

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2017
5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Arellano.

ROLL CALL/INVOCATION

Councilmen Marshall, Marx, Venier, and Mayor Arellano answered Roll Call. Councilman Considine was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was cited.

GOVERNMENT DAY INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME

Mayor Arellano welcomed all the students who participated in Government Day.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Marshall moved to approve the regular and executive minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, September 18, 2017. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Voting Yea: Councilman Venier, Marshall, Marx, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Councilman Considine. **Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF TOTAL LABOR AND OUTSIDE CLAIMS

Councilman Marx moved that the total labor and outside claims in the amount of \$85,367.40 be approved and ordered paid. Seconded by Councilman Marshall. Voting Yea: Councilman Venier, Marshall, Marx, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Councilman Considine. **Motion carried.**

INTERIM CITY MANAGER REPORT

Interim City Manager Danny Langloss reviewed the Government Day process and how students were selected for the positions. He showed a picture presentation to the Council of the events of Government Day. He also mentioned that Staff will meet with Willett Hoffman this week with respect to the City Hall remodel; the LCIDA executive director search is underway; and the Health Insurance Committee has met and meetings will be set up with Council Members about possible Health Insurance changes. Langloss thanked the Public Works department for their assistance with the event on Fargo Avenue.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Arellano – Mayor said that the Nachusa House sold and the City has received its portion of the sale. He also said that he is forwarding sponsorship requests to Dixon Chamber Main Street. He was elected to a one year term as a Vice President of IML. The first Dixon Theatre show will be held this coming Friday.

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Councilman Venier mentioned that the garbage contract is getting closer to completing; the Courthouse wall is continuing to move forward; the flag on top of the Dixon Arch is moving through the approval process with IDOT; thanked the Committee for their part in the City Manager hiring process and was happy that the Dixon Dukes won their Homecoming football game.

Councilman Marx – Thanked for the students for signing up and attending Government Day and thanked Interim City Manager Danny Langloss for repackaging this event,

Councilman Marshall – The Scarecrow Festival was well attended. Next weekend is the West End Fest. He would like to see a Welcome Sign to Dixon off 1-88 along with a sign listing the events of the City.

BOARD & COMMISSIONS REPORTS

Mayor Arellano reported that the Monthly Building Permit Report and the Airport Board Minutes were available for inspection.

ORDINANCE #3059 – DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY (2008 CHEVY TAHOE)

Councilman Venier moved to approve the disposal of the 2008 Chevy Tahoe. Seconded by Councilman Marshall. Voting Yea: Councilman Venier, Marshall, Marx, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Councilman Considine. **Motion carried.**

ORDINANCE # 3060 – DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY (REMINGTON RIFLES)

Councilman Marshall moved to approve the disposal of two Remington Rifles. Interim City Manager Danny Langloss said when officer's rifles retire, they typically are sold to the officer who used them. Voting Yea: Councilman Venier, Marshall, Marx, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Councilman Considine. **Motion carried.**

ORDINANCE # 3061 – AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ANNEXATION AGREEMENT WITH ZMM INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES, LLC.

Councilman Marx moved to authorize the Execution of an Annexation Agreement with ZMM Industrial Properties, LLC. Seconded by Councilman Marshall. Voting Yea: Councilman Venier, Marshall, Marx, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Councilman Considine. **Motion carried.**

At 6:30 PM, a brief recess was taken to dismiss the students participating in the meeting. The meeting reconvened at 6:36 PM.

