

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Arellano.

ROLL CALL/INVOCATION

Councilmen Considine, Marshall, Marx, Venier, and Mayor Arellano answered Roll Call. The Pledge of Allegiance was cited. Rev. Bearman from Heritage Square gave the invocation.

Mayor Arellano mentioned that a second work session on IMRF has been added to the agenda and agenda item 13b (with respect to Special use – 203 E Everett St) was being removed from the agenda.

WORK SESSIONS

**Depot Ave Project**

Jason Stoll and Noah Carmichael, from Fehr Graham, presented to the Council several different options for the Depot Ave project. The first option is to reduce the road to a width of 36 feet with parking only on the west side of street. The second option has a width of 50 feet with parking on both sides – similar to what it currently is. The third option has a width of 44 feet and diagonal parking on the west side of the street. Discussion ensued. Council would like to see a plan with a street width of 40 feet, eliminate green space on west side of street and make sidewalk wider, and eliminate the sidewalk on east side of street.

**IMRF Audit**

Finance Director Paula Meyer presented to the Council a couple of items that needed addressed due to a recent IMRF audit. Appropriate authorization has not been filed with IMRF to include IRC Section 125 wages as IMRF wages. This has been the practice of the City to include 125 wages as IMRF wages; therefore, no additional funding would be needed. Council said to bring a resolution correcting this issue to the next Council Meeting.

The next item was with respect to Council Members being eligible for IMRF. The City allows elected officials, working over 1,000 hours annually, to contribute to IMRF. With the change in the form of government, the only eligible elected official is the Mayor. The Council requested Finance Director Meyer to bring a resolution to the next Council meeting to revoke the ability for any elected official to participate in IMRF regardless of the number of hours worked.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Marshall moved to approve the minutes of the Regular and Closed Session Council Meeting of Monday, June 19, 2017. Seconded by Councilman Considine. Voting Yea: Considine, Marshall, Marx, Venier, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Arellano said he would like to amend the minutes of June 5, 2017. They incorrectly state that he voted yea for the Prevailing Wage Ordinance. He voted nay. Councilman Marshall moved to amend the June 5, 2017 minutes to make the correction. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Voting Yea: Councilman Marshall, Marx, Venier, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Abstain: Councilman Considine. **Motion Carried.**

APPROVAL OF TOTAL LABOR AND OUTSIDE CLAIMS

Councilman Marx moved that the total labor and outside claims in the amount of \$289,184.84 be approved and ordered paid. Seconded by Councilman Considine. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Marshall, Marx, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

**Chief Langloss** told the Council that the Petunia Festival was successful. The Police Department is still looking into the vandalism and wants to send a message that vandalism will not be tolerated.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager O'Donnell mentioned that the initial documents for the Brownfields Grant has been completed and will be submitted by the end of this week. He also mentioned the vandalism and thanked the water department for quickly refilling the dog dip pool. Reasonable suspicion training was completed by those in supervisory roles. The drug policy is being revised and will be presented to the Council in the near future.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Arellano – Thanked everyone involved with the Petunia Festival, mentioned that the IML conference is in September and that he has put in to serve on the IML Board. Per union contracts, a City Council Grievance Committee needs to be set up. The Mayor can designate Council Members to this committee. He went on to discuss the issues with the state budget and possible impacts to the City. He has a meeting with a developer with the Viaduct Point project, received a letter from the Next Picture Show requesting a lower

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cost liquor license, and has received interest from several people in the Library Board opening.

Councilman Marshall – The City lost a good friend last week – Jock Heaton. He was very well loved and touched many.

Councilman Marx – Discussed capital improvement projects for the airport. He mentioned that these projects are 95% funded and the airport can receive up to \$150,000 annually. Councilman Marx is looking for Council feedback on capital projects so the airport can move forward. City Manager O'Donnell mentioned that he received information from a DOT engineer who is looking for a commitment from the City. If we want to retain the revenue and continue to receive the money from the FAA, the airport needs to do a project. Mayor Arellano said he is okay with maintaining the airport but not rebuilding it.

