

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2016
5:30 P.M.

The Council met in Budget Session on Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Arellano and roll call was answered by Councilmen Bishop, Marx, Tucker, and Mayor Arellano. Absent was Councilman Venier.

City Manager O'Donnell advised that the general budget was in the Black as the result of on seasonal employee reduction in the Street Department as well as reductions from the Properties and IT Departments.

At this time, Councilman Venier entered the meeting.

IT

Allen Philhower addressed the Council requesting an assistant for his department. The Council discussed part-time vs. full time, wages and the option of a consultant.

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

Chief Shipman addressed the Council regarding the PSB. The building that was built in 2006 has had several issues as far as the floor, HVAC, etc.

EV/FIRE

Chief Shipman discussed the number of calls per year (1900- which is a major reason for overtime). Turnout gear - \$3800 per person. Calls answered by Dixon City as opposed to Advance EMS or Dixon Rural.

POLICE

Chief Langloss stated the budget shows a reduction of \$30,000. A Capital request in the amount of \$30,000 was requested for an SUV for Street Crimes. Chief explained the state bid process. Body camera program discussed. A donation has also been received toward this. Chief Langloss stated that he has been working with Allen on the Star Com radio program. He will have more information on this program coming including quotes.

COUNCIL/FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION

It was noted that legal expenses would increase due to contract negotiations. A line item will also be added for Mayor Arellano's phone reimbursement. Mayor stated that he is very impressed with Cole's leadership in his first month.

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Finance – Medical insurance- no increase – flat from last year.

Mayor is encouraging that the Council attends the IML meetings later this year. It is a very valuable tool and training for their positions.

Administration – Mayor inquired about various salaries. Mayor advised that he would like to be informed in advance of these changes. He advised he has many concerns on this and how the process works. Finance Director Paula Meyer advised that some salaries had been adjusted due to increased hours and also adjusted from the findings of the salary survey. City Manager O'Donnell advised that any pay increases would come before the Council for approval.

MUNICIPAL

General discussion took place regarding: Vacation accrual, Downtown music regarding hosting and service fees as well as the possibility of bringing it in-house. Streetscape retainage held – Executive Session will be held to discuss how to proceed.

Municipal Band, City Manager stated that it was an attractive feature to an outsider looking at the City. Welcome Center, LCIDA – Economic Development and Custodial.

ALL OTHERS

Foreign Fire discussion, general Airport discussion.

The City Manager concluded advising the Council that the budget is a playbook. He also stated that more of the history would be provided for a couple years so that they can see trends.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Bishop moved that the Special Council Meeting of Wednesday, February 10, 2016 be adjourned to meet in Regular Session on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 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 9:37 p.m.

Stephanie A. Terranova, Deputy Clerk