

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2020  
5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Councilman Venier at 5:15 pm. The meeting was held electronically, due to Governor Pritzker's Stay at Home Order.

ROLL CALL

Councilman Oros, Venier, Considine and Marshall answered roll call. The Pledge of Allegiance was cited and the invocation was given by Councilman Oros.

PUBLIC HEARING

Councilman Venier opened the public hearing at 5:17 pm on Monday, April 27, 2020. He then asked City Manager Danny Langloss to lead the public hearing.

City Manager Langloss noted that the purpose of the public hearing is to satisfy the resident participation requirements under the Downstate Small Business Stabilization Program. The Downstate Small Business Stabilization Program has been established by the State of Illinois to provide grants of working capital funds to a community's businesses that are economically impacted by the COVID-19 virus. Funds are available for 60 days of working capital up to a grant ceiling of \$25,000 for an individual business. A total of twenty million dollars is available under the Program, which is administered by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. The City is filing 17 separate applications for local businesses for grants totaling \$309,916.

City Manager Langloss advised that notice of the public hearing was published in The Dixon Telegraph on April 18, 2020, which date is more than seven days prior to the date of the public hearing.

City Manager Langloss further advised that all applications have been available for public inspection as of April 18, 2020. Information for inspecting applications was provided in the notice of the public hearing. Additionally, residents may contact the City Clerk at (815) 288-6995 if they would like to access a copy of any of the applications. Copies will be emailed upon request.

City Manager Langloss further advised that the notice of the public hearing provided that persons with disabilities or non-English speaking persons who needed assistance to attend the public hearing could contact the City for assistance. The City did not receive any requests for such assistance.

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City Manager Langloss further advised that the City is required to maintain a sign-in sheet to document attendance at the public hearing. City Manager Langloss noted that the following elected officials and City Staff are present at the meeting either electronically or in person:

Councilman Mike Venier, who is also the temporary chairman  
Councilwoman Mary Oros  
Councilman Ryan Marshall  
Councilman Dennis Considine  
City Manager Danny Langloss  
City Clerk Keesha Blumhoff  
City Treasurer Becky Fredericks  
City IT Director Allen Philhower  
Facebook Coordinator Zach Hill  
City Attorney Rob LeSage

City Manager Langloss noted the sign-in sheet is also required to contain the names and addresses of any other persons attending the public hearing whether in person or electronically. City Manager Langloss noted that no other persons are attending the meeting in person at City Hall. City Manager Langloss further invited all persons attending the meeting electronically to forward their name and address to the City via the Facebook Live comment portal for the sign-in sheet. Sign in was allowed throughout the public hearing.

With respect to the individual applications, City Manager Langloss noted that there are 17 applications, as follows:

1. Wings and More requesting \$14,000. These funds will provide working capital for the business, including payroll assistance benefitting 3 employees.
2. Travel Consultants of Dixon requesting \$11,000. These funds will provide working capital for the business, including payroll assistance benefitting 4 employees.
3. Heartland Realty requesting \$25,000. These funds will provide working capital for the business, including payroll assistance benefitting 2 employees.
4. Quick Quality Signs requesting \$5,000. These funds will provide working capital for the business, including payroll assistance benefitting 1 employee.
5. Morrissey Properties of Illinois requesting \$12,800. These funds will provide working capital for the business, including payroll assistance benefitting 1 employee.
6. Ennoble Enterprises requesting \$7,580. These funds will provide working capital for the business, including payroll assistance benefitting 1 employee.

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7. Dixon Builder's Supply, Ltd. requesting \$25,000. These funds will provide working capital for the business, including payroll assistance benefitting 2 employees.
8. Johnson Chiropractic requesting \$25,000. These funds will provide working capital for the business, including payroll assistance benefitting 6 employees.
9. Michael Mathewson, DDS requesting \$19,180. These funds will provide working capital for the business, including payroll assistance benefitting 2 employees.
10. Drive Safe Driving School requesting \$5,000. These funds will provide working capital for the business, including payroll assistance benefitting 2 employees.
11. 12. Baker Street requesting \$16,116. These funds will provide working capital for the business, including payroll assistance benefitting 5 employees.
12. Bird Realty requesting \$25,000. These funds will provide working capital for the business, including payroll assistance benefitting 2 employees.
13. DNR Electric of Illinois requesting \$25,000. These funds will provide working capital for the business, including payroll assistance benefitting 4 employees.
14. Dixon Glass Company requesting \$25,000. These funds will provide working capital for the business, including payroll assistance benefitting 6 employees.
15. Vegas Sun requesting \$19,240. These funds will provide working capital for the business, including payroll assistance benefitting 5 employees.
16. Kaleel's requesting \$25,000. These funds will provide working capital for the business, including payroll assistance benefitting 6 employees.
17. Arthur's Garden Delicatessen, Inc. requesting \$25,000. These funds will provide working capital for the business, including payroll assistance benefitting 19 employees.

