

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

ROLL CALL/INVOCATION

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Arellano. Councilmen Bishop, Marx, Tucker, Venier and Mayor Arellano answered Roll Call. The Pledge of Allegiance was cited. Rev. Dr. David Spaulding from the First Presbyterian Church gave the Invocation.

PUBLIC HEARING
AMENDMENT #2 TO ANNEXATION AGREEMENT
COUNTRY CLUB ESTATES SUBDIVISION – PHASE II
TIMBERCREEK TRUST #84

The Public Hearing was opened at 5:32 p.m. John Thompson, Chamber of Commerce, spoke in favor of this amendment as it will impact and benefit the City economically. He also advised that Mr. Hvarre is very beneficial in marketing his subdivisions. After no further discussion, the Public Hearing was closed at 5:36 p.m.

WORK SESSION – SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

Councilman Bishop advised that Jeff Reis, Willett, Hofmann & Associates, would talk about the options. Jeff gave a brief overview of the IDOT grant guidelines. He advised the funding is to be available next spring. Jeff advised that Jefferson School is the one chosen and the two streets they are looking at for this project are Swiss Street or Graham Street. Jeff advised the Swiss Street estimate is \$300,000 for sidewalk, curb and gutter. He advised it would be a \$160,000 grant with the City's share being \$140,000. Jeff advised the Graham Street project would be \$160,000. Mayor Arellano questioned if the project could be done over a 2-year span and Jeff advised no, per IDOT. Councilman Marx asked if the school would be looking at a portion of the match. Both Councilmen Tucker and Bishop stated the City needs to focus on Graham Street, making it the top priority. Lastly, Jeff stated his firm could get the engineering work completed now for the grant paperwork. The Work Session ended at 5:58 p.m.

At this time, Mayor Arellano moved the Visitors/Public Comment Section up so the petition to lower the speed limit on North Brinton Avenue could be discussed.

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VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT

Tina Coffey gave a brief overview of the speed limits on Brinton Avenue and advised that cars are travelling in excess of 45 m.p.h. She advised she and her parents, Hugh and Janey Coffey, are here tonight to request the speed limit be lowered on North Brinton Avenue. The Mayor deferred this request to the City Manager, who will meet with the Police Chief and the City Attorney on this matter. Ron Pritchard advised the Dixon Park District also concurs with this request to lower the speed limit as they own property in this area.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Bishop moved that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, September 21, 2015 and the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of Thursday, September 24, 2015 be accepted and placed on file. Seconded by Councilman Tucker. Voting Yea: Councilmen Bishop, Marx, Tucker, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TOTAL LABOR & OUTSIDE CLAIMS

Councilman Marx moved that the Total Labor & Outside Claims in the amount of \$134,182.71 be approved and ordered paid. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Voting Yea: Councilmen Bishop, Marx, Tucker, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

David Nord read a press release regarding the Water Department replacing a leaking valve on North Galena and Everett Street on Thursday, October 8th. David also advised that the bridge railing painting project would be starting this week and the contractor will be doing the work inside. Lastly, David advised the Street Superintendent Mike Stichter would be retiring this Friday, October 9th. The entire room gave Mike a standing ovation.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Arellano questioned costs temporary liquor license permits, and Attorney LeSage advised subcategories must be created as to why there are different fees. Mayor then advised that #13-D is off the agenda as our I.T. man, Allen Philhower, is waiting on the County's decision for a new phone system whereby the City could possibly "piggyback" onto it.

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COUNCIL REPORTS (CONT'D.)

Mayor then advised the bridge's interior rails would be done next year so as to arrange for welding. Mayor Arellano also spoke on the Business Development District; the non-payment of taxes and fees due us from the State; all Public Works projects information should go to the City Manager for the new Public Works Director and renting City property in the old railroad area. Mayor Arellano asked the Council if they would like to schedule a Work Session at the next meeting to discuss the consolidation of the City and Park District by putting a non-binding referendum on the next ballot. It was the consensus of the full Council to have this Work Session. Ron Pritchard, Dixon Park District Board Member, advised there is no interest from any board member on this consolidation. Councilman Marx questioned why the City is taking the lead on this as opposed to the individuals who brought this idea to the Mayor.

Councilman Bishop thanked Mike Stichter for his service to the City.

Councilman Marx congratulated Mike Stichter on his upcoming retirement. He then advised he has met with the new Public Works Director and was very impressed with his ideas. He then thanked the selection committee.

Councilman Tucker advised there are 34 applications for the City Manager position. He stated the Council would receive the list on October 9th and must return their choices for interviews by October 13th to Councilman Tucker. Councilman Tucker stated the interviews would start on the 19th of October. He also thanked Mickey for his service to the City.

