

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2021
5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Arellano at 5:33pm.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was cited and the invocation was given by Father Timothy Draper, St. Anne's Church.

WORK SESSION

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Marshall moved that the minutes of the Regular Session Council Meeting of Monday, January 4, 2021; be accepted and placed on file. Seconded by Councilman Oros. Voting Yea: Venier, Considine, Marshall, Oros, 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 \$176,908.70 be approved and ordered paid. Seconded by Councilman Considine. Voting Yea: Venier, Considine, Marshall, Oros, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIALS

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

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Snow removal- done a great job. Record few complaints this year. Things are going great.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Langloss – Still working with the developer with the gateway project, conversations going well. More meetings to come. Annexation agreements are being worked on for that area, approximately 400 acers. Upcoming budget schedule will be finalized, previous meetings were in the mornings for up to two hours. Mitigation will dictate what we can do, think about in person meetings, virtual, etc. Conversations on when we will open City Hall and Public Safety Building.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Arellano – Mitigations are easing up, Lee County is doing good. Businesses can open up, implore the public to please respect employees, mask up, support and follow Lee County Health Department vaccine rollout. Deeply disappointed and angry watching our US Capital fall to rioters not too long ago. Very disturbing to him, not a problem with the confederate flag, but to see our capitol fall for the first time since 1812, was very hard to see with people storming and legislation force to flee. As a solider it made him very angry. Implore people that is not the solution, getting our country to heal with impacts of the pandemic we don't want to tear apart the institutions that have made us great, if we need to reform them, then let's reform them. Charging through will not heal anything or solve anything. Thank you to Dixonites, our community is coming out of the corona virus era much stronger than other communities because of resiliency as which we have handled it. Time to support the places that have taken on the economic brunt. Solution is to rally around places hurt economically and support them.

Councilman Considine – Looking forward to get back to working face to face in the city council. Thank you for City workers, we are so spoiled with how well they take care of our streets, new streets and how seamlessly they took down the Christmas decorations. Again, they do great work and it is due to our administration and their great leadership. Looking forward for budget meeting in person and doing face to face, more clarity and more confident dealings.

Councilman Marshall – Tier 1 – a lot of restaurants were not prepared for such a big jump, some are not ready to open tomorrow be patient with them they want to help and serve but need to ramp up for that. Proposal he has talked about a couple weeks back, some conversation have come up with some issues that may come up. Hope the snow stays light like it has been, to give the street crews a nice welcome reprieve for the rest of the night.

Councilman Oros – Small business and non-profit second round of PPP program has rolled out; eligibility criteria have been tweaked. This is business saving dollars. Reach out to your lender,

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the Chamber, make sure get the dollars into your hands. The EIDL loan through SBA is also available, another program to look into. Big thumbs up to our City crew, they are rock stars, the roads are looking great their working hard and everyone is pleasant, good job.

Councilman Venier – Hope everyone had a great Martin Luther King Day yesterday. Remind everyone that February is Black History Month. Nominees for the Ike Mercer award are being excepted by myself or City Hall, the award will probably be the second meeting in February. Also recognized Isaiah Roby who has made the starting line up in NBA, Raynor Garage Doors celebrate their 75 years in business, Dr. Joe Welty who has recently retired after 40 plus years in our community, Coach Lyle Bogott great man who we have just lost and business man Ed Miller, and Officer West, Sharp and Scott, their video work they have done for the City and putting a great light on the city and the police force. New welcome signs for the 4 entries to the City.

BOARD & COMMISSIONS REPORTS

Reports on File: Building Department Report, Historical Preservation Meeting Minutes and the Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Minutes.

VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENT

Lori Sheridan was scheduled to speak regarding a liquor license request. She addressed the council to convey her vision for her potential opportunities for business growth for Nichols Green House. She asked to be considered for a full liquor license instead of a banquet license, and went through her business plans with the full license. Discussion ensued.

No public comment in City Hall.

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

Christopher Columbus – Can something please be done about the traffic on Park St. between Galena and 4th Avenue. The speeding traffic to avoid the lights on Galena create a dangerous environment for our neighborhood children. Thank you in advance!

Addressed by Mayor, discussion ensued.