City Manager Langloss stated that all of these businesses are vital to Dixon's economy and the employment of its residents and, for those reasons, the City strongly supports the filing of these applications for grant funds. The loss of these businesses will negatively impact employment opportunities, lead to excessive vacancies in the downtown and other business centers within the City, reduce the availability of goods, services and activities that are important to our residents, and significantly reduce sales taxes and gaming revenues which fund important City programs. The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity is urged to approve these applications.

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City Manager Langloss further advised that the public hearing requirements also mandate a discussion of the City's community development and housing needs. City Manager Langloss noted that the support and preservation of the City's small business community during the COVID-19 crisis is the City's primary community development need and thus the focus of City administration and staff. The small business community is the foundation of the City's economic and social life. The City also remains focused on the development of Viaduct Point as a hotel, retail and recreational center, the development of the I-88 corridor as a retail and manufacturing center, and the construction of a community bike and walking path with the proceeds of the ITEP grant. All of these projects will be facilitated by the preservation of the City's small business community. Additionally, the City is actively exploring ways to enhance the role of the Dixon Airport as a driver of economic and social activities and to provide needed infrastructure upgrades to other areas of the City containing retail and manufacturing centers. With respect to housing, the City has previously identified the greater availability of low and moderate priced single-family homes as the primary housing need within the City. The City is in the process of identifying areas of the City that are amenable to such housing activities and will consider annexation of real estate to the City where appropriate. In furtherance of these community development and housing needs, the City has previously established tax increment financing districts and will consider establishing additional tax increment financing districts and making economic development incentives available where reasonably necessary.

City Manager Langloss further advised that this is the part of the public hearing where the public is invited to comment on any of the applications.

Visitor/Public Comments During the Public Hearing:

City Manager Langloss that is no one present in person at the public hearing who wished to comment.

City Manager Langloss then asked if there was anyone participating electronically at the public hearing who wished to comments. Such persons were invited to submit comments via the Facebook Live comment portal. City Manager Langloss allowed two and a half minutes for persons to submit comments. The following people commented with a summary of their comments following their names:

[Sue Stefanowicz](#) · Thank you for all you and our frontline workers do! And for staying safe while holding Council meetings that updates and includes all who wish to hear!

[Ted Hvarre](#) · I would like to thank the city for taking the lead on this and helping our local companies ted Hvarre 1913 West Leopard Dr. Dixon

There being no further public comment, City Manager Langloss advised Councilman Venier that the public hearing could be closed.

At 5:49 pm, Councilman Venier noted that the public hearing is deemed closed.

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VISITOR / PUBLIC COMMENTS

From Facebook:

**Suzanne Bollman** · You can buy and donate a hope bag at County Market and they deliver it to the food pantry. They cost is \$4.75

**Shelly Toler Franz** · Best city council meeting ever.

**Nancy Spartz** · Great example of social distancing

**DeeAnn Wirtz Wendt** · It's \$5.03 with the tax. 😊

**Brian Boehme** · Thank you for the pledge

**Ted Hvarre** · Ted Hvarre, Hello all!

**Cheryl Near** · Hi John Hoyle!

**Jim Magnafici** · Jim Magnafici watching.

**Cheryl Near** · Hi Mike!

**Efren Silva** · Thank dixson

**Cindy Beeman** · Hello

**Cindy Beeman** · First timer

**Brian Boehme** · Hello

RES# 2780-20 – SMALL BUSINESS STABILIZATION PROGRAM  
 WINGS AND MORE

Councilman Marshall moved to approve the Resolution of Support for Wings and More. Seconded by Councilman Oros. Voting Yea: Oros, Venier, Considine, and Marshall. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried.**

RES# 2781-20 – SMALL BUSINESS STABILIZATION PROGRAM  
 TRAVEL CONSULTANTS

Councilman Oros moved to approve the Resolution of Support for Travel Consultants. Seconded by Councilman Considine. Voting Yea: Oros, Venier, Considine, and Marshall. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried.**

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RES# 2782-20 – SMALL BUSINESS STABILIZATION PROGRAM  
HEARTLAND REALTY

Councilman Considine moved to approve the Resolution of Support Heartland Realty. Seconded by Councilman Oros. Voting Yea: Oros, Venier, Considine, and Marshall. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried.**

