

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
MONDAY, MAY 1, 2017
5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Arellano.

ROLL CALL/INVOCATION

Councilmen Bishop, Marx, Venier, and Mayor Arellano answered Roll Call. The Pledge of Allegiance was cited. Dr. David Spalding from 1st Presbyterian Church gave the Invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Bishop moved to approve the minutes of the Regular and Closed Session Council Meeting of Monday, April 17, 2017 and the Special Meeting. Seconded by Councilman Marx. Voting Yea: Councilman Bishop, Marx, Venier, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

SWEARING IN OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ryan Marshall, Kevin Marx, and Dennis Considine were sworn into office by City Clerk Becky Fredericks.

ROLL CALL

Councilman Marshall, Marx, Considine, Venier and Mayor Arellano answered roll call.

OATH OF OFFICE – OFFICER PATRICK GINN

Mayor Arellano administered the Oath of Office to Officer Patrick Ginn.

WORK SESSION – NLC SERVICE LINE PROGRAM

Deryck Freudeman of Utility Service Partners presented to the Council on option to offer Citizens insurance on the portions of water/sewer lines that are their responsibility. NLC would like to partner with the City for this program. It is a voluntary program and would cover the lines from the foundation to the main. The plans they offer are a la carte and vary in price from \$6.75 – \$9.99 per month. Mayor Arellano is concerned about attaching the City's name to this. Councilman Venier wondered if the City would have any financial obligation to this program. Deryck Freudman said the City has no financial obligation and also stated that the information they send out clearly states who is administering the program.

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APPROVAL OF TOTAL LABOR & OUTSIDE CLAIMS

Councilman Marx moved that the total labor and outside claims in the amount of \$239,976.79 be approved and ordered paid. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Voting Yea: Councilman Marshall, Marx, Considine, Venier, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager O'Donnell mentioned that due to high river levels, the boat dock installation is being postponed. The City received \$8,943.07 from a Com Ed grant for installation of LED lights. Just this afternoon, the City received the punch list for the Galena Ave Bridge Railing project. John Thompson has retired from LCIDA and City Manager O'Donnell will be the Interim President and Theresa Wittenauer will be the Interim Vice President until John's replacement is named. The Building and Zoning Department had a conversation with a development group looking at property on N. Galana for possible chain store. He also mentioned that staff is working with legal on easements for the Canterbury Apartments.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Arellano stated that he has received complaints about liquor license abuse. He has also had discussion about band members under 21 being able to play in a bar and asked for Council input on this topic. Tentatively, May 18th there will be a special meeting at 5:00 with the Fire Consultant. Dixon Chamber/Main Street has their top three candidates for the CEO position. He also mentioned the December 3, 2017, will be the kickoff for Illinois' bicentennial events and will be held at Navy Pier.

Councilman Marshall thanked his family, friends and supporters who helped him become a Council Member.

Councilman Marx said he appreciated Councilman Bishop and the work he had done and welcomed the new Council Members.

Councilman Venier asked if the agreement with the NW Historic Museum had been finalized. Attorney LeSage said he sent the draft to City Manager O'Donnell today. He also wondered if the mural on the Welcome Center belonged to the City and if so would it be moved. He thanked KSB, Sauk Valley Media and Raynor for donating furniture to the Dixon One location.

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BOARD & COMMISSIONS REPORTS

Mayor Arellano reported that the Dixon Historic Preservation Commission minutes, the Airport Board minutes and the monthly building permit report are on file with the Clerk and available for inspection.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard Byone of Dixon brought to the Council some concerns he and his neighbors have with Timber Industries. Mayor Arellano said that the City has had meetings with Timber Industries and he has a follow up meeting with them. Mr. Byone asked why they are allowed to operate in a residential area and stated that he feels unsafe in his yard when they are grinding. Mayor Arellano said that the property has been zoned this way for a very long time. Attorney LeSage mentioned that he is working with the Lee County State's Attorney.

Lou Cechetti of Dixon brought in items that the shredder has thrown into his yard. One was a piece of metal from the grinder that flew about 150 yards into his yard. He said he is afraid for his granddaughter to play in the yard because it is unsafe. He also complained about the odors, dust and fumes and mentioned that Timber Industries will grind until 9:30 or 10:00 at night. Mayor Arellano said that the City is actively looking into this.

Councilman Venier is concerned that this is a safety issue. City Attorney LeSage said that Mr. Byone was heard two weeks ago and stated that there is a process that the City has to work through. He is working and researching on this topic and plan to continue to work on this issue.

Denny Coomes of Dixon said he grew up in the neighborhood. The company that was there did heavy manufacturing, but it was enclosed. He said the velocity is tremendous and something bad could happen. It is a very unsafe situation.

