

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL
MONDAY, MAY 16, 2011
6:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Burke. Commissioners Brechon, Considine, Kuhn, Blackburn and Mayor Burke answered the Roll Call. The Pledge of Allegiance was cited.

WELCOME 8TH GRADERS – GOVERNMENT DAY

Commissioner Blackburn welcomed the 8th graders and announced this is the 17th year for Government Day. He also added that St. Anne's could not attend tonight as they had a field trip. Commissioner Blackburn thanked all the City employees and the children for their participation in this event.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Kuhn moved that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, May 2, 2011 and the minutes from the Special Council Meeting of Monday, May 9, 2011 be accepted and placed on file. Voting Yea: Commissioners Brechon, Considine, Kuhn, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TOTAL LABOR & OUTSIDE CLAIMS

Commissioner Blackburn moved that the City of Dixon's Total Labor & Outside Claims in the amount of \$801,962.49 be approved and ordered paid. Voting Yea: Commissioners Brechon, Considine, Kuhn, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Commissioner Brechon stated she has been meeting with department heads and her talks regarding part-time summer help is still a work in progress.

Commissioner Kuhn read a prepared statement regarding the repair of 40 city blocks of streets this summer. He advised it will be the north and south sides of the river and work will commence after bids are received in June.

Commissioner Blackburn advised he handed out to the Council prior to the meeting information for the fire department grant history, an equipment listing and one financing option for the purchase of the aerial truck.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORTS

Mayor Burke reported the Budget & Treasurer's Report of April, 2011 and the Library Board Minutes of April 11, 2011 were on file with the Clerk and available for inspection.

ORD. #2823 – FRANCHISE AGREEMENT – CITY/NICOR

Commissioner Considine moved that an Ordinance authorizing Nicor Gas Company, its successors and assigns, to construct, operate and maintain a gas distributing system in and through the City of Dixon, Illinois be passed. Discussion followed. Attorney Branson advised this is a 50-year agreement to replace the last 50-year agreement with Nicor and it is non-exclusive. After no further comments, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Brechon, Considine, Kuhn, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

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ORD. – AMENDING CODE 1-5-11 & 7-1-2(B)

Commissioner Kuhn moved that an Ordinance amending the Dixon City Code Title I, Chapter 5, Section 1-5-11 and Title VII, Chapter 1, Section 7-1-2(B) be passed. Discussion followed. Attorney Branson stated this ordinance would place the Building Department back under the Mayor's jurisdiction instead of the Police & Fire Commissioner's. Commissioner Considine stated he does not agree with this move. Commissioner Blackburn stated the Building Department was once under the Mayor but changed due to this department and the Fire Department working closely together on inspections. Commissioner Brechon advised she took the personalities out of the equation but added integrity before deciding on her vote. Commissioner Kuhn stated he has spent two weeks thinking about this issue and stated trust needs to be put into the hands of the citizens. Mayor Burke read a prepared statement, citing the Building Department needs to have a positive attitude as this reflects on economic development for Dixon. After no further comments, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioner Brechon and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: Commissioners Considine, Kuhn and Blackburn. **Motion lost 3-2.**

AWARD BID – FIRE DEPT. AERIAL PLATFORM TRUCK

Commissioner Considine moved that the bid for the purchase of the Fire Department Aerial Platform Truck be awarded to Alexis Fire Equipment, Alexis, Illinois, for their bid in the amount of \$827,035.00. Discussion followed. Commissioner Kuhn asked about available financing and Commissioner Blackburn advised on Page 3 of the handout there are 4 options outlined to finance the \$427,000 balance. He stated a 3-year payment plan option would be at 2.31% interest, a 5-year at 2.95%, a 7-year at 3.55% and a 10-year at 4.12%. Commissioner Blackburn also advised he is investigating a local financing option which could produce better interest rates. After no further discussion, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Considine and Blackburn. Voting Nay: Commissioners Brechon, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. **Motion lost 3-2.**

PRESENTATION – PUBLIC WORKS

Shawn Ortgiesen, Director of Public Works, along with his Government Day student, Jakob Johnson, gave a PowerPoint presentation and showed all the work that has been accomplished in the City of Dixon through all the public works departments.

PROCLAMATION – “NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK”

Mayor Burke proclaimed the week of May 15, 2011 through May 21, 2011 as “National Public Works Week” in the City of Dixon.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Brechon moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, May 16, 2011 be adjourned to meet in Special Session on Tuesday, May 24, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Voting Yea: Commissioners Brechon, Considine, Kuhn, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Kathe A. Swanson, City Clerk