

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2018
5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Arellano.

ROLL CALL/INVOCATION

Councilman Considine, Marshall, Marx, Venier and Mayor Arellano answered Roll Call. The Pledge of Allegiance was cited. Rev. Arellano gave the invocation.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Arellano pronounced March 11 – 17th to be Girl Scouts Week.

WORK SESSION

Stacey Colledge, from Dixon Chamber Main Street, reviewed their marketing plan for 2018. Discussion ensued. Margaret Tyne asked Stacey Colledge if tourism is their main focus. Stacey said no and that they will also invest in businesses.

2018 STREET CLOSURES FOR DIXON CHAMBER MAIN STREET EVENTS

Councilman Venier moved to approve the 2018 street closures for Dixon Chamber Main Street events. Seconded by Councilman Considine. Lauren Mills, from DCMS said the tents are typically put up on a Friday and taken down Monday morning. Voting Yea: Councilman Marx, Venier, Considine, Marshall, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Marshall moved to approve minutes of the Regular Session Council meeting of Monday, February 5, 2018. Seconded by Councilman Marx. Voting Yea: Councilman Marx, Venier, Considine, Marshall, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried.**

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2018 YTD FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Councilman Marx moved to approve the January 2018 YTD financial summary. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Voting Yea: Councilman Marx, Venier, Considine, Marshall, 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 \$206,222,10 be approved and ordered paid. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Voting Yea: Councilman Marx, Venier, Considine, Marshall, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried..**

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ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER REPORT

Asst. City Manager, Matt Heckman thanked the Public Works team for taking care of the snow. He also thanked Sharri Miller for taking care of the Airport Leases. He mentioned that the proposed renovations to City Hall are still being worked on. He mourned the passing of Eddie Ryan.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Arellano – He mentioned that it looks as if the 2% sales tax fee is going to stick. He is planning to attend the IML lobby day; is looking to hold a NIMA meeting in June or October; stated there were discussions at the NIMA meeting about fire and police pension reform; mentioned that he is expecting baby #4; and has received some complaints about snowmobilers.

Councilman Venier – Isaiah Roby, graduate of Dixon High School, plays basketball for Nebraska and is playing tonight; February is black history month and he would like to recognize Anne Davis for her service to the incarcerated.

Councilman Considine – Members of the community would like to have a committee with respect to Christmas decorations.

Councilman Marshall – Wondered if budget meetings would be held on the off Monday's; River is up 3-4 feet – make sure docks are strapped down; asked if the City should look at having a mascot.

VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENT

Margaret Tyne, from the Next Picture Show, thanked the Council for their support. She stated that she has no objections to the amendment of the Liquor Code. She thanked Attorney LeSage for his work.

ORD# 3081 – LICENSE CLASSIFICATION FOR NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATIONS

Councilman Venier moved to amend City Code Title V, Chapter 13 (License Classification for not for profit corporations be passed. Seconded by Councilman Marshall. Attorney LeSage said a new class "O" license was created for 501(c)(3) not-for-profits. It limits the sale to 30 hours per month and will not allow video gaming on the premises. Discussion ensued with respect to the cost of the license. Margaret Tyne, from The Next Picture Show, said the lower fee is a help for them. Voting Yea: Councilman Marx, Venier, Considine, and Marshall. Voting Nay: Mayor Arellano. **Motion Carried.**

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SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT & RELEASE WITH WILLETT HOFFMAN & ASSOCIATES

Councilman Marshall moved to approve the Settlement Agreement and release between the City of Dixon and Willett Hoffman and Associates. Seconded by Councilman Considine. Attorney LeSage said that the City entered into an MOU this past fall with respect to infrastructure projects. The first project is completed and the second project is just about complete. This agreement completes the process. Voting Yea: Councilman Marx, Venier, Considine, Marshall, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried.**

HIRING OF AN ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEE

Public Works Director Matt Heckman reviewed the action plan for hiring an additional employee to the Public Works Team. Councilman Marx moved to approve the hiring of one additional employee in the Streets Division of Public Works. Seconded by Councilman Marshall. Voting Yea: Councilman Marx, Venier, Considine, Marshall, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried.**

EXTENSION OF REAL ESTATE AGREEMENT WITH DIMCO

Attorney LeSage said that the original contract had 180 day due diligence. It was then extended to a year. The City needs a little more time and is asking for 90 more days. Counsel for the sellers has no objections. Councilman Considine moved to approve an extension of the real estate agreement with Dixon Iron Metal Company. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Voting Yea: Councilman Marx, Venier, Considine, Marshall, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried.**

EXTENSION OF REAL ESTATE AGREEMENT WITH WILLIAM PITCHFORD

Councilman Venier moved to approve an extension of the real estate agreement with William Pitchford. Seconded by Councilman Marshall. Voting Yea: Councilman Marx, Venier, Considine, Marshall, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Marshall moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Tuesday, February 20 2018, be adjourned to meet in Regular Session on Monday, March 5, 2018 at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Seconded by Councilman Considine. Voting Yea: Councilman Marx, Venier, Considine, Marshall, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

CITY CLERK