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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL  
MONDAY, MAY 6, 2013  
6:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Burke. Commissioners Blackburn, Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke answered Roll Call. The Pledge of Allegiance was cited. Pastor Marilyn Nolan gave the Invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Kuhn moved that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, April 15, 2013 and the minutes of the Special Council Meetings of Thursday, April 25, 2013, Monday, April 29, 2013 and Tuesday, April 30, 2013 be accepted and placed on file. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TOTAL LABOR & OUTSIDE CLAIMS

Commissioner Brechon moved that the Total Labor & Outside Claims in the amount of \$294,115.60 be approved and ordered paid. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF YTD FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Commissioner Blackburn moved that the year-to-date Financial Summary through March 31, 2013 be accepted. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Commissioner Blackburn thanked Amanda Bradshaw and Dan Langloss for their participation and assistance at the Council meetings.

Commissioner Brechon gave a brief synopsis of the projects done in April at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, the Water Department and Public Properties.

Commissioner Considine advised the Dixon Fire Department is having a Blood Drive on May 22<sup>nd</sup> from noon to 6:00 p.m. He also advised the petunia baskets are being completed at Nichols Greenhouse.

Commissioner Kuhn stated Government Day would be held at the next Council meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup> whereby 8<sup>th</sup> graders from Reagan, St. Mary's and St. Anne's will participate.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORTS

Mayor Burke reported that the Monthly Building Permit Report for April, 2013 is on file with the Clerk and available for inspection.

VISITORS

Scott Brown, Dixon Main Street Board Member, addressed the Council to request an increase from the City of its annual donation from \$14,000 to \$33,000. Scott gave an overview of what Dixon Main Street does for Dixon. He advised the \$33,000 is one-third of their total budget. Mike Venier, Board Member, advised Dixon Main Street has been in Dixon for 17 years. He thanked the Council for past years donations and asked them to look favorably at this request.

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VISITORS (CONT'D.)

Mayor Burke stated that Dixon Main Street is a dynamic part of the downtown. He suggested the Chamber increase their donation, but Mike advised the Chamber is cutting their donation in half this year – from \$4000 to \$2000.

Jordan Bowman, 631 Marclare, Apt. #12, advised he attended the Governmental Task Force meeting last week. He stated that moving forward is the key issue but there is still failed leadership within the City, asking Commissioner Dave Blackburn and Mayor Burke to step down.

ORD. #2909 – AUTHORIZING AGGREGATION OF ELECTRICAL LOAD AND  
ADOPTING AN ELECTRIC AGGREGATION  
PLAN OF OPERATION AND GOVERNANCE

Commissioner Considine moved that an Ordinance authorizing aggregation of electrical load and adopting an electric aggregation plan of operation and governance be passed. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

AWARD SUPPLIER BID FOR MUNICIPAL AGGREGATION OF ELECTRICITY

Commissioner Blackburn moved that supplier bid for municipal aggregation of electricity be awarded to Verde Energy for a term of 2 years, contingent upon the approval of the Municipal Aggregation of Electricity Master Supply Agreement. Discussion followed. Marni Henert, Rock River Energy Services, advised the City received the electrical bids today and out of 17 suppliers sent the packets, 6 bids were received back. She then gave an overview of the bid matrix and recommended Verde Energy, the low bidder, for a 2-year contract. She then gave the timeline of when Dixon residents will start seeing the savings, which Marni advised the end of August. She stressed that residents should make sure they don't have a termination fee from their previous supplier if they so choose to go with Verde. It was the majority consensus of the Council to go with Verde for 2 years. Attorney Keegan advised the Municipal Aggregation of Electricity Master Supply Agreement would be voted on at the May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. After no further discussion, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PLACE ON FILE – ORD. AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO EXECUTE MUNICIPAL  
AGGREGATION OF ELECTRICITY MASTER SUPPLY AGREEMENT

Commissioner Blackburn moved that an Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute the Municipal Aggregation of Electricity Master Supply Agreement between the City of Dixon and Verde Energy be placed on file until the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting of Monday, May 20, 2013. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ACCEPT BIDS & PLACE ON FILE – WATER TOWER #9 PAINTING PROJECT

Commissioner Brechon moved that the bids for the City of Dixon Water Tower #9 Painting Project be accepted and placed on file until the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting of Monday, May 20, 2013. Discussion followed. Matt Hansen, WH&A, went over the bids received and recommended to the Council to accept the base bid and Alternate #1 from Maxcor. Commissioner Brechon stated Maxcor is an Illinois-based company so she is pleased. After no further comments, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

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PLACE ON FILE – ORD. AMENDING CODE TITLE VI,  
CHAPTER 18, SECTION 6-18-3