ORDINANCE # 3038- DISPOSAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY (OUTDATED
COMPUTER/PHONE EQUIPMENT)

Councilman Considine moved to approve an ordinance authorizing the disposal of certain personal property owned by the City of Dixon (outdated computer/phone equipment). Seconded by Councilman Marx. Voting Yea: Councilman Marshall, Marx, Considine, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

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RESOLUTION # 2587-17 –AUTHORIZING APPLICATION OF SETTLEMENT
PROCEEDS FOR ITEP GRANT

Councilman Venier moved to approve a Resolution authorizing the application of settlement proceeds for the ITEP grant. Finance Director Paula Meyer said this is done as a transparency issue. This was implanted when the City received the recovery money. She also said that this does not approve the project, just the transfer of funds. Voting Yea: Councilman Marshall, Marx, Considine, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

RESOLUTION # 2588-17 –AUTHORIZING APPLICATION OF SETTLEMENT
PROCEEDS FOR WATER MAIN PROJECT

Councilman Marshall moved to approve a resolution authorizing application of settlement proceeds to replace water main on S. Galena between River and 4th ST. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Councilman Marx if the \$800,000 water main project in the same area was included in this amount? Mayor Arellano said no and that a new line will be put in. He also said that road repair by IDOT is not in their 5 year plan and believes it will be decades until IDOT works on this section of road. City Manager O'Donnell said the water fund would be negative if it was taken from their budget. Fall is the earliest this project would begin. Voting Yea: Councilman Marshall, Marx, Considine, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

RESOLUTION #2589-17 – RE-APPOINTMENT TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION
COMMISSION

Councilman Marx moved to approve a resolution confirming the re-appointment of Greg Langan to the Historic Preservation Commission. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Voting Yea: Councilman Marshall, Marx, Considine, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

PURCHASE OF TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT SERVICE TRUCK

Councilman Considine moved to approve the purchase of a 2017 GMC Sierra 2500 from Ken Nelson for \$31,719. Seconded by Councilman Marshall. Voting Yea: Councilman Marshall, Marx, Considine, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

DRUG FUND DONATION TO LEE COUNTY DRUG COURT

Councilman Venier moved to approve a distribution of \$5,000 to the Lee County Drug Court. Seconded by Councilman Marshall. Voting Yea: Councilman Marshall, Marx, Considine, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

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CONTRACT FOR SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF DIXON AND QED
CONSULTING

Councilman Marshall moved to approve a contract with QED Airport and Aviation Consultants for services related to the development of a conceptual plan for joint operations on a time and material basis. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Councilman Venier asked if there was a cap on the cost to which City Manager O'Donnell said no. City Manager O'Donnell suggested a \$5,000 cap. Councilman Considine asked why the Whiteside airport is not contributing to the cost of this study since they may benefit from it. Mayor Arellano said the City should absorb the initial cost and when collaboration begins, Whiteside could be asked to contribute to the cost. Voting Yea: Councilman Marshall, Marx, Considine, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

AIRPORT HANGER RENTAL FEES

Councilman Marx moved to approve a 10% increase in all Airport Hangar Rental Fees. Seconded by Councilman Marshall. Mayor Arellano said he would like to see the comparables and Councilman Marx thought the rates were low. Voting Yea: Councilman Marshall, Marx, Considine, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

PURCHASE OF USED ASPHALT ZIPPER

Councilman Considine moved to approve the purchase of an Asphalt Zipper AZ500B from the City of New Berlin, WI in the amount of \$110,000. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Mayor Arellano stated that the savings of purchasing this equipment by using our employees instead of paying prevailing wage and no mark ups on materials from the General Contractor. He also mentioned working on an intergovernmental agreement with other municipalities for other pieces of equipment. Discussion ensued. City Manager O'Donnell said staff has been receiving direction from the Council for the past year and a half to bring things in house. Purchasing this equipment is the first step. Voting Yea: Councilman Marshall, Considine, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: Councilman Marx and Venier. **Motion carried.**

PETITION FOR REZONING

Councilman Venier moved to refer the petition to rezone 413 W Everett St. from B-1 to B-2 to the Dixon Plan Commission for review and recommendation. Seconded by Councilman Marx. Voting Yea: Councilman Marshall, Marx, Considine, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Marshall moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, May 1, 2017 meet in Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees pursuant to Section 2(c)(5) of the Open Meetings Act and Collective Bargaining. Seconded by Councilman Marx. Voting Yea: Councilman Marshall, Marx, Considine, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

RECOVENE MEETING

Councilman Considine moved that the Regular Council meeting of Monday, May 1, 2017, reconvene into open session. Seconded by Councilman Marx. Voting Yea: Councilman Marshall, Marx, Considine, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Venier moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, April 1, 2017, be adjourned to meet in Regular Session on Monday, May 15, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Seconded by Councilman Marshall. Voting Yea: Councilman Marshall, Marx, Considine, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.** The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Becky Fredericks, City Clerk