

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2017
5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Arellano.

ROLL CALL/INVOCATION

Councilmen Marx, Tucker, Venier and Mayor Arellano answered Roll Call. The Pledge of Allegiance was cited. Rev. Steve Young from Greater Life Church gave the Invocation.

WORK SESSION

Lauren Mills, from Dixon Main Street gave the Council a list of dates that they would like River St closed for events. The main change from last year is that the Dixon City Market will be held for 14 weeks instead of 10 weeks. Once the Council approves the list, Lauren said she will notify shop owners in the area of the closure.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of Minutes from January 3, 2017
- b. Approval of Total Labor and Outside Claims - \$382,140.33
- c. Approval of December 2016 YTD Financial Summary

Councilman Marx moved to approve the Consent Agenda items. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Voting Yea: Councilman Marx, Tucker, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager O'Donnell reviewed the CDL/health card policy with the Council. He also mentioned that the first draft of the budget has been prepared and will be reviewed with staff. An updated CIP draft has been handed out. The Airport Board needs direction in order to meet a July deadline for grant filling. RFQs have been sent out for the ITEP bike path and for the Fargo Creek EAP.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor stated that he would like to have a special meeting on January 30, 2017 to have a workshop on the pension study. Mayor is looking at creating an ordinance with respect to standing water, stated the 1010 W 3rd Street matter has been wrapped up and the lien has been released, discussed eye sores on W 1st St and mentioned that the legal costs and demolition costs would be more than normal since it is light industrial and not a home.

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Mayor continues to work on a Theatre task force and would like to have it completed in the next 30 days. Attorney LeSage will prepare something similar to the Dixon One Taskforce. Mayor has learned about grants that could benefit attractions like the Boyhood Home. He toured SGS Refrigeration and learned they would like to expand. The City has received \$35,000 of the Riverfront Grant but the rest is unappropriated at this time.

Councilman Marx thanked Ludwig Dairy for supplying lunch for City Employees. This lunch showcased the products they produce.

BOARD & COMMISSIONS REPORTS

Mayor Arellano reported that the Library Board minutes are on file with the Clerk and available for inspection.

VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Pozzi, from Republic Services, thanked the Council for using Republic and wanted them to know that he is available for questions.

Mark Appelquest from the Airport Board said that the board is working on balancing the budget. He asked that the City and the Board work together to figure out the future of the airport.

ORDINANCE # 3027 – SIGN VARIANCE

Councilman Tucker moved to adopt an Ordinance authorizing a Sign Variance pursuant to the Petition of Dixon Equity Group, LLC. For property located at the out lot on Kuel Road and IL Route 26. Seconded by Councilman Marx. Voting Yea: Councilman Marx, Tucker, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH LEE COUNTY SHERIFF

Councilman Venier moved to approve the intergovernmental agreement between the City of Dixon and the Lee County Sheriff dispatch services. Seconded by Councilman Marx. Mayor Arellano told the Council that he has looked into privatizing the dispatch service. Councilman Tucker said that 10 departments use this service and the City is the only department that is being asked to pay. We are being asked to increase our amounts but none of the other entities have been approached. Mayor Arellano stated that this was discussed in meetings with Lee County and went on to say that if the City would take this on, the cost would be around \$200,000 not including setup costs. Attorney LeSage said that this agreement covers times that the City does not have a Police Officer to cover non-emergency calls. Councilman Marx asked about the Fire side of this and Attorney LeSage

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said that they have very little outside of 911 calls. Voting Yea: Councilman Marx, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: Councilman Tucker. **Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF FOP MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Councilman Marx moved to approve the MOU between the City of Dixon and the Fraternal Order of Police regarding sick leave for Ryan West. Seconded by Councilman Tucker. Voting Yea: Councilman Marx, Tucker, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Tucker moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Tuesday, January 17, 2017 adjourn into Executive Session to discuss Collective negotiation matters between public employers and the employees or representatives pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act. Sale/purchase/lease of property pursuant to Section 2(c)(3) of the Open Meetings Act.. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Voting Yea: Councilman Marx, Tucker, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

RECONVENE MEETING

Councilman Tucker moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Tuesday, January 17, 2017 reconvene into Open Session. Seconded by Councilman Marx. Voting Yea: Councilman Marx, Tucker, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Marx moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Tuesday, January 17, 2017 be adjourned to meet in Regular Session on Monday, February 6, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Seconded by Councilman Tucker. Voting Yea: Councilman Marx, Tucker, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Becky Fredericks, City Clerk