Councilman Venier – Thanked the Legal team for their work on the Crabtree property. He also mentioned that he has received a couple of complaints about the downtown speakers being too close to the 2<sup>nd</sup> story apartments and wondered if they could be moved. Councilman Venier congratulated Somkit on the opening of their new restaurant.

BOARD & COMMISSIONS REPORTS

Mayor Arellano reported that the monthly Building Permit Report and the Plan Commission Minutes are available for inspection.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dave Johnson, Petunia Festival Board Member for 25 years, thanked all who helped with the Petunia Festival. Everyone works together and makes it work. People are having a great time. The events were well attended. Around 400 volunteers were utilized during the Petunia Festival.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDED WAGE/SALARY POLICY

Councilman Considine moved to un-table the resolution amending the wage and salary policy for non-union employees. Seconded by Councilman Marx. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Marshall, Marx, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Arellano asked for a motion to approve the resolution amending the wage and salary policy. **The resolution died for lack of a motion.**

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ORDINANCE #3052 – RE-APPOINTMENTS TO THE LIBRARY BOARD

Councilman Venier moved to approve an ordinance authorizing re-appointments to the Library Board. Seconded by Councilman Marshall. Library Director Antony Deter told the Council that some terms needed to be staggered so only 3 members would be up for re-appointment instead of the 5 that are open this year. This is a one-time limited change to the Council's normal manner of making these appointments. David Badger was re-appointed to a one year term; Carol Linkowski was re-appointed to a two year term; and Terry Dunphy and Marcella Kitson were re-appointed to a three year term. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Marshall, Marx, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

RESOLUTION # 2596-17 – AMENDING 2017-2018 BUDGET – PETUNIA  
WATERING

Councilman Marshall moved to approve a resolution amending the 2017-2018 budget with respect to petunia watering. Seconded by Councilman Marx. Finance Director Meyer said since we approve the budget line by line, a resolution is needed to re-allocate the funds. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Marshall, Marx, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

RESOLUTION # 2597-17 – AMENDING 2017-2018 BUDGET – GOAL MAKING  
WORKSHOP

Councilman Marx moved to approve a resolution amending the 2017-2018 budget with respect to the goal making workshop. Seconded by Councilman Marshall. The money is being reallocated from legal for negotiations to the workshop consultant. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Marshall, Marx, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF DIXON AND DIXON CHAMBER OF  
COMMERCE AND MAIN STREET

Councilman Considine moved to approve an agreement between the City of Dixon and the Dixon Chamber of Commerce and Main Street. Seconded by Councilman Marx. Mayor Arellano mentioned that the Next Picture Show donation is included in the \$250,000 given to DCCMS. Councilman Marx asked if the budgeted amount will be prorated since we are already two months into the fiscal year. Attorney LeSage said that this is a year agreement. It doesn't fall within our fiscal year. Projected move in date to 87 S. Hennepin is July 14, 2017. The CEO begins on July 17. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Marshall, Marx, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

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AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF DIXON AND WILLETT HOFFMAN –  
HAMPTON LIFT STATION

Councilman Venier moved to approve the contract with Willett Hoffman Associates in the amount of \$70,000 for the Hampton Lift Station project. Seconded by Councilman Marshall. Josh McNitt mentioned this lift station is about 40 years old. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Marshall, Marx, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

Councilman Venier mentioned that he would like to see Thank You for visiting Dixon signs put up. Mayor Arellano mention that the City should look at working on the medians where petunias used to be planted. Councilman Venier asked to Council Members to respond to an email sent by John Poland.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Marshall moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Wednesday, July 5, 2017, be adjourned to meet in Regular Session on Monday, July 17, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Seconded by Councilman Marx. . Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Marshall, Marx, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: Councilman Venier. **Motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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Becky Fredericks, City Clerk