

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2017
5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Arellano.

ROLL CALL/INVOCATION

Councilmen Considine, Marshall, Marx, Venier, and Mayor Arellano answered Roll Call. The Pledge of Allegiance was cited. Reverend Nolan of Grace United Methodist Church gave the Invocation.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Arellano opened the Public Hearing at 5:33 PM. Andy Shaw, from Lee Ogle Enterprise Zone, said he had tax abatement requests from Dixon Public School District, Sauk Valley Community College, Dixon Park District, Steward Township and Alto Township. Discussion ensued. Andy Shaw closed the Public Hearing at 5:38 PM.

WORK SESSION – FY 17 AUDIT REPORT

Rory Sohn presented his finding of the City’s annual audit to the Council. He gave a clean opinion of the audit. He reviewed the general fund, the water fund, the wastewater fund as well as the pension liability. He also discussed new statements in the audit with respect to the pensions and the unfunded liability for each pension. He said the internal controls were good and thanked Paula for her work with the audit.

WORK SESSION – WATER METER PROJECT

Matt Heckman brought before the Council a presentation of the water meter replacement project. He said that 72% of the City’s water meters are past their life expectancy and the software for these meters is no longer supported. He reviewed three options: replace meters with Sensus smart meter system; replace with Badger smart meter system; or do nothing. He reviewed the pros and cons as well as the savings/expense of each option. He recommends going with the Sensus smart meters. Finance Director Paula Meyer discussed the financing options for this project and recommended the City borrow the money from itself and have the Water and Wastewater funds pay it back at a rate of 1%. Discussion ensued about specifics of the water meters.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Marshall moved to approve the regular and executive minutes of the Special Council Meeting of Thursday, September 28, 2017 and of the Regular Session Council meeting of Monday October 2, 2017 and the Special Council Meeting of Wednesday, October 4, 2017. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Marshall, Marx, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

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APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 2017 YTD FINANANCIAL SUMMARY

Councilman Marx moved that the year-to-date financial summary through September 30, 2017 be accepted. Seconded by Councilman Marshall. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Marshall, Marx, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF TOTAL LABOR AND OUTSIDE CLAIMS

Councilman Considine moved that the total labor and outside claims in the amount of \$599,151.85 be approved and ordered paid. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Councilman Marx asked about the payment to Fischer Excavating. Attorney LeSage said that the City received the lien waiver and released the check. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Marshall, Marx, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF THE FY 16/17 AUDITED FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Councilman Venier moved to approve the FY 16/17 audited financial summary. Seconded by Councilman Marx. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Marshall, Marx, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

INTERIM CITY MANAGER REPORT

Interim City Manager Danny Langloss stated that Willett Hoffman was at City Hall with Structural Engineers reviewing the first floor with respect to the remodel. The City should have the results in a couple weeks. The City has gone out for bids for work comp and personal property. The Health Insurance Committee is looking at options to become fully insured. The street resurfacing plan will be presented in a November meeting – the Depot Avenue project is being reviewed. He also mentioned that he is happy to see the progress of the cleanup on the Crabtree property.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Arellano – Discussed various items that were presented at the IML conference. Some key take-aways were looking into a regional approach to advertising events/tourism; establishing concrete goals as a Council; have technology accessibility as other parts of the US; and looking into a fraud prevention hotline as well as auditing contracts. Councilman Marx added that he believes there is a need for proactive retail recruitment. Councilman Venier said some things he brought back from IML were that retention is important; our budget clearly defines our vision; emergency preparedness plan; having quarterly meetings with the school district, park district. Community college, etc.

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Councilman Marshall – Received a card from the students who attended Government Day. He is going to school on October 27 to discuss government with several classes. He also mentioned that he would like to see a Liquor Control Commission in Dixon like Sterling has.

Councilman Marx – Thanked Finance Director Paula Meyer for the good audit.

Councilman Venier – Thanked Curt Philips for working on a Sunday making sure the Cemetery Walk happened properly. Mentioned that the Council needs do discuss the building at the cemetery; the West End Fest was moved to Dixon Theatre due to bad weather; and that Beginnings would be playing in the Dixon Theatre this coming Friday.

BOARD & COMMISSIONS REPORTS

Mayor Arellano reported that the Library Board Minutes were available for inspection.

BID FOR AIRPORT RUNWAY 8-26 LIGHTING PROJECT

Councilman Marshall moved to accept the bid of \$266,434.72 submitted by JF Edwards Construction Company. Seconded by Councilman Marx. Matt Heckman said that 2/3 of the engineering costs have already been paid for. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Marshall, Marx, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF DIXON AND FEHR GRAHAM

Councilman Marx moved to approve a contract between the City of Dixon and Fehr Graham with respect to the Brownfield Grant in the amount of \$297,600. Seconded by Councilman Marshall. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Marshall, Marx, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

MOU BETWEEN THE CITY OF DIXON AND ANDY OROS

Councilman Considine moved to un-table the Memorandum of Understanding with Andy Oros with respect to leave of absence. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Marshall, Marx, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

Councilman Venier moved to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Andy Oros with respect to leave of absence. Seconded by Councilman Considine. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Marshall, Marx, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THE 100 BLOCK OF E. MORGAN

Councilman Marshall moved to approve a temporary street closure of the 100 block of E. Morgan St on October 28th from 1:00-5:00 PM. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Mayor Arellano said Four Square Church would like to have a block party along with their open house. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Marshall, Marx, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Marx moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, October 16, 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 Marshall. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Marshall, Marx, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

RECONVENE MEETING

Councilman Marshall moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday October 16, 2017, reconvene into Open Session. Seconded by Councilman Considine. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Marshall, Marx, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.**

City Attorney Rob LeSage updated the Council with respect to the Fischer payment. The City received a lien from a subcontractor of Fischer after the agreement was signed. Fischer cut a deal with the subcontractor. Then the subcontractor gave the City a lien waiver allowing the remainder to be paid to Fishcer.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Venier moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, October 16, 2017, be adjourned to meet in Regular Session on Monday, November 6, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Seconded by Councilman Marshall. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Marshall, Marx, Venier and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion carried.** The meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Becky Fredericks, City Clerk