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ORDINANCE #3062 – AMENDING THE DIXON CITY CODE TITLE V, CHAPTER
13 (REFUNDS OF LIQUOR LICENSE FEES)

Councilman Venier moved to approve an ordinance amending Dixon City Code Title V, Chapter 13 with respect to Refunds of Liquor Licenses. Seconded by Councilman Marx. Attorney LeSage said that the current code is silent on refunding liquor licenses and added a new paragraph to allow pro-ration on a monthly basis. He noted that a 1st year license as well as a non-voluntary loss of license is not refundable. Voting Yea: Councilman Venier, Marx, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Abstain: Councilman Marshall. Absent: Councilman Considine. **Motion carried.**

ORDINANCE #3063 – AMENDING THE DIXON CITY CODE TITLE V, CHAPTER
13 (TEMPORARY LICENSES)

Councilman Marshall moved to approve amending Dixon City Code Title V, Chapter 13 – Temporary Liquor Licenses. Seconded by Councilman Marx. Attorney LeSage said that he took the temporary liquor license which allowed one event per year to fourteen events per year. The price changed from \$50 to \$5 per license. These licenses are for not-for profit entities. They must still show proof of dram shop insurance. Voting Yea: Councilman Venier, Marshall, Marx, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Councilman Considine. **Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF RFQ FOR BROWNFIELD PROJECT

Councilman Marx moved to select Fehr Graham as the firm chosen under the RFQ process subject to negotiation and approval of an engineering contract. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Matt Heckman informed the Council that the City received and reviewed the 3 RFQ's that were submitted. Councilman Marx asked if the City has started with the contract process. Attorney LeSage said the City needs to select someone first and then move forward with a contract. Voting Yea: Councilman Venier, Marshall, Marx, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Councilman Considine. **Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Scott Fatizzi, of Cue Theatricals, said he was excited for the upcoming performance at Dixon Historical Theatre. He said the dressing rooms are looking very nice and the stage is being cleaned up. The General Manager will be selling tickets in Dixon this Wednesday through Friday.

AWARD DIXON AIRPORT FARM LAND BID

Councilman Venier moved to award the farm bid to Humphrey Farms for \$25,000 paid in full by November 15th of the crop year. Seconded by Councilman Marshall. It was

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discussed that the language in the lease allows the City to extend the lease every year up to four years. Voting Yea: Councilman Venier, Marshall, Marx, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Councilman Considine. **Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY
AND THE FIRE UNION

Councilman Marshall moved to approve the MOU between the City and the fire Union. The MOU allows fire union employees to use three sick days per year for household family members. The MOU also stated that in order for a firefighter to count for minimum staffing, they have to have a minimum of Firefighter II or Basic Firefighter Certification. This also address overtime. An MOU is not a part of the contract and must be bargained during negotiations. Voting Yea: Councilman Venier, Marshall, Marx, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Councilman Considine. **Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH EMPLOYEE
WITH RESPECT TO LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councilman Marx moved to approve a memorandum of understanding with an employee with respect to leave of absence. Seconded by Councilman Marshall. Mayor Arellano said he would like to discuss this in executive session. Councilman Marshall moved to table the MOU with a specific employee; seconded by Councilman Venier. Voting Yea: Councilman Venier, Marshall, Marx, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Councilman Considine. **Motion carried.**

REFER ANNEXATION OF PROPERTIES TO THE PLAN COMISSION

Councilman Venier moved to refer the petitions for annexation from Dixon Public Schools and Jeffrey & Leanne White to the Plan Commission. Seconded by Councilman Marx. Dixon Public school petitioned to annex property on North Brinton Avenue. Jeffery and Leanne White petitioned to annex property located at 2310 West Fourth Street. Voting Yea: Councilman Venier, Marshall, Marx, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Councilman Considine. **Motion carried.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Marshall moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, October 2, 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; and to consider pending or imminent litigation pursuant to Section 2(c)(4) of the Open Meetings Act. Seconded by Councilman Marx. Voting Yea:

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RECONVENE MEETING

Councilman Venier moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday October 2, 2017, reconvene into Open Session. Seconded by Councilman Marshall. Voting Yea: Councilman Venier, Marshall, Marx, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Councilman Considine. **Motion carried.**

Council Members discussed the Red Carpet event occurring this Friday at the Dixon Historical Theatre and who was able to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Marshall moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, October 2, 2017, be adjourned to meet in Special Session on Wednesday, October 4, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Seconded by Councilman Marx. Voting Yea: Councilman Venier, Marshall, Marx, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Councilman Considine. **Motion carried.** The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Becky Fredericks, City Clerk