

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL  
TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2015  
5:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Arellano. Councilmen Bishop, Tucker, Venier and Mayor Arellano answered Roll Call. The Pledge of Allegiance was cited.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Matt Sowers, Mr. Cab, requested the Council add another license for his cab company. He highlighted aspects of his operation such as a \$6.00 flat fee for transportation anywhere in the local Dixon area and offering payment by debit/credit card. It was the consensus of the Council to create an ordinance to increase the number of taxicab licenses.

Ed Fritts, Dixon Township, addressed the Council regarding the 7<sup>th</sup> Street repairs. He advised the Township office is at the bottom of 4<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets and there is major erosion due to the higher velocity of water. Mr. Fritts requested the Council have this area looked into to prevent any future flooding. Mayor Arellano advised this area is where Fargo Creek and West Fargo Creek tributary come together. He further added that the City is not responsible for drainage on private properties.

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE AWARD OF CONTRACT  
7<sup>TH</sup> STREET REPAIR PROJECT

Councilman Bishop moved to consider and possibly award the contract for the 7<sup>th</sup> Street Repair Project. Seconded by Councilman Tucker. At this time, City Attorney LeSage advised a discussion could occur first then the awarding of the contractor. Mayor Arellano gave a brief overview of the engineer's work and stated 3 contract bids were received. He also advised the City could take over some of the project work to save money, such as traffic control and pavement marking. Attorney LeSage reminded everyone that this project was not done in a bidding process. Engineer Geoff Smith advised standard State specifications were used for this project. After this discussion, the Mayor asked for the motion to be re-read. Councilman Bishop moved to award the 7<sup>th</sup> Street Repair Project contract to Martin & Company Excavating for their low bid in the amount of \$768,776.19. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Voting Yea: Councilman Bishop, Tucker, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

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CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF EASEMENTS AND  
RIGHT-OF-WAYS ALONG RIVER STREET

Councilman Tucker moved that the easements and right-of-ways along River Street be approved. Seconded by Councilman Bishop. Discussion followed. Mayor Arellano gave a brief background on this and stated a letter would be mailed to the property owner regarding (1) location of property pins, (2) installation by the City of an 8" sewer line and (3) an updated legal description from of the City. Attorney LeSage stated the deadline for this project is November 1, 2015; therefore, this motion is needed to authorize the Mayor to offer the property owner the above three items in exchange for easements and right-of-ways onto his property for the River Street Project. After no further discussion, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Councilman Bishop, Tucker, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Venier moved that the Special Council Meeting of Tuesday, July 28, 2015 meet in Executive Session to consider the appointment of a person to fill a public office or vacancy in a public office where the body has the appointing authority. Seconded by Councilman Tucker. Voting Yea: Councilmen Bishop, Tucker, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

RECONVENE MEETING

Councilman Bishop moved that the Special Council Meeting of Tuesday, July 28, 2015 reconvene into Open Session. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Voting Yea: Councilmen Bishop, Tucker, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.


APPOINTMENT OF A CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

Councilman Tucker moved to appoint Kevin Marx as the new City of Dixon Council member, filling the unexpired term of Jesse Arjes. Seconded by Councilman Bishop. Voting Yea: Councilmen Bishop, Tucker, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

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ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Venier moved that the Special Council Meeting of Tuesday, July 28, 2015 be adjourned to meet in Regular Session on Monday, August 3, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Seconded by Councilman Tucker. Voting Yea: Councilmen Bishop, Tucker, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

  
Kathe A. Swanson, City Clerk