

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2013
6:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Burke. Commissioners Blackburn, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke answered Roll Call. Absent was Commissioner Brechon.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Considine moved that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, October 21, 2013 and the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of Thursday, October 24, 2013 be accepted and placed on file. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TOTAL LABOR & OUTSIDE CLAIMS

Commissioner Blackburn moved that the Total Labor & Outside Claims in the amount of \$444,521.98 be approved and ordered paid. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF YTD FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Finance Director Paula Meyer gave a brief overview through a power point presentation. Paula explained that 50% of the fiscal year has gone by and we are staying within our budget. She advised that the City has received \$14 million from the settlement thus far with \$3.8 million spent on attorney fees. She explained that \$8.6 million is needed to pay off interfund loans and a balance is left in the amount of \$1,625,291.82. Mayor Burke stressed that paying debt is our priority! After no questions or comments, the Mayor called for the vote. Commissioner Kuhn moved that the year-to-date Financial Summary through October 31, 2013 be accepted. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Commissioner Blackburn advised that the City Administrator contract is being placed on file tonight. He then thanked Dan Langloss for his time and efforts, as well as Brad Sibley, for their additional duties the past 6 months.

Commissioner Kuhn advised the streets are done. He stated he would be meeting with the engineers tomorrow to make sure all is okay. He then thanked the citizens for their patience during this roadwork. Commissioner Kuhn lastly reminded citizens that a list is being put together already for the 2014 street repairs.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORTS

Mayor Burke reported that the Monthly Building Permit Report for October, 2013 is on file with the Clerk and available for inspection.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT

Jill Polivka, 186 Grand Oaks, urged Mayor Burke to make all facts about the Crundwell scandal public. She told the Council that citizens want to know for piece of mind. Mayor Burke advised her to call the City Clerk to set up a one-on-one meeting with him, as he wants to know what her questions are.

Gene Biggerstaff, 1128 Eastern Avenue, addressed the Council stating Mayor Burke was "all praise and no criticism". The recorder of these minutes could not understand what this man was saying as his comments were unintelligible.

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VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT (CONT'D.)

Josie Whaley, 609 Marclare, shared Jill Polivka's concern about questions that need answers, such as the loans to employees. Once again, Mayor Burke asked Josie to call the City Clerk to set up a one-on-one meeting with him.

RES. #2440-13 – GRANTING TEMPORARY ENCROACHMENT
422 EAST 7TH STREET

Commissioner Kuhn moved that a Resolution granting Temporary Encroachment pursuant to the request of Boulay and Bouaphan Khanthirath, for property located at 422 East 7th Street, be adopted. Discussion followed. Attorney LeSage advised the site triangles at this property are not impacted by the fence and the roadway is standard at the intersection. Amy Mekeel, 420 East 7th Street, asked about the landscape and the rock in front of the fence. Attorney LeSage stated he was unaware that he was to check on this matter. At this time, Dan Langloss spoke up to give his opinion that being a taxpayer; he does not want to see his tax monies spent on attorney fees. He advised the City has researched this issue and have done due diligence. Commissioner Considine agreed with Dan. After no further discussion, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION – “NATIONAL HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS
AWARENESS WEEK”

Mayor Burke proclaimed November 16-23, 2013 as “National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week” in the City of Dixon.

MOTION TO AWARD ONE-TIME \$3,000.00 BONUS TO LT. BRAD SIBLEY

Commissioner Considine moved that Lt. Brad Sibley be awarded a one-time bonus of \$3,000.00 for his six-month term as Interim Police Chief. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION – TAX LEVY

Finance Director Paula Meyer advised the levy amount is what the City will request in December. She advised the ordinance is being placed on file tonight and will be approved the first meeting in December. She stated this levy is close to last year's but there is a 10% increase in the police and fire pensions as they are not fully funded yet. Paula stated these funds are at 70% currently. She stated the EAV decreased 1% and the total levy is \$3,711,853.

PLACE ON FILE – ORD. ABATING THE TAX HERETO LEVIED FOR THE YEAR
2013 TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON \$6,375,000 BONDS
(ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2011 OF THE CITY OF DIXON, LEE
COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Commissioner Blackburn moved that an Ordinance abating the tax hereto levied for the year 2013 to pay the principal and interest on \$6,375,000 Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2011 of the City of Dixon, Lee County, Illinois be placed on file until the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting of Monday, November 18, 2013. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

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PLACE ON FILE – ORD. – 2013 TAX LEVY

Commissioner Blackburn moved that an Ordinance for the levy of taxes for the corporate purposes of the City of Dixon, Lee County, Illinois for the period commencing May 1, 2013 and ending April 30, 2014 be placed on file until the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting of Monday, November 18, 2013. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

RES. #2441-13 – AUTHORIZING APPLICATION OF SETTLEMENT PROCEEDS

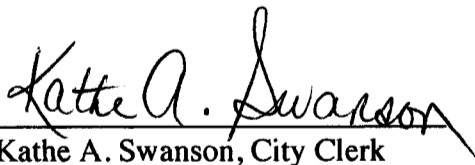
Commissioner Considine moved that a Resolution authorizing application of settlement proceeds be adopted. Discussion followed. After no further discussion, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PLACE ON FILE – CITY ADMINISTRATOR EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT
CITY/DAVID NORD

Commissioner Blackburn moved that the City Administrator Employment Agreement between the City of Dixon and David Nord be placed on file until the Special Council Meeting of Tuesday, November 12, 2013. Discussion followed. Dan Langloss explained the main points and fringe benefits of this agreement with David Nord. He then advised there would be a Meet & Greet tomorrow night from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at The Next Picture Show. Dan advised there would be a Special Council Meeting on Tuesday, November 12th at 6:30 p.m. to approve this agreement, and David will start work on Wednesday, November 13th. He also advised this position requires David to move within the City limits and he has until January 1, 2016 to do so. After no further comments, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kuhn moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, November 4, 2013 be adjourned to meet in Special Session on Wednesday, November 6, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.


Kathe A. Swanson, City Clerk