

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2020
5:30 P.M.

REMOTE MEETING DECLARATION

On Thursday, October 29, 2020, Mayor Arellano declared that the in-person regularly scheduled City Council meeting for November 2, 2020, is not practical or prudent because of the COVID-19 pandemic and the Tier 2 Resurgence Mitigations ordered by Governor Pritzker for Lee County.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Arellano at 5:32pm.

ROLL CALL

Councilman Oros, Venier, Considine, Marshall, and Mayor Arellano answered roll call. It was then verified that each person could hear the discussion, all confirmed.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was cited and the invocation was given by Reverend Wayne Epps from Calvary Baptist Church.

****MOVED UP****

PUBLIC/VISITOR COMMENT

The presenters were admitted to the zoom meeting. John Guevara the account executive for Lucky Street Gaming presented on behalf of the State of Illinois gas stations for a pour license for video gaming in the City of Dixon.

****MEETING PAUSED****

There were some technical difficulties and the meeting was paused for about five minutes. City Manager Langloss explained what had transpired prior to the new session opening, and the meeting went back in session.

PUBLIC/VISITOR COMMENT – Continued

John Guevara from Lucky Street Gaming continued his presentation on behalf of gas stating requesting video gaming licenses. Discussion ensued.

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Mayor Arellano introduced the next presenter and a background on his request. Brick Boss presented his concept for a new wine bar on the north side of town which he would need a license added. *Mr. Boss lost connection, and was reconnected and continued his presentation. Discussion ensued.

WORK SESSION

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Marshall moved that the minutes of the Regular Session Council Meeting of Monday, October 19, 2020 and Special Session Council Meetings of Monday, October 26, 2020; be accepted and placed on file. Seconded by Councilman Oros. Voting Yea: Oros, Venier, Considine, Marshall, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

APPROVAL OF TOTAL LABOR AND OUTSIDE CLAIMS

Councilman Oros moved that the Total Labor and Outside Claims in the amount of \$577,126.34 be approved and ordered paid. Seconded by Councilman Considine. Voting Yea: Oros, Venier, Considine, Marshall, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

None

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Langloss is part of the CEO program through Whiteside with Councilman Venier, last year he had presented at the program throughout the year. He has sent a document to the council regarding the retreat that he will be getting information out to the community from.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Arellano – Recognized County Board Member Tim Deem and condolences to his family. Friendly reminder that tomorrow is election day, please be heard. Got an update that the residential study will be done. Planning on an ordinance amendment for the liquor licenses next meeting 5-10% increases again and discussed the impact of the increase. The meeting schedule going forward, probably through the end of the year, will be zoom meetings, the council chambers will remain open to the public. He revisited the banquet license; he will be in contact

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with the applicant there were a few code questions and specifics, the process will start to add a new license if the council has a consensus. Update on the TIF, the process is still moving forward has gotten positive feedback. Would like for the City to look at the current policies on when and how information is put on social media, discussion ensued.

Councilman Considine – None

Councilman Marshall – Tim Deem was a mentor to him when he was on the County Board, he was a gentle soul who loved helping people, he was truly a really good guy. Voting, if you haven't already vote.

Councilman Oros – There is still funding available through the second round of city grants, can apply online at dixonprepared, it is first come first serve until funds are exhausted. There is still funding available in the CARES act for downstate communities, if you feel you fit the criteria you should apply. COVID numbers still continue to climb, there are pleas from the medical and health departments to practice safety precautions, please wear a face mask, support your neighbor, support your community. It takes us all being together to do that.

Councilman Venier – He has been part of the CEO program and thanked Emily Zimmerman. It is so rewarding to see young people with great ideas and leadership qualities willing to make a difference. He is glad to be a mentor this year. The election is tomorrow good luck to candidates of Dixon who make our community priority. This is a great community, we are all in this together, work together, come together, support starting businesses, Dixon is a great community.

BOARD & COMMISSIONS REPORTS

Reports on file: Plan Commission Meeting Minutes.

VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENT

None at this time, will check later in the meeting.

RES# 2828-20 – AMENDING 2020/2021 BUDGET – FIRE OVERTIME

City Manager Langloss explained the request and discussion ensued. Councilman Considine moved to approve the amendment to the FY20/21 budget with respect to Fire Overtime. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Voting Yea: Oros, Venier, Considine, Marshall, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

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PLACE ON FILE THE 2020 TAX LEVY ORDINANCE

Mayor Arellano explained the request and discussion ensued. Councilman Venier moved that an Ordinance for the levy of taxes for the corporate purposes of the City of Dixon, Lee County, Illinois for the calendar year 2020 be placed on file. Seconded by Councilman Marshall. Voting Yea: Oros, Venier, Considine, Marshall, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

REFER A PETITION FOR VARIANCE FROM DAVID AND CHRISTINE BLACKBURN
TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Mayor Arellano explained the request. Councilman Venier moved to refer the petition for variance on behalf of petitioners David & Christine Blackburn 1015 Idlewild Drive to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Seconded by Councilman Oros. Voting Yea: Oros, Venier, Considine, Marshall, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENT

Ted Hvarre- Can we resubmit the info from the first round. To second round Mary. If so how do we do it. I was determined to be essential. So was not accepted in the first round. Discussion ensued.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Marshall moved that the Council Meeting of Monday, November 2, 2020; meet in Executive Session to discuss purchase and sale of real property by the City pursuant to Section 2(c)(5) and Section 2(c)(6) of the Open Meetings Act. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Voting Yea: Oros, Venier, Considine, Marshall, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

COMMENT

City Manager Langloss and Mayor Arellano explained to the citizens that the meeting will end on Facebook Live and we will not resume the live feed after the executive session. No discussion will ensue and no action will be taken other than adjourning the meeting.

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RECONVENE

Councilman Oros moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, November 2, 2020 reconvene into Open Session. Seconded by Councilman Considine. Voting Yea: Oros, Venier, Considine, Marshall, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

ADJOURMENT

Councilman Considine moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, November 2, 2020 be adjourned to meet in Regular Session on Monday, November 16, 2020, at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall by Zoom. Seconded by Councilman Marshall. Voting Yea: Oros, Venier, Considine, Marshall, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 7:18pm.

CITY CLERK