

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2020
5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Arellano at 5:31pm.

ROLL CALL

Councilman Marshall, Oros, Venier, Considine, and Mayor Arellano answered roll call.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was cited and the invocation was given by Councilman Oros.

OATH OF OFFICE

Police Chief Howell introduced Officer Kylian Lally. Mayor Arellano gave the oath of office to Officer Kylian Lally. Officer Lally introduced his family and pictures were taken.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Arellano introduced the Public Hearing. Andy Shaw from Lee Ogle Enterprise Zone opened the public hearing at 5:39pm. He and Jason Anderson explained the New Tier Incentive to the tax abatement and the process that will be requested. Discussion ensued. Public comment was taken, no public comment in person. Public comments from Facebook that were in response to the original comment asking for public comment were as follows:

Ted Hvarre – Ted Hvarre Dixon IL Does the 100Mil amount need to be new capital or does the real estate purchase of an existing factory building count towards that or does it all need to be new

Ted Hvarre – also dies retention of jobs count towards the 125 min jobs

Ted Hvarre – ok thank you who checks that

Ted Hvarre – Who does the check and balance of the capital investment and jobs in the future

Discussion ensued regarding the public comment. The Public hearing was closed at 6:07pm.

WORK SESSION

Mayor Arellano reviewed the descriptions, restrictions and language of the possible ordinance. Discussion ensued.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Marshall moved that the minutes of the Regular Session Council Meeting of Monday, December 7, 2020; be accepted and placed on file. Seconded by Councilman Oros. Voting Yea: Marshall, Oros, Venier, Considine, 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 \$2,113,823,48 be approved and ordered paid. Seconded by Councilman Considine. Discussion ensued. Voting Yea: Marshall, Oros, Venier, Considine, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIALS

Councilman Considine moved that the year-to-date Financial Summary through November 2020 be accepted. Seconded by Councilman Marshall. Voting Yea: Marshall, Oros, Venier, Considine, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

None

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Langloss – Received phone calls from the representative who presented at a previous council meeting regarding the gas stations in town who requested a license for gaming. Asked the Council for feedback, and discussion ensued. No answer at this time.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Arellano – Merry Christmas, we are going into this holiday season in a much better situation than the last. His condolences go out to all who will not have their loved ones with them this holiday season. People around here are already getting the vaccine. Our numbers are going in the right direction.

Councilman Considine – Thanked the mayor, councilmen, administration, and team members for their hard work all year long under very difficult conditions, crowning glory is how beautiful the city looks, it is heartwarming. Don't be complacent, our numbers are good, passed on his

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blessing and be careful this season. We need to have a January 4 meeting; the liquor gaming license can be good time to have conversation. Hope everyone in the city and all of my fellow workers have a glorious holiday season.

Councilman Marshall – Merry Christmas to all. Grant program is still going, if you haven't applied yet, send in immediately. Checks need to be cut by end of the year. Brought an idea to the council regarding \$10 gift certificates for residents if they spend a certain amount at a business intown, discussion ensued. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, enjoy it.

Councilman Oros – Small Business Grant is available, clarified eligibility. Find the application at dixonprepared.com, complete and send to city hall as soon as possible.

Councilman Venier – Thank you to Chief Buskohl and the fire department for driving Santa around town this past week, a lot of positive feedback. Three shopping days left till Christmas, get out and support your local businesses. Hopefully say good bye to 2020 and keep a positive spirit as we go into 2021. God Bless and Merry Christmas good things are ahead for the City of Dixon. So proud of the things that the council has accomplished through all of this, our staff is second to none and this community showing its support and its care for each other supporting your local businesses supporting each other, there are so many random acts of kindness that are happening in our community that don't get brought to the forefront it's just great to be a part of this great community and I really look forward to 2021.

City Attorney LeSage – Reported to the Council that Congress is considering re-upping the payroll protection loans, the PPP loans, as written in Senate compromised legislation specifics are narrowly tailored toward business who show impact, but designed for small businesses. Anticipate if approved, increased unemployment benefits along with PPP, hopefully residents and businesses will see something soon. Merry Christmas everybody.

BOARD & COMMISSIONS REPORTS

Reports on File: Building Department Report

VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments from Facebook that were in response to the original comment asking for public comment were as follows:

Tim Carlson – Here

Tim Carlson – Are all the station sin town Expressing interest in adding gaming.

Tim Carlson – How does that effect residents who live in the country with Dixon addresses.???

Suzanne Bollman – I like the idea of gift certificates

Tim Carlson – My second comment is about the gift card

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Suzanne Bollman – A lot of people might not be able to spend \$50. Especially single income people or people hurt by the pandemic financially.

Suzanne Bollman – I would volunteer to help this get done.

Tim Carlson – I will help.

Suzanne Bollman – Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. God bless this council for caring about all the citizens of Dixon.

Mayor addressed the comments.

ORD# 3220 – AUTHORIZING A VARIANCE PURSUANT TO THE PETITION OF
 DAVID AND CHRISTINE BLACKBURN 1015 IDLEWILD DRIVE, DIXON, ILLINOIS

Building Official Shipman explained the request. Councilman Venier moved to approve the ordinance for a variance from the rear yard setback requirement from 30 feet to 15 feet. Seconded by Councilman Marshall. Discussion ensued. Voting Yea: Marshall, Oros, Venier, Considine, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

ORD# 3221 – AUTHORIZING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT
 BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF DIXON AND
 DIXON COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 170

City Manager Langloss explained the request and discussion ensued. Councilman Marshall moved to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement by and between the City of Dixon and Dixon Community Unit School District No. 170. Seconded by Councilman Oros. Voting Yea: Marshall, Oros, Venier, Considine, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

Building Official Shipman explained the budget resolution regarding Building and Zoning Repairs. Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager Heckman explained the budget resolution regarding the Cemetery. City Manager Langloss explained the budget resolution for the fire department, discussion ensued.

RES# 2834-20 – AMENDING 2020-2021 BUDGET
 BUILDING AND ZONING REPAIRS

Councilman Oros moved to approve the resolution amending the FY20/21 budget with respect to the Building and Zoning Department Budget. Seconded by Councilman Considine. Voting Yea: Marshall, Oros, Venier, Considine, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

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RES# 2835-20 – AMENDING 2020-2021 BUDGET
 CEMETERY

Councilman Considine moved to approve the resolution amending the FY20/21 budget with respect to the Cemetery and Public Properties. Seconded by Councilman Marshall. Voting Yea: Marshall, Oros, Venier, Considine, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

RES# 2836-20 – AMENDING 2020-2021 BUDGET
 FIRE DEPARTMENT

Councilman Venier moved to approve the resolution amending the FY20/21 budget with respect to the Fire Department. Seconded by Councilman Marshall. Voting Yea: Marshall, Oros, Venier, Considine, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

APPROVAL OF THE FY 19/20 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Mayor Arellano spoke on the motion and City Manager Langloss explained the request, and discussion ensued. Councilman Oros moved to approve the FY 19/20 Audited Financial Statements. Seconded by Councilman Considine. Voting Yea: Marshall, Oros, Venier, Considine, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENT

City Clerk addressed that if a public comment is not in reply to the original comment, it will not be addressed during the meeting. Public comments from Facebook that were in response to the original comment asking for public comment were as follows:

Tim Carlson – You all do an awesome job god bless you and Merry Christmas.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Marshall moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, December 21, 2020 be adjourned to meet in Regular Session on Monday, January 4, 2021, at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall by electronic means. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Voting Yea: Marshall, Oros, Venier, Considine, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.

CITY CLERK