

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Arellano.

ROLL CALL/INVOCATION

Councilmen Marshall, Marx, Venier, Considine and Mayor Arellano answered Roll Call. The Pledge of Allegiance was cited. Rev. Heewon Kim from First United Methodist Church gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Marshall moved to approve the regular and executive minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, August 21, 2017. Seconded by Councilman Marx. Voting Yea: Councilman Marshall, Marx, Venier, Considine, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF TOTAL LABOR AND OUTSIDE CLAIMS

Councilman Marx moved that the total labor and outside claims in the amount of \$153,551.74 be approved and ordered paid. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Voting Yea: Councilman Marshall, Marx, Venier, Considine, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

INTERIM CITY MANAGER REPORT

Interim City Manager Langloss reported Matt Heckman was making a smooth transition as Interim Public Works Director. One item he will be working on over the next few months is the Street Improvement Project Study provided by Willett-Hofmann. Interim City Manager Langloss advised that he has been in discussions regarding the garbage contract and hopes to have something to present at the next Council meeting. The Court House Wall project is moving along nicely. Mid Galena to around the corner on 3rd St. is not the City's responsibility. It is thought that the looks would be uniform. Interim Manager Langloss advised that there are two Administrative Assistant positions open until 9/8/17. He further advised that he is in discussions on a potential remodel of the first floor of City Hall. They will be working with an architect on this. Lastly, monthly water billing and meter project still in the works.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Arellano – Mayor advised that Government Day is Monday, October 2, 2017. Mayor discussed the need for creating a special category for liquor licenses for certain establishments that do not fit into current categories. One example being The Next

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Picture Show as well as others. The Council may possibly set up a category with limited ability to use. These license holders are mainly serving for special events and not competing with clubs, bars and other license holders. They are not making money doing this. This issue came up when this year license fees were increased. City Attorney Lesage advised that the current Special Event license did not fit well so it may be possible to increase the number of events to that license or offer a specific classification more appropriate to their needs. Mayor advised that Attorney Lesage would draw something up regarding these changes hopefully to be presented at the next Council Meeting at which time he would look for further Council input. Mayor also discussed the recent garbage contract discussions. He has received many calls on this topic. He said there would be an option for three different sized totes and recycling containers. We currently use the mid-size.

Councilman Marx - with the passing of Labor Day he is reflecting on a great job by Dixon Chamber and Main Street for concerts, markets, etc. and offers his thanks.

Councilman Venier – Gave a shout out to Dixon Main Street for another successful Blues, Brews and Barbeque as well as Bags for the Brave. New location on the Riverfront was well received and early numbers indicate a big success with approximately 1500 in attendance. More events yet this year are West End Fest, Scarecrow Fest, Ultimate Tail Gate Chili Cook off and the Christmas Walk. One final comment is feedback he is receiving on is the concern for people failing to stop for pedestrian traffic. Councilman Venier would like to coordinate a program with the Police Department called Start Stopping.

Councilman Considine – No report.

Councilman Marshall – No report – hope everyone had a good Labor Day.

BOARD & COMMISSIONS REPORTS

Mayor Arellano reported that the Veterans Park Board Minutes and Library Board Minutes were available for inspection. Also, noted that Monthly Building Permit Report is on file.

PUBLIC COMMENT

John McLane and Jim Higby of the Dixon Historical Society gave a presentation regarding signage for the downtown blocks recognizing the history of the town square block. These signs are vertical 2x3 printed on steel and will last a long time. The location would be the NE corner across from Midland Bank. The Historic Preservation Commission is asking for approval from the City for half the cost (\$1,100-1,600).

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Plans/Designs are available for review at City Hall. Willett-Hofmann volunteered a lot of time on this as well as the Commission.

ORDINANCE #3056 – AMENDING MINORS PERFORMING IN BARS

The ordinance permits the underage person to be present both 30 minutes before and after the performance for the purpose of set up and removal of equipment. The ordinance also has a requirement that at least half of the participants in the performance must be of age 21 or older.

Councilman Considine moved to pass an Ordinance amending the Dixon City Code Title V, Chapter 13, Section 5-13-412 with respect to restrictions of persons of nonage be passed. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Councilman Marx and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: Councilman Marshall, Councilman Venier. **Motion carried.**

PURCHASE OF PORTABLE RADIOS

Interim City Manager Langloss invited Lieutenant Clay Whelan to give a brief overview of the Starcom radios. Lieutenant Whelan advised that these radios would allow the police to communicate with the State and County Departments. The life expectancy of the radios is approximately 20 years.

Councilman Venier moved to approve the purchase of 12 Starcom portable radios from Barbek Communications in the amount of \$60,667.56. Seconded by Councilman Marshall. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Councilman Marshall, Councilman Marx, Councilman Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Marshall moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Tuesday, September 5, 2017 meet in Executive session to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees pursuant to Section 2(c)(5) of the Open Meetings Act and to discuss Sale or purchase of property pursuant to Section 2(c)(3) of the Open Meetings Act. Seconded by Councilman Marx. Voting Yea: Councilman Marx, Venier, Considine, Marshall, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

RECONVENE MEETING

Councilman Marshall moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Tuesday, September 5, 2017, reconvene into Open Session. Seconded by Councilman Considine. Voting Yea:

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Councilman Marx, Venier, Considine, Marshall, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Marx moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Tuesday, September 5, 2017, be adjourned to meet in Regular Session on Monday, September 18, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Seconded by Councilman Marshall. Voting Yea: Councilman Marx, Venier, Considine, Marshall, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.** The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Stephanie A. Terranova, Deputy Clerk