

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2021
5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Arellano at 5:30pm.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was cited and the invocation was given by Reverend Dan Bentz, Northside Baptist Church.

HONORING FIREFIGHTER ROGER WAGNER FOR 44 YEARS OF SERVICE

Chief Buskohl congratulated Roger Wagner on his 44 years of service to the Fire Service, gave a background of his service years and different departments he was a part of. He presented him with fire axe mounted plaque. Roger Wagner thanked everyone and has enjoyed his service to the departments. DFD Lieutenant Sean Wagner presented him with a fire shield and thanked him for his service. Small break for pictures and departure.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Arellano presented the City of Dixon Proclamation for the Junior Achievement Day.

WORK SESSION

SVCC's Impact Program – Dr. David Hellmich, SVCC President, EmmaLea Bittner, Assistant to the President and Board of Trustees and Dr. Lori Cortez, Dean of Advancement presented Sauk Valley Community College's Impact Program, and discussion ensued.

Dixon Park District – Duane Long, Executive Director of the Park District addressed the Council regarding the Park District's goals, accomplishments in youth engagement programs and facilities, etc.

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PLACE FY2021/2022 BUDGET ON FILE

Mayor Arellano explained the request. Councilman Marshall moved that the Ordinance for the Operating Budget of the City of Dixon, Lee County, Illinois for the fiscal year 2021/2022 be placed on file. Seconded by Councilman Oros. Discussion ensued. Voting Yea: Venier, Considine, Marshall, Oros and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Oros moved that the minutes of the Regular and Executive Session Council Meetings of Monday, March 1, 2021; be accepted and placed on file. Seconded by Councilman Considine. Voting Yea: Venier, Considine, Marshall, Oros and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

APPROVAL OF TOTAL LABOR AND OUTSIDE CLAIMS

Councilman Considine moved that the Total Labor and Outside Claims in the amount of \$369,038.69 be approved and ordered paid. Seconded by Councilman Marshall. Voting Yea: Venier, Considine, Marshall, Oros and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

APPROVAL OF YEAR TO DATE FINANCIALS

Councilman Venier moved that the year-to-date Financial Summary through February 2021 be accepted. Seconded by Councilman Marshall. Voting Yea: Venier, Considine, Marshall, Oros and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

None

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Langloss – Economic Development agreements and annexations for the Gateway development, discussion ensued.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Arellano – Update on banquet facility liquor license, cork and carry licenses, and Prison gerrymander issue.

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Councilman Considine – Wished everyone Happy St. Patrick’s Day, and get out and vote early.

Councilman Marshall – Polar Plunge for Special Olympics local teams won awards again. Team Shrinkage made up of Dixon Fire and Dixon Police got the Top Law Enforcement team, 12th year. Team Stables top team overall, 6th year. Great job by the street department for our second winter clean up.

Councilman Oros – Kudos to the Finance Director, Heather and Amanda regarding the City Grant program, these ladies knocked it out of the park helping many businesses in the City. Discussion ensued.

Councilman Venier – Petunia Festival concerns with dates and conversations, discussion ensued.

BOARD & COMMISSIONS REPORTS

Reports on File: Veterans’ Memorial Park Meeting Minutes

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:

Ted Hvarre – Can the Guest speakers speak into the mic or speak louder Very hard to hear anyone this evening.

Tim Carlson – Here

Jim Magnafici – Agree with all the great work and dedication to the citizens of Dixon that Mr.Long & his staff have put forth.

Tim Carlson – The audio volume is horrible.

Tim Carlson – I’m confused, Are the band members payed????

Tim Carlson – Is the band shell owned by the city or park district.

Cathy L. James – City of Dixon Illinois Government here, can’t here anything. Suprisingly

Cathy L. James – Tim Carlson yes, \$15 a reh and \$15 a performance. 3+ hours, way less than minimum wage.

Cathy L. James – Tim Carlson owned by the city.

Tim Carlson – I hope we do the festival. I hope we have the biggest parade ever.

Jim Magnafici – Yes to Petunia Fest.

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ORD# 3227 – AMENDING THE LIQUOR CODE IN CONNECTION
WITH THE ROSBROOK STREET FAIR

Mayor Arellano explained the request. Councilman Marshall moved to approve the closure of the 100 block of S. Peoria from noon to 11:30pm on June 12, 2021. Seconded by Councilman Oros. Voting Yea: Venier, Considine, Marshall, Oros and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None.

Motion Carried

ORD# 3228 – AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2984 AND LEE OGLE ENTERPRISE
ZONE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Mayor Arellano explained the request. Councilman Oros moved to approve the ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2984 and Lee Ogle Enterprise Zone Intergovernmental Agreement with respect to adding sites for housing developer in Dixon and Oregon. Seconded by Councilman Considine. Discussion ensued. Voting Yea: Venier, Considine, Marshall, Oros and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

ORD# 3229 – AMENDING TITLE 3, CHAPTER 8, SECTION 3-8-12-1
OF THE DIXON CITY CODE
(WATER MAIN EXTENSIONS AND SUBDIVISION SPECIFICATIONS)

Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager Heckman explained this request. Councilman Considine moved to approve the ordinance amending water main extensions and subdivision specifications. Seconded by Councilman Marshall. Discussion ensued. Voting Yea: Venier, Considine, Marshall, Oros and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

RES# 2847-21 – AMENDING 2020-2021 BUDGET
POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Howell explained the request. Councilman Considine moved to approve the budget resolution with respect to Police Uniforms. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Voting Yea: Venier, Considine, Marshall, Oros and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

RES# 2848-21 – RE-APPOINTMENT OF ED HIGBY TO THE
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Mayor Arellano explained the request, and discussion ensued. Councilman Venier moved to re-appoint Ed Higby to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to end June 30, 2025, or until his respective successor is duly appointed and qualified. Seconded by Councilman Oros. Voting

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APPROVAL OF THE CONDUIT LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
CITY OF DIXON AND BLUE BIRD NETWORK

Building Official explained the request and discussion ensued. Councilman Marshall moved to approve and authorize the City Manager to sign a conduit license agreement with Bluebird Network LLC. Seconded by Councilman Oros. Voting Yea: Venier, Considine, Marshall, Oros and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

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.

COMMENTS

Budget discussion on spending ensued.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Oros moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, March 15, 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 the Open Meeting Act. Seconded by Councilman Oros. Voting Yea: Venier, Considine, Marshall, Oros and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

RECONVENE

Councilman Marshall moved that the Regular Session Council Meeting of Monday, March 15, 2021 reconvene into Open Session. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Voting Yea: Venier, Considine, Marshall, Oros and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

COMMENTS

Discussion ensued regarding Petunia Fest dates and recommendation of the Police Chief.

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ADJOURMENT

Councilman Venier moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, March 15, 2021 be adjourned to meet in Regular Session on Monday, April 5, 2021, at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Seconded by Councilman Marshall. Voting Yea: Venier, Considine, Marshall, Oros and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 9:37pm.

CITY CLERK