

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL
MONDAY - MAY 13, 2013
6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

The Council met in Special Session on Monday, May 13, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Burke and roll call was answered by Commissioners Blackburn, Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Carol Fisher had questions on the last meeting's payment approval report, asking about Shawn's final Verizon bill, reimbursement of his health insurance for one and one-half months and the Illinois Municipal League contribution renewals. All questions were answered by Finance Director Paula Meyer, which satisfied Mrs. Fisher.

BUDGET WORK SESSION

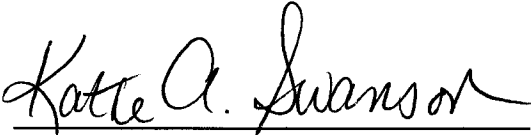
Commissioner Blackburn turned the meeting over to Paula and she showed the voluntary adjustments made to the budget. Paula went over the Water Department's requests totaling \$957,500. She explained a 25% operating reserve is built into this budget, which is \$402,638, an infrastructure reserve of \$2,000,000, leaving available cash in the amount of \$1,902,921. She advised the overall debt for the Water Department is \$13,000,000 currently. Paula then discussed the Sewer Department budget, explaining this department's debt repayment is \$1,260,000. She advised their requests total \$172,000 but \$50,000 requested for an additional full-time Operator was dropped this year. She then stated the 25% operating reserve amount is \$373,100, the infrastructure reserve is \$400,000, leaving available cash in the amount of \$1,062,443. Dan Mahan stressed that a reserve account was supposed to be set up 10 years ago when the new plant was built. He further stated that an ordinance was passed regarding an automatic increase of 3% every January on sewer bills unless the City Council decides not to do. Dan Langloss then explained that the City's portion to replace the sewer on River Street from Crawford Avenue down to Bunny's Bait Shop would be \$1 million dollars. Dan advised the City has applied for a TIGER 5 grant to do this project. Paula then advised the Airport's budget needs approximately \$70,000 in support from the City. She then discussed the Emergency Vehicle Fund's requests, totaling \$231,500 for a new ambulance, a pickup truck, turnout gear, computer software upgrades and a thermal imaging camera to be shared with the Police Department. Paula advised at the last budget meeting, the deficit was (\$820,952), but with the cuts that were made, there is currently a surplus of \$30,148.

At this time, Commissioner Blackburn read a prepared statement regarding the monetary requests by Tourism, Mainstreet, Riverfront, The Next Picture Show and the Dixon Municipal Band. He stated the City's contributions to these agencies are not obligations. Dan Langloss advised he would be spearheading an independent review of these requests, which he hopes would take approximately one month. He added these agencies all deal with economic impact and are all vital entities of the City. Dan stated it is the City's duty to the community to look at how these groups function and move forward. Commissioner Blackburn's recommendation is to place all these requests in the budget as one amount and then look at each individual entity to see where money is needed. He then stated if the Council is in agreement, Paula could then proceed with getting the Appropriation Ordinance placed on file for passage in July. Paula advised a Resolution would be adopted at the May 20th meeting to authorize purchases prior to passing this ordinance.

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ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Brechon moved that the Special Council Meeting of Monday, May 13, 2013 be adjourned to meet in Regular Session on Monday, May 20, 2013 at 6:30 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 7:20 p.m.


Kathe A. Swanson, City Clerk