

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL
MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2014
5:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL/INVOCATION

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Burke. Commissioners Considine, Kuhn, Blackburn, Brechon and Mayor Burke answered Roll Call. The Pledge of Allegiance was cited. Pastor Frank Berman, Chaplain from Heritage Square gave the Invocation.

WORK SESSION
RIVER STREET DISCUSSION

Jeff Reis, Willett, Hofmann & Associates, gave a slide presentation on the River Street project. He advised this work would be in two phases, the first one being Galena Avenue to Artesian Avenue, which is projected to start in July, 2015 and be completed in September, 2015. The second phase is Artesian Avenue to Route 2, which would start in September, 2015, with a completion date in November, 2015. Commissioner Kuhn stated the engineers need a general idea of what the City wants; therefore, input is needed. Mayor Burke stated this project is a great opportunity for design and economic development along the river. He stated there is a need to highlight our ethnic diversity. Mayor Burke stated he would like to see a 7-person task force appointed to work with the engineers. He further stated he is working with IDOT to get a parcel they own located at River Street and Route 2 deeded to the City. Geoff Smith, Willett, Hofmann & Associates, advised that River Road is in the flood plain area; therefore, the amenities outside this area are what need to be looked at. Commissioner Blackburn asked about the window for bidding Phase I, and Jeff Reis advised May, 2015. Commissioner Kuhn advised that Phase II would use the federal funds we currently have allocated, which is approximately \$1 million. Commissioner Blackburn stated a long-term Master Plan for the amenities could be done further down the road on this project.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Considine moved that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, December 1, 2014 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 \$556,832.87 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

Commissioner Considine moved that the YTD Financial Summary through November 30, 2014 be accepted. Voting Yea: Commissioners Considine, Kuhn, Blackburn, Brechon and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Commissioner Considine commended the Water and Street Department employees handling a water main break last week.

Commissioner Kuhn thanked the Cemetery employees for their help in moving the Welcome Center to their new location. He further advised the Bloody Gulch bridge is gone and the sinkhole repair is done.

Commissioner Blackburn advised the City would go out for bids for auditing services.

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BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORTS

Mayor Burke reported that the Library Board Minutes of November 10, 2014 are on file with the Clerk and available for inspection.

APPROVE, ACCEPT & PLACE ON FILE
REVISED CITY OF DIXON PERSONNEL POLICY

Commissioner Blackburn moved that the Revised City of Dixon Personnel Policy be approved, accepted and placed on file. Voting Yea: Commissioners Considine, Kuhn, Blackburn, Brechon and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PLACE ON FILE – RIVER STREET RECONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING
AGREEMENT – CITY/WILLETT, HOFMANN & ASSOCIATES

Commissioner Kuhn moved that the River Street Reconstruction Engineering Agreement between the City of Dixon and Willett, Hofmann & Associates be placed on file until the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting of Monday, January 5, 2015. Voting Yea: Commissioners Considine, Kuhn, Blackburn, Brechon and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PLACE ON FILE – ORD. – REPEALING TITLE X, CHAPTER 6, SECTION 10-6-13
(TRUCKS PROHIBITED ON CERTAIN STREETS) AND TITLE X, CHAPTER 6,
SECTION 10-6-14 (LIMITED LOAD STREETS) AND ESTABLISHING A NEW
TITLE X, CHAPTER 16, GOVERNING THE WEIGHT AND DIMENSIONS OF
VEHICLES AND ESTABLISHING A PERMITTING SYSTEM FOR OVERWEIGHT
VEHICLES

Commissioner Kuhn moved that an Ordinance repealing Title X, Chapter 6, Section 10-6-13 (Trucks Prohibited on Certain Streets) and Title X, Chapter 6, Section 10-6-14 (Limited Load Streets) and Establishing a new Title X, Chapter 16, Governing the Weight and Dimensions of Vehicles and Establishing a Permitting System for Overweight Vehicles be placed on file until the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting of Monday, January 5, 2015. Discussion followed. City Administrator David Nord thanked the City Attorneys for their assistance. Commissioner Kuhn advised John Simonton and Eric Englund were very good sources of information also. 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 – AIRPORT PERIMETER FENCE INSTALLATION
ENGINEERING AGREEMENT - CITY/CRAWFORD, MURPHY & TILLY

Commissioner Brechon moved that the Airport Perimeter Fence Installation Engineering Agreement between the City of Dixon and Crawford, Murphy & Tilly be placed on file until the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting of Monday, January 5, 2015. Voting Yea: Commissioners Considine, Kuhn, Blackburn, Brechon and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PLACE ON FILE – AIRPORT RUNWAYS REHABILITATION AND LIGHTING
ENGINEERING AGREEMENT - CITY/CRAWFORD, MURPHY & TILLY

Commissioner Brechon moved that the Airport Runways Rehabilitation and Lighting Engineering Agreement between the City of Dixon and Crawford, Murphy & Tilly be placed on file until the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting of Monday, January 5, 2015. Voting Yea: Commissioners Considine, Kuhn, Blackburn, Brechon and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

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RES. #2486-14 – INTER-FUND LOAN FROM CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND TO
CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT TIF

Commissioner Blackburn moved that a Resolution authorizing an Inter-Fund Loan from the Capital Projects Fund to the Central Business District TIF be adopted. Discussion followed. Mayor Burke advised the City is loaning itself \$1,575,000 from the TIF to be paid back at a fixed rate. Commissioner Considine asked for an explanation of the agreement. Attorney LeSage advised when the TIF was extended to 35 years from 23 years, an agreement was implemented from the taxing bodies and a surplus was created. He advised Commissioner Considine that Finance Director Paula Meyer has this agreement and could further explain this loan to him. 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

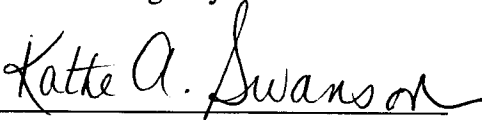
Commissioner Kuhn moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, December 15, 2014 adjourn into Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees. Voting Yea: Commissioners Considine, Kuhn, Blackburn, Brechon and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

RECONVENE MEETING

Commissioner Kuhn moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, December 15, 2014 reconvene into Open Session. Voting Yea: Commissioners Considine, Kuhn, Blackburn, Brechon and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Considine moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, December 15, 2014 be adjourned to meet in Regular Session on Monday, January 5, 2015 at 5:30 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 6:10 p.m.


Kathe A. Swanson, City Clerk