RES# 2783-20 – SMALL BUSINESS STABILIZATION PROGRAM  
QUICK QUALITY SIGNS

Councilman Oros moved to approve the Resolution of Support for Quick Quality Signs. Seconded by Councilman Marshall. Voting Yea: Oros, Venier, Considine, and Marshall. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried.**

RES# 2784-20 – SMALL BUSINESS STABILIZATION PROGRAM  
MORRISSEY PROPERTIES

Councilman Marshall moved to approve the Resolution of Support for Morrissey Properties. Seconded by Councilman Considine. Voting Yea: Oros, Venier, Considine, and Marshall. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried.**

RES# 2785-20 – SMALL BUSINESS STABILIZATION PROGRAM  
ENNOBLE ENTERPRISES

Councilman Considine moved to approve the Resolution of Support for Ennoble Enterprises. Seconded by Councilman Marshall. Voting Yea: Oros, Venier, Considine, and Marshall. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried.**

RES# 2786-20 – SMALL BUSINESS STABILIZATION PROGRAM  
DIXON BUILDER'S SUPPLY, LTD

Councilman Oros moved to approve the Resolution of Support for Dixon Builder's Supply, Ltd. Seconded by Councilman Marshall. Voting Yea: Oros, Venier, Considine, and Marshall. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried.**

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JOHNSON CHIROPRACTIC

Councilman Marshall moved to approve the Resolution of Support for Johnson Chiropractic. Seconded by Councilman Oros. Voting Yea: Oros, Venier, Considine, and Marshall. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried.**

RES# 2788-20 – SMALL BUSINESS STABILIZATION PROGRAM  
MICHAEL MATHEWSON, DDS.

Councilman Considine moved to approve the Resolution of Support for Michael Mathewson, DDS. Seconded by Councilman Marshall. Voting Yea: Oros, Venier, Considine, and Marshall. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried.**

RES# 2789-20 – SMALL BUSINESS STABILIZATION PROGRAM  
DRIVE SAFE DRIVING SCHOOL

Councilman Oros moved to approve the Resolution of Support for Drive Safe Driving School. Seconded by Councilman Considine. Voting Yea: Oros, Venier, Considine, and Marshall. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried.**

RES# 2790-20 – SMALL BUSINESS STABILIZATION PROGRAM  
BAKER STREET

Councilman Oros moved to approve the Resolution of Support for Baker Street. Seconded by Councilman Marshall. Voting Yea: Oros, Venier, Considine, and Marshall. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried.**

RES# 2791-20 – SMALL BUSINESS STABILIZATION PROGRAM  
BIRD REALTY

Councilman Marshall moved to approve the Resolution of Support for Bird Realty. Seconded by Councilman Considine. Voting Yea: Oros, Venier, Considine, and Marshall. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried.**

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DNR ELECTRIC

Councilman Considine moved to approve the Resolution of Support for DNR Electric. Seconded by Councilman Marshall. Voting Yea: Oros, Venier, Considine, and Marshall. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried.**

RES# 2793-20 – SMALL BUSINESS STABILIZATION PROGRAM  
DIXON GLASS COMPANY

Councilman Oros moved to approve the Resolution of Support for Dixon Glass Company. Seconded by Councilman Marshall. Voting Yea: Oros, Venier, Considine, and Marshall. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried.**

RES# 2794-20 – SMALL BUSINESS STABILIZATION PROGRAM  
VEGAS SUN

Councilman Marshall moved to approve the Resolution of Support for Vegas Sun. Seconded by Councilman Oros. Voting Yea: Oros, Venier, Considine, and Marshall. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried.**

RES# 2795-20 – SMALL BUSINESS STABILIZATION PROGRAM  
KALEEL'S

Councilman Considine moved to approve the Resolution of Support for Kaleel's. Seconded by Councilman Oros. Voting Yea: Oros, Venier, Considine, and Marshall. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried.**

RES# 2796-20 – SMALL BUSINESS STABILIZATION PROGRAM  
ARTHUR'S GARDEN DELICATESSEN, INC.

Councilman Oros moved to approve the Resolution of Support for Arthur's Garden Delicatessen, Inc. Seconded by Councilman Marshall. Voting Yea: Oros, Venier, Considine, and Marshall. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Marshall moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, April 27, 2020 be adjourned to meet in Regular Session on Monday, May 4, 2020, at 5:30pm with electronic



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participation in the Council Chambers at City Hall or electronically. Seconded by Councilman Considine. Voting Yea: Oros, Venier, Considine, and Marshall. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:02 pm.

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CITY CLERK