yea: Commissioners Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

AWARD BID – CITY HALL INTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Commissioner Brechon moved that the bid for the City Hall Interior Improvements Project be awarded to Swedberg & Associates, Inc., Sycamore, Illinois for the low bid in the amount of \$74,390.00. Voting Yea: Commissioners Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

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ORD. #2956 – AUTHORIZING SALE OF CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY
OWNED BY THE CITY OF DIXON

Commissioner Considine moved that an Ordinance authorizing the sale of certain personal property owned by the City of Dixon be passed. Voting Yea: Commissioners Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION – BAY VALLEY FOODS WATER RATE

Mayor Burke introduced the Bay Valley Foods representatives, Yancy Workman, Curt Snyder and Todd LeBlanc. He then gave a brief synopsis of Vice President Todd LeBlanc's background. Todd then handed out a proposal to the Council. He advised his company needs a competitive cost structure in order to grow. Todd stated there has been an 83% increase in the water rate from 2010 to the present and a 44% increase in the sewer rate from 2009 to the present. Todd proposed the City bring Bay Valley costs back to the 2010 rates, water being \$1.23 per 100 cu. ft. and sewer being \$1.70 per 100 cu. ft. He strongly stated that if there were no reduction, his company would have to return to using well water. He also added Bay Valley needs some sort of decision by the 15th of December due to budgeting. Todd added that Bay Valley would also partner with the City of Dixon on "green" water conservation initiatives. Mayor Burke advised that Bay Valley pays the City approximately \$1.2 million per year. He stated this is a dilemma for both Bay Valley and the City and advised the Council needs to look over all the figures and digest it all before reaching a decision at the next meeting. Water Superintendent Rusty Cox advised it costs the City \$1.67 per 100 cu. ft. to bring water to Bay Valley. He added he is not justifying the reduction to them as the City has an aging system and there will be infrastructure improvement costs in the future. Finance Director Paula Meyer advised that allowing these rate reductions would decrease the City's revenues by \$375,000 per year.

RES. #2483-14 – CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS – HOSPITAL BOARD

Commissioner Brechon moved that a Resolution confirming the re-appointments of Doug Lee and Colleen Henkel and the appointment of Lynette Knodle to the Hospital Board for terms commencing January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2017, or until their successors are duly appointed and qualified, be adopted. Voting Yea: Commissioners Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION – "ILGIVESBIG DAY FOR THE HOME OF HOPE
CANCER WELLNESS CENTER"

Mayor Burke proclaimed Tuesday, December 2, 2014 as "ILGIVESBIG Day for the Home of Hope Cancer Wellness Center" in the City of Dixon, Lee County, Illinois.

AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AIRPORT FARMLAND LEASE
CITY OF DIXON/DAVID HILL

Commissioner Brechon moved that the Mayor be authorized to execute the Airport Farmland Lease between the City of Dixon and David Hill. Voting Yea: Commissioners Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION – "DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING PREVENTION
MONTH – DECEMBER 2014"

Mayor Burke proclaimed December 2014 as "Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month" in the City of Dixon, Lee County, Illinois.

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RES. #2484-14 – AUTHORIZING THE USE OF SETTLEMENT PROCEEDS TO
REPLACE RIVER STREET FROM US ROUTE 2 TO GALENA AVENUE

Commissioner Kuhn moved that a Resolution authorizing the use of settlement proceeds to replace River Street from US Route 2 to Galena Avenue be adopted. Voting Yea: Commissioners Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

RES. #2485-14 – OFFICIALLY ADOPTING A CITY OF DIXON
MISSION AND VALUES STATEMENT

Commissioner Considine moved that a Resolution officially adopting a City of Dixon Mission and Values Statement be adopted. Voting Yea: Commissioners Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE WELCOME CENTER LEASE
AGREEMENT - CITY OF DIXON/RANDALL NEWCOMER

Commissioner Considine moved that the Mayor be authorized to execute the Welcome Center Lease Agreement between the City of Dixon and Randall Newcomer. Discussion followed. Ann Lewis, Tourism Board Member, advised the rent would be \$850.00 per month and the City taking care of the utility bills and the landlord would pay the real estate taxes. Ann advised the personnel at The Welcome Center would need help with the moving, as they need to be out of the current location by December 31st. Ann advised the mural would be placed on the north side of the new building. She stated this new location is very visible with the Riverfront and is a bigger space, which they will certainly utilize. After no further comments, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Brechon, Considine and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Abstaining: Commissioner Kuhn. Motion carried 3-1.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

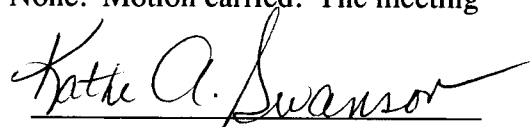
Commissioner Kuhn moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, December 1, 2014 adjourn into Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees. Voting Yea: Commissioners Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

RECONVENE MEETING

Commissioner Kuhn moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, December 1, 2014 reconvene into Open Session. Voting Yea: Commissioners Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Brechon moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, December 1, 2014 be adjourned to meet in Regular Session on Monday, December 15, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Voting Yea: Commissioners Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.


Kathe A. Swanson, City Clerk