

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2021
5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was cited and the invocation was given by Reverend Steve Young, Greater Life Church.

WORK SESSION

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Marshall moved that the minutes of the Regular Session Council Meeting of Monday, January 19, 2021; be accepted and placed on file. Seconded by Councilman Oros. Voting Yea: Considine, Marshall, Oros, Venier, 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 \$1,392,472.20 be approved and ordered paid. Seconded by Councilman Considine. Voting Yea: Considine, Marshall, Oros, Venier, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Building Official Shipman - regarding Dunkin' Donuts special use petition which was already referred to the Planning & Zoning Commission will be at the meeting this month, and will be brought back to the council. Theater building there is a possibility to be purchased, and smaller buildings with potential businesses going in. Discussion ensued. Mayor spoke on the use of force certification law that was passed Dixon already was able to meet that law, copies to each councilmember.

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CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Langloss – Budget meetings are scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00am to 10:00am, and will be broadcast on Facebook live, will be there for people to review, will be sharing the presentation, working on getting the best quality we can for broadcasting. Spoke regarding the budget meetings. The Gateway project is still moving forward finalizing things with the developer. Recognized Officer Anthony Quadraro who passed, spoke on his accomplishments and remembrance of him.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Arellano – working on how to best continue the kind of transparent broadcasting of the meetings, bear with us as we check out different cameras and programs to try to not spend too much money. Will take public comment on Facebook for a little bit longer, but will change to in person comments only. Working on the banquet license, and there is another business who is interested in a bring your own liquor license, he shared a business plan and discussion ensued. Spoke on the workforce housing study with different proposals at an upcoming meeting. He is adding an Executive Session to the meeting regarding employee evaluations. Gave a COVID numbers update. County Market has not acted on their gaming liquor license, will be in contact with them. The people's chamber beautification update work on plans for the walls. He would like an orientation package for incoming council members and would like input on what will need to be in there, for the possibility of new members with this election, discussion ensued. Spoke on the vaccine, that he will get, he is not putting himself in the head of the line; discussion ensued.

Councilman Considine – Complimented the health care workers, when he got his shot they were so kind and hardworking, the process was eye opening. He asked how much money has been spent so far on video equipment for streaming live, discussion ensued. He was watching our Dixon talented basketball player, we don't always give enough credit to our athletic people at the high school who bring these young people to the skill sets that they have, he is a complement to our community and a reflection of the people at the schools and my kudos to them.

Councilman Marshall – Happy that we are live streaming, working on for awhile a great first step for transparency and hopefully in time we can get a really good professional look. Great job Allen. Does this filter down to other boards like planning and zoning adding more transparency to those commissions? Article of the top 50 towns cities in the country for at home working, network; more people could be working remotely how could we help expand the fiber to be a more available option. Received letters from the 8th graders, amazingly well written, regarding Indigenes People's Day, he supports the request. Mayor stated that the City does not celebrate or recognize Columbus Day, and discussion ensued. The roads are doing well, street crews and public works have done a great job.

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Councilman Oros – Acknowledged the dedication and service of Retired Officer Anthony Quadraro in light of his passing, shared sentiments regarding him and their past together. Shared her sincerest condolences to his family and brothers and sisters in red and blue. We need to do better as a community, as a nation, to look at the fact of the increasing mental health and substance abuse. On behalf of all of us, our sincere gratitude to Officer Quadraro.

Councilman Venier – Today begins the Black History Month and we will recognize the Ike Mercer Award. Open for additional nominations. We will present the award at the February 16th meeting. Black History month goes from now until March 1st. Next meeting, he will also present ideas to spruce up the council chambers. Mayor will be celebrating his birthday soon, he will be in his forties by the next meeting, Happy Birthday.

BOARD & COMMISSIONS REPORTS

Reports on File: None

VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENT

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: None at this time.

