

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2016
5:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL/INVOCATION

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

OATH OF OFFICE – POLICE OFFICER TIMOTHY PRATT

Mayor Arellano administered the Oath of Office to Police Officer Timothy Pratt.

RETIREMENT PRESENTATION – CITY CLERK KATHE SWANSON

Retiring City Clerk, Kathe Swanson, was presented a watch by Deputy Clerk Stephanie Terranova.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Bishop moved that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of Tuesday, September 6, 2016 and the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of Monday, September 12, 2016 be accepted and placed on file. Seconded by Councilman Tucker. Voting Yea: Councilmen Venier, Bishop, Marx, Tucker 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 \$294,405.90 be approved and ordered paid. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Voting Yea: Councilmen Venier, Bishop, Marx, Tucker and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF YTD FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Councilman Tucker moved that the YTD Financial Summary through August 31, 2016 be accepted. Seconded by Councilman Bishop. Voting Yea: Councilmen Venier, Bishop, Marx, Tucker and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

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CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager O'Donnell talked about the docks, the Galena bridge railing, the Council Chambers painting and the arch inspection. Cole also stated there would likely be a special meeting regarding the Airport Feasibility Study rather than during a regular meeting.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Arellano highlighted on the Courthouse wall repair, stating it is now back in the hands of Lee County due to them deciding on whether or not to repair the entire wall. He also stated that Stables bar is interested in outside seating in the alley area. Discussion ensued regarding public safety, plowing issues and whether or not the alley could be closed. Ryan Marshall, owner of Stables, spoke on this matter. He advised there are delivery trucks that use the alley, and mentioned that Midland States Bank owns 12 feet of said alley. Mayor Arellano then spoke regarding taking another look at the liquor license issue with adding additional licensing and/or possibly creating a new class. He asked the Council to think about this issue and get back with him. He then stated the grant for the Riverfront is up for renewal but the prior grant monies must be spent prior to the City receiving more. Mayor Arellano is looking for feedback from the Council to look at doing an expandable project with the remaining money. He then stated Councilmen Venier and Marx, as well as him, will be attending the Illinois Municipal League Conference this weekend. Lastly, Mayor Arellano thanked the Dixon Police Department for the way they professionally handled the shooting incident last week.

Councilman Venier spoke regarding the lack of activity at the Dixon Theatre. Discussion ensued. Attorney LeSage stated he and Councilman Venier have reached out several times to the theatre to attain documents as to the structure of the organization and the set-up of the property.

Councilman Marx advised he attended the Airport Board Meeting last week, giving a brief update and advised the right person was chosen to do the feasibility study. He also added that the next component of the study is to look at managerial and financial aspects.

Councilman Tucker advised he is happy to see that the bridge railing painting project is underway.

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BOARD & COMMISSIONS REPORTS

Mayor Arellano reported that the Library Board Minutes of August 8, 2016 and the Dixon Sister Cities Association Minutes of August 16, 2016 are on file with the Clerk and available for inspection.

ORD. #3021 - DISCONNECTING CERTAIN TERRITORY FROM THE
CITY OF DIXON (612 PANTHER DRIVE)

Councilman Venier moved that an Ordinance disconnecting certain territory from the City of Dixon (612 Panther Drive) be passed. Seconded by Councilman Marx. Voting Yea: Councilmen Venier, Bishop, Marx and Tucker. Voting Nay: Mayor Arellano. Motion carried 4-1.

ORD. – AMENDING TITLE X, CHAPTER 17, SECTION 10-17-6
(NON-HIGHWAY VEHICLES)

Councilman Bishop moved that an Ordinance amending Title X, Chapter 17, Section 10-17-6 (Non-Highway Vehicles) be passed. Seconded by Councilman Tucker. Voting Yea: Councilmen Bishop and Tucker. Voting Nay: Councilmen Venier, Marx and Mayor Arellano. **Motion lost 3-2.**

RES. - AMENDING WAGE AND SALARY POLICY
FOR NON-UNION EMPLOYEES

This item was not discussed at all and remains tabled.

DISCUSSION - AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT
TO SELL MULTIPLE CEMETERY LOTS

City Manager O'Donnell gave a brief synopsis of this item. Discussion ensued regarding the discount for the sale of the multiple lots and whether or not a discount should be given to all citizens. Public Properties Superintendent Curt Phillips advised the City had paid the plat fees for these 72 northeast lots in the Cemetery. Attorney Gary Gehlbach spoke for the petitioner, Ray Neisewander III, and advised that his client intends to set up a trust fund for the maintenance of said 72 lots. It was recommended to bring this item back at the next meeting to discuss the new language, including the amount to be kept in the trust and the cost for creating the plat.

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RES. #2569-16 - CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT – DIXON LIBRARY BOARD

Councilman Venier moved that a Resolution confirming the appointment of Barbara Coss to the Dixon Library Board for a term commencing September 19, 2016 and ending June 30, 2019, or until her successor is duly appointed and qualified, be adopted. Seconded by Councilman Tucker. Voting Yea: Councilmen Venier, Bishop, Marx, Tucker and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT
CITY/TEAMSTERS LOCAL 722

Councilman Bishop moved that the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Dixon and Teamsters Local 722 be approved. Seconded by Councilman Tucker. Voting Yea: Councilmen Venier, Bishop, Marx, Tucker and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT
CITY/BAY VALLEY FOODS, LLC

Councilman Marx moved to approve the Confidentiality Agreement between the City of Dixon and Bay Valley Foods, LLC subject to final language being approved by the City Attorney and the City Manager. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Voting Yea: Councilmen Venier, Bishop, Marx, Tucker and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Tucker moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, September 19, 2016 adjourn into Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees, to discuss collective negotiating matters between public employers and their employees or representatives and acquisition of property. Seconded by Councilman Bishop. Voting Yea: Councilmen Venier, Bishop, Marx, Tucker and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

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RECONVENE MEETING

Councilman Venier moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, September 19, 2016 reconvene into Open Session. Seconded by Councilman Bishop. Voting Yea: Councilmen Venier, Bishop, Marx, Tucker and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Once the meeting reconvened into Open Session, there was a brief discussion regarding the 911 negotiations.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Venier moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, September 19, 2016 be adjourned to meet in Regular Session on Monday, October 3, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Seconded by Councilman Bishop. Voting Yea: Councilmen Venier, Bishop, Marx, Tucker and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Kathe A. Swanson, City Clerk

