

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2016
5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Arellano.

OATH OF OFFICE – CITY CLERK REBECCA FREDERICKS

Mayor Arellano administered the Oath of Office to City Clerk, Rebecca Fredericks.

ROLL CALL/INVOCATION

Councilmen Bishop, Marx, Tucker, Venier and Mayor Arellano answered Roll Call. .
The Pledge of Allegiance was cited. Rev. David Spaulding from First Presbyterian Church gave the Invocation

WORK SESSION – AUDIT PRESENTATION

Rory Sohn, from Wipfli, LLP, gave an audit presentation on Fiscal year 2016. The City received a clean opinion. He also discussed the liability of all City pensions and how they are reported within the audit.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Bishop moved that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of Tuesday, September 19, 2016 be accepted and placed on file. Seconded by Councilman Tucker. Voting Yea: Councilmen Bishop, Marx, Tucker, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TOTAL LABOR & OUTSIDE CLAIMS

Councilman Marx moved that the Total Labor & Outside Claims in the amount of \$156,508.41 be approved and ordered paid. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Discussion ensued regarding vehicle repairs. Voting Yea: Councilmen Bishop, Marx, Tucker, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager O'Donnell talked about the Galena bridge railing project, replacing the Public Works Secretary/Finance Clerk position, and the posting of five (5) Teamster positions.

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COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Arellano spoke about the Noise Ordinance in relation to outside bands at establishments. Stu and Elaine Bruns spoke and stated they are looking into several options to help keep the volume down. Mayor proclaimed October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. He also said he received a visit from Sister City Castlebar, met with Brad Cole from IML to discuss pension consolidation, mentioned concerns about the lack of a sidewalk from Shopko to the housing complex, and stated that the pension issue for the City cannot go backwards.

Councilman Bishop asked about the riprap project and when that would begin. The City Manager stated it will begin in the spring.

Councilman Marx advised he was glad to see work beginning on the Galena Ave Bridge. He also stated that he went to IML and came back with a treasure trove of ideas.

Councilman Venier said the IML Conference was great and he enjoyed the networking. He congratulated John Groshan on being the Citizen of the Year and thanked Dixon Main Street for the good job they did with the Scarecrow Festival.

BOARD & COMMISSIONS REPORTS

Mayor Arellano reported that the monthly Building Permit Report and the Dixon Sister Cities Association Minutes of September 20, 2016 are on file with the Clerk and available for inspection.

RES. - AMENDING WAGE AND SALARY POLICY
FOR NON-UNION EMPLOYEES

Councilman Tucker moved that a resolution to amend wage and salary policy for non-union employees be removed from being tabled. Seconded by Councilman Marx. Voting Yea: Councilmen Bishop, Marx, Tucker, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried. Since the original motion was tabled, several other options were presented by City Manager O'Donnell. Voting Yea: None. Voting Nay: Councilmen Bishop, Marx, Tucker, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Motion lost.

RES. #2570-16- AMENDING WAGE AND SALARY POLICY
FOR NON-UNION EMPLOYEES WITH THE FIXED RATE BONUS SCHEDULE

Councilman Venier moved that a resolution to amend the Wage and Salary Policy for the Wage and Salary Policy with the fixed rate bonus schedule be adopted. Seconded by

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Councilman Bishop. Voting Yea: Councilmen Bishop, Marx, Tucker, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried

RES. #2571-16 – APPROVING BANKING SIGNATORIES

Councilman Bishop moved that a Resolution approving banking signatories be adopted. Seconded by Councilman Tucker. Voting Yea: Councilmen Bishop, Marx, Tucker, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

RES. #2572-16 – AMENDING EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

Councilman Marx moved that a Resolution amending the employee handbook be adopted. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Voting Yea: Councilmen Bishop, Marx, Tucker, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT

Councilman Tucker moved that the City of Dixon FY 2016 Audited Financial Statements be accepted and placed on file for public review. Seconded by Councilman Tucker. Voting Yea: Councilmen Bishop, Marx, Tucker, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR SERVICES WITH V&K ENGINEERING

Councilman Venier moved to authorize the execution of the Contract for the Fargo Creek Study between the City of Dixon and V&K Engineering. Seconded by Councilman Marx. The timeline has been adjusted and will begin the end of the year and finish sometime in March. V&K Engineering will help us identify grants or projects for budget planning. Voting Yea: Councilmen Bishop, Marx, Tucker, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Bishop moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, October 3, 2016 adjourn into Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees, to discuss collective negotiating matters between public employers and their employees or representatives, pending or threatened litigation against the City pursuant to Section 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act and acquisition of property. Seconded by Councilman Marx. Voting Yea: Councilmen Bishop, Marx, Tucker, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

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RECONVENE MEETING

Councilman Marx moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, October 3, 2016 reconvene into Open Session. Seconded by Councilman Bishop. Voting Yea: Councilmen Venier, Bishop, Marx, Tucker and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Venier moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, October 3, 2016 be adjourned to meet in Regular Session on Monday, October 17, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Seconded by Councilman Bishop. Voting Yea: Councilmen Venier, Bishop, Marx, Tucker and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

Becky Fredericks, City Clerk