ORD# 3223 – AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2984 AND LEE OGLE ENTERPRIZE ZONE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Mayor Arellano explained the request. Councilman Considine moved to approve the amendment of Ordinance No. 2984 and Lee Ogle Enterprise Zone Intergovernmental Agreement with respect to the expansion of local incentives and qualifying criteria and terms of property tax abatements. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Lee Ogle Administrator Andy Shaw presented on the request with Jason Anderson from the City of Rochelle, spoke on the request explaining the details. Discussion ensued. Voting Yea: Considine, Marshall, Oros, Venier, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

ORD# 3224 – AMENDING TITLE V, CHAPTER 13, SECTION 5-13-7 (Alcoholic Liquor – Fees)

Mayor Arellano explained the request for this and for motion asking for accommodations for fees due to COVID. Discussion ensued. Councilman Venier moved to approve the amendments to Title V, Chapter 13, Section 5-13-7 (Alcoholic Liquor – Fees). Seconded by Councilman Oros. Voting Yea: Considine, Oros, Venier, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: Councilman Marshall. **Motion Carried**

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****MOVED UP****

APPROVAL OF ACCOMMODATIONS WITH RESPECT TO
LIQUOR LICENSE FEES DUE TO THE IMPACT OF
GOVERNOR’S EXECUTIVE ORDER WITH RESPECT TO COVID-19.

Councilman Marshall read the motion to make sure all understand what they were voting on, discussion ensued. Councilman Marshall moved to approve for the following liquor licenses classes: A, B, C, D, N, & I; which have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and have followed the Governor’s Executive Orders, as ascertained by the liquor commissioner; with respect to the reimbursement of the remaining six (6) months of liquor license fees for FY2021 plus the increase for FY21/22 liquor fees, by issuing a credit to their accounts to apply to the FY21/22 liquor license fees; so long as the license holder is current with all other payments, fees, charges, and taxes due to the City. Seconded by Councilman Oros. Voting Yea: Considine, Marshall, Oros, Venier, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

RES# 2839-21 – AMENDING 2020-2021 BUDGET
AIRPORT MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS

Councilman Oros moved to approve the budget resolution with respect to the airport repairs and maintenance budget line. Seconded by Councilman Considine. Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager Heckman explained the request. Voting Yea: Considine, Marshall, Oros, Venier, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

RES# 2840-21 – RE-APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE
DIXON PLAN COMMISSION

Mayor Arellano explained the request for this and the next reappointment request, and discussion ensued. Councilman Considine moved to re-appoint to the Dixon Plan Commission: Josie Whaley, Spencer Aurand and Tracey Lawton for a term ending August 31, 2023; and Brian Seagren and Kathy Yount for a term ending August 31, 2021; or until their successors are duly appointed and qualified. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Voting Yea: Considine, Marshall, Oros, Venier, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

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RES# 2841-21 – RE-APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Councilman Venier moved to re-appoint to the Zoning Board of Appeals: Ted Hvarre for a term ending June 30, 2022; Reed Nelson for a term ending June 30, 2023; Bob Mezo for a term ending June 30, 2024; and Pat Gorman and Geoff Smith for a term ending June 30, 2025; or until their successors are duly appointed and qualified. Seconded by Councilman Oros. Discussion ensued. Voting Yea: Considine, Oros, Venier, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: Councilman Marshall. **Motion Carried**

APPROVAL OF 2021 STREET CLOSURES FOR
DIXON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MAIN STREET EVENTS

Councilman Marshall moved to approve the 2021 Street Closure request from the Dixon Chamber of Commerce Main Street Events. Seconded by Councilman Oros. Mayor read the events requested and dates, and discussion ensued. Voting Yea: Considine, Marshall, Oros, Venier, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

COMMENTS

Mayor spoke on executive minutes review to have ready to vote on by the first meeting in March, discussion ensued.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Venier moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, February 1, 2021 meet in Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees pursuant to section 2(c)(1) of Open Meetings Act. Seconded by Councilman Oros. Voting Yea: Considine, Marshall, Oros, Venier, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

RECONVENE

Councilman Oros moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, February 1, 2021 reconvene into Open Session. Seconded by Councilman Considine. Voting Yea: Considine, Marshall, Oros, Venier, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

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ADJOURMENT

Councilman Considine moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, February 1, 2021 be adjourned to meet in Special Session on Thursday, February 4, 2021, at 8:00am in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Voting Yea: Considine, Marshall, Oros, Venier, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 7:37pm.

CITY CLERK