ORD# 3222 – AUTHORIZING A VARIANCE PURSUANT TO THE PETITION OF HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, INC – 1903 CLARK STREET, DIXON, ILLINOIS

Mayor Arellano explained the request. Councilman Venier moved to approve the ordinance for a variance from the rear yard setback requirement from 30 feet to 22 feet. Seconded by Councilman Marshall. Discussion ensued, Brad Hunsberger, President Habitat for Humanity

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spoke on the request. Voting Yea: Venier, Considine, Marshall, Oros, and Mayor Arellano.
 Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

RES# 2837-21 – RE-APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE
 DIXON AIRPORT BOARD

Mayor Arellano explained the request. Councilman Marshall moved that a Resolution confirming the appointment of board members to the Dixon Airport Board David Flenner term ends December 31, 2023; Dan Ruckman term ends December 31, 2025; and Mark Appelquist term ends December 31, 2025; or until their successors are duly appointed and qualified. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Voting Yea: Venier, Considine, Marshall, Oros, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

COMMENTS

Councilman Marshall spoke on board members requirement of living in the city limits. Discussion ensued. Mayor Arellano mentioned that if there are any Dixon residents who are interested in having a voice and having some input, if you are interested please let us know. It is very important for us to have citizen boards and commissions that are active and involved in city government providing some oversight and recommendations because all of those eyes on city government is much more effective than just the five of us. Please let me know or reach out to a council member if interested in serving on a board. Discussion continued.

RES# 2838-21 – APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE
 VETERANS' MEMORIAL PARK COMMISSION

Councilman Oros moved that a Resolution confirming the appointment of board members to the Veterans Memorial Park Commission – Rod Harrington and Roger Willey terms ending September 30, 2021. Seconded by Councilman Marshall. Discussion ensued. Voting Yea: Venier, Considine, Marshall, Oros, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A REPLACEMENT SQUAD CAR

Police Chief Howell addressed the street complaint (from visitor comment) will be added to their list. He then explained the request, and discussion ensued. Councilman Considine moved to approve the purchase of one (1) – 2021 Jeep Grand Cherokee from Ken Nelson Auto Plaza for a total purchase price of \$33,180.00. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Voting Yea: Venier, Considine, Marshall, Oros, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

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APPROVAL OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF DIXON
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AIRPORT PERIMETER FENCE PROJECT

Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager Heckman explained this and the next request, and discussion ensued. Councilman Venier moved to approve the Intergovernmental agreement with the City of Dixon and Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for the Airport Perimeter Fence Project. Seconded by Councilman Oros. Voting Yea: Venier, Considine, Marshall, Oros, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

APPROVAL OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF DIXON
AND ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (IDOT)
RUNWAY 8/26 REHABILITATION PROJECT

Councilman Marshall moved to approve the Intergovernmental agreement with the City of Dixon and Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for the Runway 8/26 Rehabilitation Project. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Voting Yea: Venier, Considine, Marshall, Oros, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

COMMENTS

Mayor addressed the council on the agenda item request from the Dixon Historic Theatre, and spoke on the agenda process, parliamentary procedures. Who can put something on the agenda, how to put on the agenda and what can be said without being on the agenda. If we do start meeting in person next month, we will want to schedule an executive session for executive session minutes reviews and City Manager evaluation and in person conversation that have been put off. Tentative plan to move back to in person meetings.

VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENT

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Erica Villa – Erica Villa
Tim Carlson – Here

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City Manager let the council know that the Chamber Building was just involved with a hit and run to the building. The City owns the building and are working to get the wall secured. If any one has information on this, please contact the Police Department. Discussion ensued.

Councilman Oros added that Dixon Chamber Commerce and Mainstreet will not be able to host a live Best of Dixon Event. It will be virtual, there are nomination forms out there. Please take the time to fill out a form to nominate a person or business. Discussion ensued.

ADJOURMENT

Councilman Oros moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, January 19, 2021 be adjourned to meet in Regular Session on Monday, February 1, 2021, at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall by electronic means, maybe. Seconded by Councilman Marshall. Voting Yea: Venier, Considine, Marshall, Oros, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.

CITY CLERK