

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2013
6:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Burke. Commissioners Kuhn, Blackburn, Brechon, Considine and Mayor Burke answered Roll Call. The Pledge of Allegiance was cited. Reverend Avani Christian of the First United Methodist Church gave the Invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Considine moved that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, February 4, 2013 be accepted and placed on file. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kuhn, Blackburn, Brechon, Considine and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TOTAL LABOR & OUTSIDE CLAIMS

Commissioner Blackburn moved that the Total Labor & Outside Claims in the amount of \$199,228.02 be approved and ordered paid. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kuhn, Blackburn, Brechon, Considine and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Commissioner Kuhn thanked all departments for their efforts on the snow removal.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORTS

Mayor Burke reported that the Library Board Minutes of January 14, 2013 are on file with the Clerk and available for inspection.

NOTICES & COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Burke discussed the States Attorney's request for direction from the Council concerning proceeding with the State charges of 60 counts of theft against Rita Crundwell. Mayor Burke advised it is the State Attorney's call but his feeling from a personal standpoint is to move full steam ahead. Commissioner Kuhn advised the people of Dixon should have the say, not the Council, as Rita stole from them. He stated his feeling is also to continue with the charges. Commissioner Blackburn stated he is not qualified to say either way and advised he never weighed in on any police matters while he was Commissioner of that department for 20 years. Commissioner Considine advised it is not his accountability to say but stated, on a personal level, it is not his responsibility to do the job of the State's Attorney Office. Mayor Burke lastly advised he would relay the Council's opinions to Anna Sacco-Miller.

VISITORS

Mr. Jay Aguilar, 909 Douglas Avenue, Dixon, addressed the City Council regarding possible assessments by the City on all rental properties. He advised the property he lives in is substandard and the landlord will not do any repairs. Mr. Aguilar advised he has spoken to the Building Department on this matter. Mayor Burke asked Mr. Aguilar if he has any other disputes with the landlord, and he advised yes—a rent dispute. At this time, Mayor Burke asked Paul Shiaras, Building Inspector, to advise the Council on what he has discovered with this property. Paul advised he and the Fire Chief went to the property and then sent a letter to the landlord regarding the code violations they found. Paul advised another letter was sent just today, giving the landlord 14 days to respond.

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VISITORS (CONT'D.)

Mrs. Carol Fisher, 224 Fox Trot Lane, advised the Council that she is a landlord in Dixon and stated that it would be unfair to randomly inspect rental properties and she feels Mr. Aguilar needs to pursue his problems through a legal course. She then advised the City Council that, as a citizen of Dixon, the State charges against Rita Crundwell, should be pursued.

AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF SALES COORDINATOR AGREEMENT
CITY/MARK DEMPSEY

Commissioner Kuhn moved that the Mayor be authorized to execute the Sales Coordinator Agreement between the City of Dixon and Mark Dempsey. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kuhn, Blackburn, Brechon and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: Commissioner Considine. Motion carried 4-1.

AUTHORIZE CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR POSITION OF INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY (I.T.) EMPLOYEE

Commissioner Blackburn moved that the Clerk be authorized to advertise for the position of Information Technology (I.T.) employee. Discussion followed. Shawn Ortgiesen advised it would be a greater value to the City to do this as currently three different City entities, Police, Water and City Hall use three different people for this position. Shawn stated this new position would be filled by May 1st. After no further comments, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kuhn, Blackburn, Brechon, Considine and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PLACE ON FILE – RES. - APPROVING LOAN FOR FAÇADE IMPROVEMENTS
TO PROPERTY OWNED BY TRIRONG KHUNTANGTA

Commissioner Considine moved that a Resolution approving the loan for façade improvements to property owned by Trirong Khuntangta be placed on file until the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting of Monday, March 4, 2013. Discussion followed. Commissioner Brechon asked if there were minimum and/or maximum amounts for these loans. Mayor Burke advised he knows of no minimum but the maximum is \$25,000 for façade improvements only and a lien is placed on the property to ensure payment of said loan. After no further comments, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kuhn, Blackburn, Brechon, Considine and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Brechon moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Tuesday, February 19, 2013 be adjourned to meet in Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment, compensation and performance of specific employees. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kuhn, Blackburn, Brechon, Considine and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

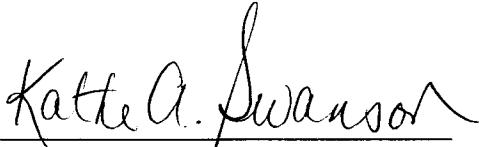
RECONVENE MEETING

Commissioner Brechon moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Tuesday, February 19, 2013 reconvene into Open Session. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kuhn, Blackburn, Brechon, Considine and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

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ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kuhn moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Tuesday, February 19, 2013 be adjourned to meet in Regular Session on Monday, March 4, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Voting Yea: Commissioners Kuhn, Blackburn, Brechon, Considine and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



Kathe A. Swanson, City Clerk