

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
MONDAY, JULY 6, 2015
5:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL/INVOCATION

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Arellano. Councilmen Bishop, Arjes and Mayor Arellano answered Roll Call. Absent were Councilmen Tucker and Venier. The Pledge of Allegiance was cited. Pastor Marilyn Nolan from the Grace United Methodist Church gave the Invocation.

PUBLIC HEARING – PALMYRA AVENUE WATERMAIN
REHABILITATION PROJECT

The Public Hearing was opened at 5:35 p.m. Matt Hansen, Willett, Hofmann & Associates, explained the grant application process. He explained the two program categories, non-competitive and competitive and advised the one the City is applying for is the public infrastructure (competitive program), with a grant maximum amount of \$450,000 and due on Wednesday, July 8, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

At this time, Councilman Venier entered the meeting at 5:39 p.m.

Engineer Hansen stated the public infrastructure grant's funding priority is for water and sanitary system and storm sewer projects. He advised the City of Dixon has had eleven watermain breaks to this Palmyra Avenue watermain area since 2005. He stated the watermain rehabilitation improvements include installing a cured-in-place liner in the existing watermain, loop the end of the watermain at 4th Avenue into the existing watermain on the north side of the street, replacement of two (2) existing fire hydrants, installing a new fire hydrant at the east end of the project, new gate valves so the watermain can be isolated into two (2) sections and surface restoration work. A temporary watermain will be installed over ground and the customers will be connected to the temporary watermain for water service while the watermain is being lined. He further explained the total project cost estimate is \$306,970. He stated the City would be applying for a \$230,227 grant and the local leverage would be \$76,743.

Engineer Hansen further stated of the total grant funds being requested for this project (\$230,227), \$193,091 of the funds will benefit low-to-moderate income individuals and advised the proposed project will not displace any individuals in the project area.

Lastly, Engineer Hansen stated the announcement of the grant will be after the first of the year and advised they are federal funds.

After no further questions or comments, the Public Hearing was closed at 5:44 p.m.

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WORK SESSION

Mayor Arellano gave an update as follows:

- (1) He stated the Petunia Festival Committee did a great job.
- (2) He advised feedback is needed on whether or not the City will accept having the Championship Cabela Catfish Tournament in Dixon next year or wait until the outcome of possible grant monies for boat docks. He advised Councilman Tucker needs to get back with Cabela by mid-month. It was the consensus of the Council to wait a year to see what grants could be applied for on the boat docks.
- (3) Mayor Arellano advised there is one month left on the 100-day pledge.
- (4) He stated there would be a Special Meeting next Monday at 5:30 p.m. to support or table hiring a Public Works Director.
- (5) He then spoke on the Depot Avenue reconstruction areas, with Water Superintendent Cox advising it would be a partial closure of the street.
- (6) Mayor Arellano advised the Motor Fuel Tax street maintenance is 99% complete and the River Road project started today.
- (7) He then advised the Zoning Board of Appeals would have new appointments on the July 20th meeting agenda.
- (8) He will be meeting with Paul Greufe this Thursdays to review the City's Employee Handbook and advised any and all changes would be brought to the Council for a vote.
- (9) Requested Engineer Geoff Smith give an update on the 7th and Monroe project. Geoff advised the joint application has been sent to the Corp. of Engineers and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. He further advised Monday contractor quotes could commence as the City waived the bidding process. Mayor Arellano added that the Council would still vote on a contract for this project work.
- (10) Meetings are scheduled this week with Comcast and NiCor.
- (11) Problem with a landlord calling the City to have water shut off on a tenant. Attorney LeSage advised this topic needs further discussion.
- (12) Street grinding in the streetscape area was discussed.
- (13) The Enterprise Zone was discussed and Mayor Arellano advised the City will need to give more money to the Lee County Industrial Development Association.
- (14) The German Delegation is visiting.
- (15) Mayor Arellano advised he would be on military duty leave from August 8 through August 28, 2015.
- (16) The crack sealing project has not started yet.
- (17) The Reagan Statue Committee, a sub-committee of Tourism, has a negative bank balance and more bills to pay. It was decided to wait on the City Attorney's research regarding this sub-committee.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Arjes moved that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, June 15, 2015 and the minutes of the Special Council Meetings of Thursday, June 18, 2015 and Wednesday, June 24, 2015 be accepted and placed on file. Seconded by Councilman Bishop. Voting Yea: Councilmen Bishop, Venier, Arjes and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TOTAL LABOR & OUTSIDE CLAIMS

Councilman Bishop moved that the Total Labor & Outside Claims in the amount of \$1,017,043.00 be approved and ordered paid. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Discussion followed. Mayor Arellano gave an explanation of the City's Petty Cash Fund and advised the Public Safety Building had incurred more maintenance costs. He spoke on the engineering costs incurred and recommended the Council should possibly look at hiring an in-house City Engineer. Councilman Venier advised he would be abstaining on the vote due to a \$150.00 bill paid to Venier's Jewelers. After no further comments, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Councilmen Bishop, Arjes and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Abstaining: Councilman Venier. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Bishop advised on June 30th he, along with David Nord and Curt Phillips, met with two companies regarding boat docks. He advised one company, CCI, can assist with the installation of docks while the other company, Cube Docks, is a provider of docks. Councilman Bishop advised they would meet with one more company and then bring quotes before the Council.

Councilman Venier gave credit to the Petunia Festival Board, stating they are a hard-working group. He advised there was great weather for the festival and it was a great success. He also advised he received great feedback on the petunias, as well as a lot of interest regarding the boat docks.

Councilman Arjes thanked the Petunia Festival Board and stated there was a great crowd. He also commended John Groshans for all his hard work during this event.

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CITY MANAGER REPORT

David Nord advised he would be forming a group to go over the streetscape maintenance issues.

At this time, Water Superintendent Rusty Cox was asked to give an update on the Armeida Avenue problems. Rusty advised this is the 6th leak in a year's time. He advised his crew would be putting a new main on top of the old one and the total project cost would be approximately \$13,000 for engineering, street patching and labor.

At this time, Street Superintendent Mike Stichter was requested to give a brief overview of the City's Sidewalk Program. He explained the cost of the concrete is \$125.00 per yard for the customer and the City supplies the forms, labor and does the clean-up. He also advised this program does not include driveway approaches.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORTS

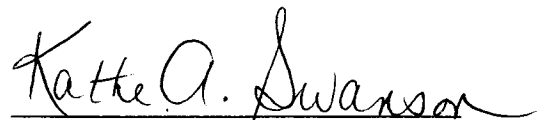
Mayor Arellano reported that the Monthly Building Permit Report for June, 2015, the Dixon Sister Cities Association Minutes of May 19, 2015 and the Airport Board Minutes of April 4, 2015 are all on file with the Clerk and available for inspection.

RES. #2517-15 – SUPPORT AND COMMITMENT OF LOCAL FUNDS

Councilman Venier moved that a Resolution of support and commitment of local funds be adopted. Seconded by Councilman Arjes. Voting Yea: Councilmen Bishop, Venier, Arjes and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Arjes moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, July 6, 2015 be adjourned to meet in Regular Session on Monday, July 20, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Seconded by Councilman Bishop. Voting Yea: Councilmen Bishop, Venier, Arjes and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.


Kathe A. Swanson, City Clerk