

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2016
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. Reverend John Trotter from the Living Well Church gave the Invocation.

WORK SESSIONS

SPLASH PAD PRESENTATION BY DEB CAREY - DIXON PARK DISTRICT

Deb Carey presented her idea of partnering with the City to either expand the existing Splash Pad or build a new one at Wooden Wonderland, which she said is a prime location. Deb stated the estimated cost of the project would be \$120,000 of which the Park District has budgeted \$50,000. Mayor Arellano advised if the City were to partner with this project, we could help on the upfront end. Deb advised the maintenance for the Splash Pad is very minimal right now. Councilman Venier questioned if the total cost of \$120,000 included everything, and Deb advised yes, except the labor to build. Deb advised that building a new Splash Pad would be cheaper than adding on to the existing one. Councilman Marx asked about the re-circulating costs versus the water going into the storm sewers. Deb advised re-circulating would be more because of filtering the water. Councilman Tucker asked if there was ample parking at the Splash Pad now, and Deb advised yes on both sides of Custer Avenue. Mayor Arellano advised he is on board with this idea and stated it is also the consensus of the entire Council. Meetings will follow. This work session ended at 5:45 p.m.

HOTEL STUDY DISCUSSION

Mayor Arellano gave the Council a sample Hotel Feasibility Study from RK Consulting Services, Inc. showing how it would reduce the developer's risk, give a market analysis for looking at sites and an economic feasibility study to help the developer understand the market situation and determine how the proposed hotel will perform. Mayor Arellano advised the steps for this project would be for staff to research and prepare Feasibility Study RFQ's and send them out; reach out to hotel developers; and the final step is starting the hotel project, which could be possibly financed through TIF monies or BDD funds. Mayor Arellano stated he does not want to involve the City in any upfront costs. He added this study would match the project to what our needs are versus the developer's needs and wants. Mayor Arellano stated Dixon is an excellent site, and Councilman Marx added the area at the I-88 interchange would be a prime location. It was decided that City Manager O'Donnell would start the process. This work session ended at 5:55 p.m.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Bishop moved that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, July 18, 2016 be accepted and placed on file. Seconded by Councilman Tucker. Voting Yea: Councilman 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 \$349,321.98 be approved and ordered paid. Seconded by Councilman Bishop. Voting Yea: Councilmen Bishop, Marx, Tucker, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Cole advised there is no Public Works Report as there was no staff meeting today. He advised the Council there would be a three-week turnaround time for the Galena Avenue Railings Project. He stated the City has budgeted \$25,000 for lighting and single globes would run \$28,903 to \$38,623 and double-globed lights would be approximately \$53,322. Cole stated Eric Englund would do the replacements. Cole then updated the Council on the Galena Avenue project. He advised they would be pouring the median on August 2; the mud jacking would be on August 2 or August 3; and that some sidewalks would be mud jacked also. Cole hoped the road would be opened at the end of this week. Cole lastly advised he would be out of the office on Friday, August 5th.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Arellano reminded all he will be away on military duty from August 6 to August 26. He stated he would be attending the August 15 Council Meeting electronically. He asked Cole about the boat docks and he advised the DNR has been contacted regarding the City's revised plan. Mayor Arellano gave a brief overview of a downtown grant program that would be for upgrades on code updates on old buildings. He then stated our Police Department should be commended on being very professional. Mayor Arellano advised a citizen on Jackson Avenue asked to have brush removed and thanked the Street Department crew for doing so. Lastly, Mayor Arellano advised that Baby Arellano #3 is on the way!

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COUNCIL REPORTS (CONT'D.)

Councilman Bishop thanked the Water Department for their efforts on the Galena Avenue repairs. He then stated he and Councilman Marx attended a Fire Department fire training and appreciates them for the job they do. He also stated he spent time today at a luncheon for the Police Department.

Councilman Marx congratulated Chief Shipman on the incredible training tool he experienced. He then spoke about the Mental Health Awareness 48-state road trip done by Dixon's Patrick Taylor. Lastly, Councilman Marx congratulated the Police Department on their ingenious idea of the water fights with the kids.

Councilman Tucker advised he has been on vacation.

