

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 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 Farar from the Worship Center gave the invocation.

SWEARING IN OF POLICE STAFF

Mayor Arellano issued the oath of office to Sgt. Ryan Bivins and Officer Chris Scott.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Marshall moved to approve the regular minutes of the Regular Session Council meeting of Monday November 20, 2017. Seconded by Councilman Marx. 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 \$315,845.06 be approved and ordered paid. Seconded by Councilman Marshall. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Marshall, Marx, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Chief Shipman discussed his ISO (Insurance Services Office) report with the Council. The Dixon City Fire Department moved up to a 3 from a 4. This score is only for fire protection and not the ambulance service. This score helps insurance companies decide premiums for homeowners. It is a good judge of a departments capabilities. Only 220 fire departments in IL have a ranking of 3 or higher.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Arellano – Kudos to the Christmas Walk. Enjoyed seeing lots of people in attendance. The Charlie Brown Christmas will be this Wednesday at the Dixon Historic Theatre. Mayor spoke with Mark Dempsey who is interested in becoming the next Band director. He understands the budget may be cut more. The City may issue a tattoo license as well as another cab license soon.

The City may go back to the drawing board with respect to a liquor license for the Next Picture Show. Mike Glenn, Executive Director said they would like to do monthly shows and do not

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believe they are a competition to the bars. There is interest in have special events at the Next Picture Show as well. Margaret Tyne, Board member of The Next Picture Show, thanked the Council for the annual contributions. She said they serve liquor about 10 hours a month. She asked Council to consider creating a liquor license specifically for not-for-profits. Mayor stated that everyone in the I License is gambling. Attorney LeSage said that Illinois does not have as much flexibility as the City does with Liquor Licenses.

Leaf and yard waste pick up is being extended to December 15. Mayor attended an IML meeting this past Saturday. He also attended an EZone meeting in Mt Morris.

Councilman Considine – Thanked the City employees and everyone included in the Christmas Walk.

Councilman Marshall – Received a couple complaints about a terrible smell in Dement Town by Timber Industries. He would like to see a liquor commission process, looks at the Next Picture Show as a benefit, was also impressed with the great turn out at the Christmas Walk, and thanked Curt Philips for the bi-centennial flag raising.

Mayor Arellano stated he wished to jump to agenda item 15C with respect to property, liability and comp insurance.

#### PERSONAL PROPERTY, LIABILITY, AND COMP INSURANCE

Mayor Arellano said as an IML Board member, he received insight into IMLRMA. They have been doing better and cover 50% of IL municipalities. He spoke with Brad Cole from IMLRMA where he mentioned they are not a broker but a carrier and that they also advocate for City's in Illinois. IML is politically relevant at the state level. Mayor strongly recommends staying with IML.

Blain Kurth, from IMLRMA, said that they are non-profit and are only in the state of Illinois. The Board of Directors are Mayors across Illinois. It is a municipal program where the dollars stay in Illinois. Most of IMLRMA deductibles are \$500. They do not have additional billing for work comp for additional payroll hours. He mentioned that IMLRMA is offering a two year rate guarantee.

Bob Springer, ICRMT, said they are self-insured but reinsured for catastrophes. It is still owned by Illinois governments and has 330 members. He tried to mimic what the City currently has. He mentioned there would be work comp audits and the City could either receive a refund or pay more based on the overtime hours. Dixon Park District uses ICRMT through Ryan Harrison.

A lengthy discussion ensued. Ryan Harrison stated the premiums is guaranteed. Councilman Venier asked if ICRMT could give the City a two year rate guarantee to which Bob Springer said no. Councilman Marx requested reference checks on the new company. Councilman Considine is

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okay with pushing this decision to the next meeting but believes in shopping local. Since there was no motion, **this item died for lack of a motion.**

RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE CONTRACT

Councilman Considine moved to approve a residential garbage contract between the City of Dixon and Allied Waste Transportation, Inc. Seconded by Councilman Marshall. Voting Yea: Councilman Marshall, Marx, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: Councilman Considine. **Motion carried.**

DISPOSAL CONTRACT – SLUDGE & LEACHATE

Councilman Venier moved to approve a disposal agreement between the City of Dixon and Lee County Landfill, Inc. commencing January 1, 2018. Seconded by Councilman Marshall. City Attorney LeSage said this contract is a memorialization of what we currently have. Republic will deliver out sludge to the landfill and we will treat the leachate. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Marshall, Marx, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

AZAVAR AUDIT SOLUTIONS

Councilman Marshall moved to approve a contract between the City of Dixon and Azavar Audit Solutions, Inc. to audit Dixon's revenue sources. Seconded by Councilman Marshall. Finance Director Paula Meyer said they will check to make sure we are collecting all revenues. The fee is contingency based. Attorney LeSage said the rate is lower because others in the area are using them as well. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Marshall, Marx, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

ORDINANCE # 3071 - TAX LEVY

Councilman Marx moved to approve the tax levy and assessment of taxes for fiscal year beginning May 1, 2017 and ending April 30, 2018 Seconded by Councilman Marshall. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Marshall, Marx, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

RESOLUTION # 2607-17

Councilman Considine moved to approve the re-appointments of Colleen Henkel, Lynette Knodle, and Doug Lee to the KSB Board of Directors. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Mayor Arellano stated that he met with each of this individuals. An offer was extended for a Council Member to attend a hospital board meeting. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Marshall, Marx, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

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RESOLUTION #2608-17

Councilman Venier moved to approve the creation of the Brownfield Redevelopment advisory Committee and appointment of members Tim Trader, Jim Smith, Matt Heckman, Paul Shiaras, Ryan Harrison, Scott Brown, Stacey Colledge and Mayor Li Arellano. Seconded by Councilman Marshall. Mayor mentioned that the meeting consisted of informing the group of Brownfield redevelopment. The group is now looking to add other sites and to rank all the sites. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Marshall, Marx, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Marshall moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, December 4, 2017 be adjourned to meet in Regular Session on Monday, December 18, 2017 at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Marshall, Marx, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.