

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2017
5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Arellano.

ROLL CALL/INVOCATION

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Bishop moved that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, December 19, 2016 be accepted and placed on file. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Voting Yea: Councilman 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 \$384,332.24 be approved and ordered paid. Seconded by Councilman Tucker. Voting Yea: Councilman Bishop, Marx, Tucker, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager O'Donnell updated the Council on the Galena Bridge railings and installation. He also discussed CDL and medical certification cards for employees. Councilman Tucker asked that research be done on the difference between a B license and a B CDL. City Manager O'Donnell also mentioned that he is looking at adding a consent agenda.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Arellano mentioned that he received a notice from Com Ed stating their rates are going up. He mentioned that Sauk Valley Community College received the Small Business Development Grant, met with Patio's to discuss solutions to the noise limits, will attend the Bicentennial Commission meeting January 12th in Springfield, and received multiple complaints over the holidays of manure being dumped along residential properties. He asked the Councilmembers if they have received complaints about Century Link customers being without service for several weeks. Councilman Venier said that he has received complaints. Mayor will contact Century Link to get some answers to the

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issue. Mayor Arrelano and Councilman Marx will be touring SGS Refrigeration on January 11th. He also mentioned that he has been asked whether trucks should be allowed on River Road. IDOT does not class roads anymore – it was designed to be a truck route. Discussion about a flag on the arch has come back up. IDOT will need to approve the design.

Mike Venier wished everyone a Happy New Year and said it was good to work with the Council in 2016.

BOARD & COMMISSIONS REPORTS

Mayor Arellano reported that the monthly Building Permit Report is on file with the Clerk and available for inspection.

REFER PETITION FOR VARIANCE TO CITY ATTORNEY

Councilman Tucker moved that the Petition for Sign Variance pursuant to the request of Dixon Equity Group, LLC for property located at the outlot on Keul Rd and Route 26, be referred to the City Attorney for proper action. Seconded by Councilman Bishop. Attorney Gary Gehlbach said he will not be at the next meeting so if the Council has any questions to please all him. Attorney Lesage said that City Manager O'Donnell and he are looking at procedures to make some of this process more customer friendly. Voting Yea: Councilman Bishop, Marx, Tucker, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF FOP COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

Councilman Venier moved that the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Dixon and the FOP be approved. Seconded by Councilman Tucker. Mayor Arellano stated that the retiree insurance has been grandfathered out. Voting Yea: Councilman Bishop, Marx, Tucker, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF FARGO CREEK DAM EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

City Manager O'Donnell said that Willett Hoffman clarified how they would conduct the EAP. Consensus was to send out an RFQ for this project. The approval of the Fargo Creek Dam EAP died for lack of motion.

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APPROVAL OF FARM LEASE

Councilman Tucker moved to accept and award the bid to lease the farm ground at the Municipal Airport to Rick Humphrey in the amount of \$280.82 per acre. Seconded by Councilman Bishop. City Manager O'Donnell told the Council that this will be bid out much earlier next year to enable the tenant to complete fall work. A one year lease is in place since leasing to a solar company is still a viable option. Mayor Arellano voiced concern that the City is reaching out to all who would like to bid and is receiving the best bid. Rick Humphrey said because of restrictions with this land, a profit cannot be maximized. Voting Yea: Councilman Bishop, Marx, Tucker, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Venier moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Tuesday, January 3, 2017 adjourn into Executive Session to discuss Collective negotiation matters between public employers and the employees or representatives pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act. Sale or purchase of property pursuant to Section 2(c)(3) of the Open Meetings Act. To consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees pursuant to Section 2(c)(5) of the Open Meetings Act. Seconded by Councilman Tucker.

Councilman Venier amended his motion by restating the above plus adding pending litigation. Seconded by Councilman Tucker. Voting Yea: Councilman Bishop, Marx, Tucker, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

RECONVENE MEETING

Councilman Marx moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Tuesday, January 3, 2017 reconvene into Open Session. Seconded by Councilman Tucker. Voting Yea: Councilman Bishop, Marx, Tucker, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Tucker moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Tuesday, January 3, 2017 be adjourned to meet in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Voting Yea: Councilman Bishop, Marx, Tucker, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

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Becky Fredericks, City Clerk