Councilman Venier echoed what Councilman Marx said about the Police Department and added that it gives youths a better idea of what police officers are really like. He also stated kudos to Officer Lincoln Sharp for the idea. Councilman Venier advised that the Dixon One proposal went well and the Task Force would be bringing back information from the Chamber of Commerce and Dixon Main Street. Lastly, Councilman Venier gave thanks to all departments for the work on the Galena Avenue water main project.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORTS

Mayor Arellano reported that the Monthly Building Permit Report for July, 2016, the Dixon One Advisory Task Force Minutes of June 14, 2016 and June 28, 2016 and the Dixon Sister Cities Association Minutes of July 19, 2016 are all on file with the Clerk and available for inspection.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT

Tina Coffey approached the Council on a proposal for security cameras under both bridges as there is vandalism, (ruined park bench), drugs, rowdy teenagers and homeless people. Deb Carey joined Tina on this request.

Maureen Broers approached the Council regarding property at 407 South Dixon Avenue being abandoned and in foreclosure. She questioned if the City could condemn it. She even stated she would buy the lot if it were condemned. Mayor Arellano advised the City does have building codes that are being enforced, but condemnation is not a quick process. He advised he would have the property looked at.

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ORD. #3020 – AMENDING CITY CODE TITLE III, CHAPTER 16,
SECTION 3-16-9 (FEE FOR TEMPORARY ENCROACHMENT)

Councilman Tucker moved that an Ordinance amending the Dixon City Code Title III, Chapter 16, Section 3-16-9 (Fee for Temporary Encroachment) be passed. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Discussion followed. Mayor Arellano gave a brief background on how the fee was arrived at. Councilman Marx asked Cole to give instances of what these encroachments entail. Cole also explained this fee covers the costs of the Building Department and legal fees. Attorney Keegan then explained what a long-term temporary encroachment means. After no further discussion, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Councilmen Bishop, Marx, Tucker, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF CONTRACT FOR SVCES – RIP RAP PROJECT

Councilman Venier moved to authorize the execution of a Contract for Services for the Rip Rap Project. Seconded by Councilman Bishop. Discussion followed. Cole advised this contract is not to exceed \$15,631 and is meant to extend the rip rap project farther east. Councilman Tucker asked if this covers the staking and inspection of the area, and Cole advised yes. Geoff Smith from Willett, Hoffman advised that they couldn't encroach into the floodplain. Mayor Arellano stated this project is to go to the end of the walking path and the vista should be at the end of where River Road meets Route 2. Councilman Tucker got confirmation from Cole that the contractor could wait until spring. Geoff Smith advised the start date was going to be at the end of September. Councilman Tucker then asked that this motion be tabled. After no further comments, the Mayor asked to have the motion re-read. Councilman Tucker moved that the Contract for Services for the Rip Rap Project be tabled. Seconded by Councilman Marx. Voting Yea: Councilmen Bishop, Marx, Tucker, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF CONTRACT FOR SERVICES
STREET CONDITION ANALYSIS

Councilman Bishop moved to authorize the execution of a Contract for Services for a Street Condition Analysis. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Discussion followed. Mayor Arellano stated he would like to move to a quadrant process whereby a four-year cycle would work. Cole said traffic patterns were looked at and the engineers would look at arterial versus residential. He advised a ranking system would be presented. 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.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Marx moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, August 1, 2016 be adjourned to meet in Executive Session to discuss collective negotiating matters between public employers and their employees or representatives, to discuss the sale or lease of real property and to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees. Seconded by Councilman Tucker. Voting Yea: Councilmen Bishop, Marx, Tucker, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

RECONVENE MEETING

Councilman Tucker moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, August 1, 2016 reconvene into Open Session. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Voting Yea: Councilmen Bishop, Marx, Tucker, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion then ensued regarding updates on the boat docks, the Courthouse wall and Bradshaw Street.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Venier moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, August 1, 2016 be adjourned to meet in Regular Session on Monday, August 15, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Seconded by Councilman Bishop. Voting Yea: Councilmen Bishop, Marx, Tucker, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Kathe A. Swanson, City Clerk