Councilman Venier thanked Mickey for all his work. He also echoed Councilman Marx's comments regarding the Public Works Director and thanking the search committee who assisted in the hiring process. Councilman Venier then thanked the citizens who attended the Town Hall Meeting and discussed having these meetings bi-annually.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORTS

Mayor Arellano reported that the Monthly Building Permit Report for September, 2015, the Plan Commission Minutes of September 24, 2015, the Airport Board Minutes of June 13, 2015 and the Library Board Minutes of August 10, 2015 are all on file with the Clerk and available for inspection. A discussion regarding the chain of command for the Airport ensued and the City Attorney advised he is working on the changes to their Ordinance.

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PET. – ALLEY VACATION
ESTATE OF KENNETH GARRISON & DIXON HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Councilman Tucker moved that the Petition to Vacate per the request of the Estate of Kenneth Garrison and Dixon Habitat for Humanity be referred to the City Attorney for proper action. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Voting Yea: Councilmen Bishop, Marx, Tucker, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT #2 TO ANNEXATION AGREEMENT
CITY/ EDWIN YINGLING & BRUCE KELLER AS TRUSTEES

Councilman Venier moved that the Amendment #2 to the Annexation Agreement between the City of Dixon and Edwin Yingling and Bruce Keller as Trustees be approved. Seconded by Councilman Tucker. Discussion followed. Mayor Arellano advised this agenda item requires a 4/5 vote. Attorney LeSage explained the changes in this amendment for the benefit of Councilman Marx. He advised 3 changes—lowering the connection fee; tweaks to lighting; and responsibility of maintaining the water line. After no further comments, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Councilmen Bishop, Marx, Tucker, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

APPROVE, ACCEPT & PLACE ON FILE
2014/2015 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Councilman Bishop moved that the 2014/2015 Audited Financial Statements of the City of Dixon be approved, accepted and placed on file for public review. Seconded by Councilman Marx. Discussion followed. Councilman Tucker stated an incorrect date was found in the audit, and Attorney LeSage advised the Auditor could supply a letter to correct the date. After no further comments, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Councilmen Bishop, Marx, Tucker, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION – “LOVELAND’S 75TH ANNIVERSARY”

Mayor Arellano proclaimed and offered sincere congratulations in wishing the Loveland Community Center a Happy 75th Anniversary on behalf of the City of Dixon.

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PET. – ANNEXATION & ZONING – 655 PALMYRA ROAD

Councilman Marx moved that the Petition for Annexation & Zoning pursuant to the request of Chad Dambman, for property located at 655 Palmyra Road, be referred to the Dixon Plan Commission at their next regularly scheduled meeting on October 22, 2015. Seconded by Councilman Bishop. Mayor Arellano advised the owner would receive a 3-year tax abatement. He then called for the vote. Voting Yea: Councilmen Bishop, Marx, Tucker, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ORD. #2978 – AUTHORIZING SALE OF CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY
OWNED BY THE CITY OF DIXON

Councilman Tucker moved that an Ordinance authorizing the sale of certain personal property owned by the City of Dixon be passed. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Discussion followed. City Manager Nord advised the City would reach out to Not-for-profit organizations first on selling them any of these items for \$1.00. He advised the computer items are in the IT Manager's office and the furniture is in the garage if anyone would like to view them. After no further comments, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Councilmen Bishop, Marx, Tucker, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION – “FIRE PREVENTION WEEK”

Mayor Arellano proclaimed October 4-10, 2015 as “Fire Prevention Week” in the City of Dixon.

PET. – REZONE – 547 KEUL ROAD

Councilman Venier moved that a Petition for Rezone pursuant to the request of Timber Industries, LLC, for property located at 547 Keul Road, be referred to the Plan Commission at their next regularly scheduled meeting. Seconded by Councilman Tucker. Voting Yea: Councilmen Bishop, Marx, Tucker, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Bishop moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, October 5, 2015 be adjourned to meet in Executive Session to review prior Executive Session minutes and to discuss pending or threatened litigation. Seconded by Councilman Tucker. Voting Yea: Councilmen Bishop, Marx, Tucker, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

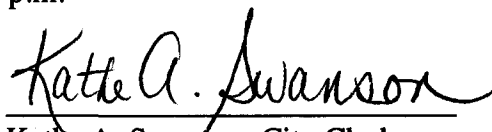
RECONVENE MEETING

Councilman Marx moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, October 5, 2015 reconvene into Open Session. Seconded by Councilman Bishop. Voting Yea: Councilmen Bishop, Marx, Tucker, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

At this time, the Council discussed the City Manager Search again. Councilman Marx suggested a discussion on the goals needed and what the Council is looking for in a "City Manager". He also advised a clarification is needed by HRGov as to what they are sending the Council to review.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Tucker moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, October 5, 2015 be adjourned to meet in Regular Session on Monday, October 19, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Voting Yea: Councilmen Bishop, Marx, Tucker, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.


Kathe A. Swanson, City Clerk