

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2016
5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Arellano.

ROLL CALL/INVOCATION

Councilmen Marx, Tucker, Venier, Bishop and Mayor Arellano answered Roll Call. The Pledge of Allegiance was cited. Rev. Robert Dunbar from St. James Evangelical Church gave the Invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Bishop moved that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, October 3, 2016 be accepted and placed on file. Seconded by Councilman Tucker. Voting Yea: Councilmen Marx, Tucker, Venier, Bishop 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 \$156,677.35 be approved and ordered paid. Seconded by Councilman Bishop. Voting Yea: Councilmen Marx, Tucker, Venier, Bishop and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF YTD FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Councilman Tucker moved that the YTD Financial Summary through September 30, 2016 be accepted. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Voting Yea: Councilmen Marx, Tucker, Venier, Bishop and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager O'Donnell talked about the Galena Bridge railing project, Bradshaw/Brinton Road Project and the Fargo Creek Study. He mentioned that the Airport Board is meeting Tuesday, October 18, 2016 to review the draft feasibility study and would like to set up a special meeting for the Council to review the study.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Arellano spoke about the City receiving the ITEP grant and would like to move forward with this. The project would expand non-vehicle transportation routes at a great

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saving to Citizens. The City will have to match 20% of the grant. Mayor also spoke about his concern with the pension crisis and would like the Council to create a planning document to address this issue. He also mentioned that he has been involuntarily transferred to a new unit.

Councilman Venier asked about a transition team for Dixon One and Mayor Arellano stated that Dixon One will be taking care of a transition team. City Manager O'Donnell will work on the lease agreement for Dixon One and Attorney LeSage will draft a resolution regarding a contribution commitment to Dixon One.

Councilman Bishop thanked Dixon Main Street for putting together the Tailgating Festival this past weekend. He also mentioned that he would like all citizens to be informed about the school referendum issue.

BOARD & COMMISSIONS REPORTS

Mayor Arellano reported that the Library Board Minutes of September 12, 2016 are on file with the Clerk and available for inspection.

PUBLIC COMMENT

James Burns, from Patio's, addressed the Council about the noise issue downtown and was wondering if the Council has come to any agreements about the permits which allows him to bring in bands. Mayor stated he will continue to talk with Attorney LeSage and the Council to see what can be done.

RES. #2573-16 - CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT – HISTORIC PRESERVATION
COMMISSION

Councilman Venier moved that a Resolution confirming the appointment of Dr. Carol Krueger to the Historic Preservation Commission for a term commencing October 17, 2016 and ending October 31, 2019, or until her successor is duly appointed and qualified, be adopted. Seconded by Councilman Marx. Voting Yea: Councilmen Marx, Tucker, Venier, Bishop and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

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RES. #2574-16 – UPDATING TRAVEL AND MEAL REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

Councilman Bishop moved that a Resolution updating the Travel and Meal Reimbursement Policy be adopted. Seconded by Councilman Marx. City Manager O'Donnell stated this was needed to comply with the Local Government Travel Expense Act. Discussion ensued on who approves travel as well as why business air travel is allowed.

Councilman Bishop moved to amend the motion to change air travel from business class to coach. Seconded by Councilman Marx. Voting Yea: Councilmen Marx, Tucker, Venier, Bishop and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Voting to approve the resolution: Voting Yea: Councilmen Marx, Tucker, Venier, Bishop and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Marx moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, October 17, 2016 adjourn into Executive Session to discuss collective negotiating matters between public employers and their employees or representatives and pending or threatened litigation Seconded by Councilman Venier. Voting Yea: Councilmen Marx, Tucker, Venier, Bishop and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

RECONVENE MEETING

Councilman Tucker moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, October 17, 2016 reconvene into Open Session. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Voting Yea: Councilmen Marx, Tucker, Venier, Bishop and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Venier moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, October 17, 2016 be adjourned to meet in Regular Session on Monday, November 7, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Seconded by Councilman Bishop. Voting Yea: Councilmen Marx, Tucker, Venier, Bishop and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Becky Fredericks, City Clerk