

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 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.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Arellano opened the Public Hearing with respect to the 2017 Tax Levy at 5:31 PM. There was no comment. Mayor Arellano closed the public hearing at 5:32 PM.

OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Arellano issued the oath of office to Police Chief Steve Howell. At 5:34 PM a short recess was taken so family could take pictures with Chief Howell. The meeting resumed at 5:37 PM.

RETIREMENT – OFFICER LESLIE SHAW

City Manager gave a summary of Officer Shaw's years as a Dixon Police Officer and honored him for his many years of service. Police Chief Howell presented Officer Shaw with a Shadow Box containing his uniform and badge. Officer Shaw thanked the audience for the recognition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Marshall moved to approve the regular and executive minutes of the Regular Session Council meeting of Monday November 6, 2017. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Marshall, Marx, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF TOTAL LABOR AND OUTSIDE CLAIMS

Councilman Marx moved that the total labor and outside claims in the amount of \$158,872.73 be approved and ordered paid. Seconded by Councilman Marshall. Councilman Venier asked about a \$16,619 repair expenditure in the Police department. City Manager Langloss said that was repairs due to a lightening hit. Insurance has reimbursed the City for the majority of the amount. Councilman Considine asked if the budgeted amount for Christmas decorations have been used and wondered when the decorations would be put up. Curt Phillips said that they have not spent any of the money for decorations and hoped to begin decorating on Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. Voting Yea:

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Councilman Considine, Marshall, Marx, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None.  
**Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 2017 YTD FINANANCIAL SUMMARY

Councilman Considine moved that the year-to-date Financial Summary through October 31, 2017, be accepted. Seconded by Councilman Marx. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Marshall, Marx, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Allen Philhower, IT Manager, updated the Council on the Library network project. He said his department redid most of the cabling and moved servers. There are now 63 places for computers in the library. He also coordinated with Comcast and Century Link to have them run new wire to the Library. The library is now cloud based. This was a major overhaul and should last 20 years.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Danny Langloss informed the Council that there had been a bomb threat at Dixon High School this morning. The case has been solved and no one was injured. He mentioned that he won't be here for the December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting and plans to have the garbage contract on that agenda. Tomorrow he will be meeting with engineers with respect to the City Hall remodel. He is working on locking down the strategic planning and goal setting meetings.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Arellano – Mentioned that Public Works has applied for a grant for Anchor Road; the Library Board is in need of a new member; Appointments for the Brown Field Committee will take place at the December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting; received a lot of positive comments about the Janis Joplin show; Mount Morris has asked to be in the Enterprise Zone and is going through the process; Mentioned that Dec 4<sup>th</sup> is the flag raising event of the IL Bicentennial Flag.

Councilman Venier –The Janis Joplin event was the best-selling event so far and was a great production. On December 6, a Charlie Brown Christmas will be showing. Would like to see the flag on the Dixon Arch on Memorial Day; would like to have a State of the City Address; and discussed hiring a City photographer.

Councilman Considine – Would like to see a committee for theatre put together as soon as possible.

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Councilman Marshall – The Dixon Chamber Main Street open house was great. The building looks good. Reminded everyone about Small Shop Saturday.

ORDINACE # 3068 – ANNEXING 2310 W. FOURTH STREET

Councilman Venier moved to approve an ordinance annexing certain territory to the City of Dixon, Lee County, Illinois (2310 W. Fourth Street). Seconded by Councilman Considine. Attorney LeSage said that all the requisite notices have been sent out and an affidavit was given to the County Recorder. This will be zoned at B-2 general business. There is no promise of tax abatements. Discussion ensued about tax abatements. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Marshall, Marx, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

ORDINACE # 3069 – ANNEXING 1009 FOURTH AVENUE

Councilman Marx moved to approve an ordinance annexing certain territory to the City of Dixon, Lee County, Illinois (1009 Fourth Avenue). Seconded by Councilman Venier. Dr. Strom is in the process of extending city water to the house. There is no promise of tax abatements. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Marshall, Marx, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

ORDINACE # 3070 – ANNEXING 1501 BRINTON AVENUE

Councilman Marx moved to approve an ordinance annexing certain territory to the City of Dixon, Lee County, Illinois (1501 Brinton Avenue). Seconded by Councilman Venier. Attorney LeSage explained that schools are zoned R-1. If they use the property for school functions it can stay zoned as R-1. If they wish to use for something different, they will need to come back and ask for a special use. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Marshall, Marx, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

AIRPORT HANGAR LEASE FORM

Councilman Considine moved to approve the form for the airport hangar leases. Seconded by Councilman Venier. City Attorney LeSage stated this is just approval of the form. The next item allows the City manager to enter into new leases. The form was reviewed by Councilman Marx, Matt Heckman, and the Airport Board. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Marshall, Marx, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

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AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AIRPORT HANGAR LEASES

Councilman Venier moved to authorize the City Manager to enter into hangar leases at the Dixon Municipal Airport using the City Council approved form as may be necessary from time to time. Seconded by Councilman Marshall. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Marshall, Marx, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

CONTRACT WITH HELATH CARE SERVICE CORPORATION

Councilman Marshall moved to authorize the Mayor to execute a contract with Health Care Service Corporation for employee group health insurance for a plan year commencing January 1, 2018. Seconded by Councilman Marx. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Marshall, Marx, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Marx moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, November 20, 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. Seconded by Councilman Marshall. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Marshall, Marx, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

RECONVENE MEETING

Councilman Considine moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday November 20, 2017, reconvene into Open Session. Seconded by Councilman Marx. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Marshall, Marx, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Venier moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, November 20, 2017, be adjourned to meet in Regular Session on Monday, December 4, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Seconded by Councilman Marshall. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Marshall, Marx, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.** The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

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Becky Fredericks, City Clerk