Commissioner Considine moved that an Ordinance amending the Dixon City Code Title VI, Chapter 18, Section 6-18-3 be placed on file until the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting of Monday, May 20, 2013. Mayor Burke explained these historians are asking to remove the limit on their terms to serve. After no further comment, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

RES. #2420-13 – APPROPRIATING \$450,000 IN MFT FUNDS FOR  
GENERAL MAINTENANCE OF STREETS

Commissioner Kuhn moved that a Resolution appropriating \$450,000 in Motor Fuel Tax funds for the general maintenance of streets be adopted. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZE TO ADVERTISE FOR FY 2013/2014 CITY OF DIXON  
SIDEWALK PROGRAM

Commissioner Kuhn moved that the Clerk be authorized to advertise for FY 2013/2014 City of Dixon Sidewalk Program. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PET. – TEXT AMENDMENT & SPECIAL USE  
LOTS #2 & #7 – LEE COUNTY BUSINESS PARK

Commissioner Blackburn moved that a Petition for Text Amendment and Special Use, pursuant to the request of Lee County Animal Control, for property known as Lots #2 and #7 in the Lee County Business Park, be referred to the Dixon Plan Commission at their next regularly scheduled meeting. Discussion followed. Mayor Burke advised this would amend the ordinance to allow an animal control facility. He then advised he would be abstaining from the vote as his real estate office is involved in the transaction. Mayor Burke then called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Brechon, Considine and Kuhn. Voting Nay: None. Abstaining: Mayor Burke. Motion carried.

TEMPORARY ENCROACHMENT REQUEST  
504 SOUTH OTTAWA AVENUE

Commissioner Kuhn moved that the Request for Temporary Encroachment, pursuant to the request of Cheryl Near, for property located at 504 South Ottawa Avenue, be referred to the City Attorney for proper action. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PLACE ON FILE – DIXON RIVERFRONT EXECUTIVE MANAGER AGREEMENT

Commissioner Brechon moved that the Dixon Riverfront Executive Manager Agreement be placed on file until the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting of Monday, May 20, 2013. Discussion followed. Attorney Keegan advised that changes could be made prior to the May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. Commissioner Brechon advised she is questioning the 6 hours per day and stated times should be posted when Kay is in the office. She also stated this job should have been posted through an application process. Commissioner Blackburn advised that the \$600 is not in his comfort zone. After no further comments, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Brechon, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: Commissioner Considine. Motion carried.

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PET. – TEXT AMENDMENT & SPECIAL USE – 1117 UNIVERSITY

Commissioner Considine moved that the Petition for Text Amendment and Special Use, pursuant to the request of Tonja D. Beard, Matthew J. Beard and Dixon PADS Shelter, for property located at 1117 University, be referred to the Dixon Plan Commission at their next regularly scheduled meeting. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Brechon, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: Commissioner Considine. Motion carried.

PET. – MAP AMENDMENT – 654 PALMYRA

Commissioner Kuhn moved that the Petition for Map Amendment, pursuant to the request of Midland States Bank, Successor Trustee of the M. Charles Willey Trust under Trust Agreement dated December 1, 1973 and Christopher L. and Deborah L. Robertson, for property located at 654 Palmyra, be referred to the Dixon Plan Commission at their next regularly scheduled meeting. Mayor Burke advised the request is to rezone from Industrial to Residential. After no further comments, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

APPROVE, ACCEPT & PLACE ON FILE  
DIXON POLICE DEPARTMENT 2012 ANNUAL REPORT

Commissioner Considine moved that the Dixon Police Department 2012 Annual Report be approved, accepted and placed on file. Discussion followed. Chief Langloss handed out the Annual Report and advised the book is a history of the Dixon Police Department. He thanked his Administrative Assistant, Keesha Blumhoff, for all her hard work in putting this very comprehensive report together. Mayor Burke thanked Chief Langloss for his great presentation and mentioned that the City of Dixon has one of the highest number of hours of training for their officers. After no further comments, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

RES. # 2421-13 - AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF 2011 BUCKET TRUCK FOR  
TRAFFIC MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Kuhn moved that a Resolution authorizing the purchase of a 2011 bucket truck for the Traffic Maintenance Department be adopted. Discussion followed. Commissioner Kuhn advised that Eric Englund found this 2011 truck and it is still under warranty. He also advised the current bucket truck is in bad shape and is also a safety concern. After no further comments, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Brechon moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, May 6, 2013 meet in Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

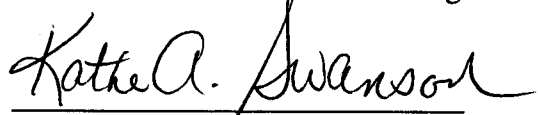
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RECONVENE MEETING

Commissioner Brechon moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, May 6, 2013 reconvene into Open Session. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Considine moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, May 6, 2013 be adjourned to meet in Special Session on Monday, May 13, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

  
Kathe A. Swanson, City Clerk