

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2017  
5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Arellano.

ROLL CALL

Councilmen Bishop, Marx, Tucker and Mayor Arellano answered Roll Call. The Pledge of Allegiance was cited.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

**Building & Zoning** – Paul Shiaras reviewed his budget with the Council. He mentioned that the demolition budget includes legal and demolition fees. Two houses are in the early stages of condemnation. Mayor Arellano would like to see \$5,000 more added to the budget to help in cleaning up the City.

**IT** – Allen Phillhower mentioned that all IT costs will be in the IT budget and not split out between departments. Small equipment and tools are now in the capital budget.

Councilman Venier arrived at 5:24PM.

**HR** – Becky Fredericks reviewed the budget. The contractual line is decreasing since the contract with Paul Grueffe will end in June. After that time, he will be used on an as needed basis. Professional Development has increased due to the need of having City wide CPR/first aid training.

**Public Safety Building** – The overtime in this budget is for special projects such as carpet cleaning or waxing floors.

**Fire** – Chief Shipman said he cut \$32,000 from last year's budget. Some of that is what was pulled into the IT budget. Mayor Arellano said he calculated a 12% increase. Paula Meyer said the increase is due to pension costs. Chief Shipman would like to leave the OT line as is and hopes the department can come in under the budgeted amount.

**Emergency Vehicle** – Not much changed.

**Police** – Chief Langloss reviewed his budget. Mayor calculated a 12% increase and asked if this was also because of pensions. Paula Meyer said that pensions are not included in the police budget since the tax levy covers it. She did mention the increase in the 911 contract is a part of the increase. The IT increase is due to e-citation coming. Chief Langloss is uncertain of the costs for this program. Paula Meyer said that tuition reimbursement could be decreased by \$5,000.

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**Revenues** – Paula Meyer said she budgeted revenues base on how they have been trending. She also mentioned that Cemetery sales all to the Endowment fund.

**Council** – Increased the conference, meeting, mileage line.

**Economic Development** – Mayor Arellano believes this budget item needs to increase and wonders if the City should consider hiring a full time economic development Director.

**Finance** – Other contractual is for the actuary for the pensions. IT went up due to purchasing a new module for AP.

**Administration** – Stipends were put in extra duty pay.

**Municipal** – These are City wide expenses such as liability and work comp insurance as well as street lighting.

**Downtown Maintenance** – John Groshan maintains this. Councilman Marx wondered if John has his own work comp insurance. Councilman Venier would like to increase the contractual amount by \$900.

**Municipal Band** – This item is not levied for. Mayor suggested placing this on the possible cuts list. Councilman Veneir believes the City should have a band.

**Public Relations** – Gambling revenues will pay for this. Contribution will mostly be to Dixon One. Councilman Marx would like an updated sheet on the current expenses for tourism, Main Street and Next Picture Show.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Marx moved that the Special Council Meeting of Monday, February 13, 2017 be adjourned to meet in Special Session on Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Seconded by Councilman Tucker. Voting Yea: Councilman Bishop, Marx, Tucker, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

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Becky Fredericks, City Clerk