

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

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 Reverend Jon Marx, Faith Assembly.

WORK SESSION

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Marshall moved that the minutes of the Regular Session Council Meeting of Monday, April 5, 2021; be accepted and placed on file. Seconded by Councilman Oros. Voting Yea: Councilman 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 \$226,571.77 be approved and ordered paid. Seconded by Councilman Considine. Voting Yea: Councilman 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 March 2021 be accepted. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Voting Yea: Councilman Marshall, Oros, Venier, Considine, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

None

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CITY MANAGER REPORT
None

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Arellano – Happy Birthday Mary. Officially stopped public comment online. Can still stream the meeting, public comments in person only. He will check the comments after the meeting and address, but will not be on record. COVID spike, biggest since Thanksgiving, plan to get vaccinated or reconsider getting vaccinated. Military duty past weekend. First Lady visit to Sauk Valley Community College, to celebrate the Impact Program. He is fully over COVID and feeling well, back in action.

Councilman Considine – Is vaccinated and agree. Thanked the City workers for the welcoming presence for the First Lady. Thanked Councilman Marshall for his service, it was a pleasure to work with him and hopes he stays involved with the City.

Councilman Marshall – First Lady visit amazing exciting work by Sauk Valley team. Happy Birthday Mary. Congratulated Dennis Considine and Christopher Bishop. Spoke about his time as a councilman, thanked the department heads for their information and dedication. This has been his biggest privilege, thanked everyone.

Councilman Oros – Thanked Councilman Considine for the acknowledgement of her birthday. It was an absolute pleasure to work with Councilman Marshall, looking forward to working with him in a different capacity. She appreciates all the emails that are sent to her, appreciates the opportunity to engage with the people. Wanted to attend the gathering for the First Lady.

Councilman Venier – Thanked Councilman Marshall, he was an asset to the Council and Community, appreciates his work.

BOARD & COMMISSIONS REPORTS

Reports on File: Building Department Report.

VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENT

Andrew Glasscock – addressed the council on an idea of a Pride Festival he would like to have on June 26th. Discussion ensued.

James Higby – addressed the council regarding the Municipal Band. He spoke on the history, concerts, support of the City of the band for 90 years, and continuation of the band.

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ORD# 3230 – APPROVAL OF THE FY 2021/2022 BUDGET
FOR THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS

Discussion ensued. Councilman Venier moved to approve the Budget for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2021 and ending April 30, 2022 with a change of the City Contribution to the Municipal Band Budget from \$10,000 to \$15,000. Seconded by Councilman Marshall. Voting Yea: Councilman Marshall, Oros, Venier, Considine, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

RES# 2857-21 – AMENDING 2020-2021 BUDGET – FIRE OVERTIME

Chief Buskohl explained the request, and discussion ensued. Councilman Marshall moved to approve the resolution amending the FY 2021 Budget with respect to the Fire Department Overtime Budget. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Voting Yea: Councilman Marshall, Oros, Venier, Considine, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

RES# 2858-21 – AMENDING 2020-2021 BUDGET – LIBRARY

Councilman Oros moved to approve the resolution amending the FY 2021 Budget with respect to the Library. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Finance Director Fredericks explained the request, and discussion ensued. Voting Yea: Councilman Marshall, Oros, Venier, Considine, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

RES# 2859-21 – AMENDING 2020-2021 BUDGET – PUBLIC PROPERTY & CEMETERY

Councilman Considine moved to approve the resolution amending the FY 2021 Budget with respect to the Public Properties and Cemetery. Seconded by Councilman Marshall. Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director explained the request, and discussion ensued. Voting Yea: Councilman Marshall, Oros, Venier, Considine, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

RES# 2860-21 – AMENDING 2020-2021 BUDGET – PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

Councilman Oros moved to approve the resolution amending the FY 2021 Budget with respect to the Public Safety Building Budget. Seconded by Councilman Considine. Discussion ensued. Voting Yea: Councilman Marshall, Oros, Venier, Considine, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

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RES# 2861-21 – AMENDING 2020-2021 BUDGET – WASTEWATER

Councilman Considine moved to approve the resolution amending the FY 2021 Budget with respect to the Wastewater Department. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director explained the request, discussion ensued. Voting Yea: Councilman Marshall, Oros, Venier, Considine, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None.

Motion Carried

RES# 2862-21 – RE-APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TO THE DIXON FIREFIGHTERS PENSION FUND

Councilman Venier moved to approve to re-appoint Brett Nicklaus to the Board of Trustees of the Fire Pension Fund for a term to commence May 1, 2021 and to end April 30, 2024. Seconded by Councilman Marshall. Voting Yea: Councilman Marshall, Oros, Venier, Considine, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

RES# 2863-21 – RE-APPOINT THE MUNICIPAL BAND DIRECTOR

Mayor Arellano explained the request. Councilman Marshall moved to re-appoint Jon James as the Dixon Municipal Band Director, for a term to commence May 1, 2021 and ending April 30, 2022. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Voting Yea: Councilman Marshall, Oros, Venier, Considine, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

RES# 2864-21 – TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF ILLINOIS ROUTE 26
IN CONNECTION WITH THE DIXON PETUNIA FEST

Councilman Oros moved to approve the resolution for temporary closure of Illinois Route 26 in connection with the Dixon Petunia Festival. Seconded by Councilman Considine. Discussion ensued. Voting Yea: Councilman Marshall, Oros, Venier, Considine, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT FOR GRANT WRITING
WITH SYNCONN SOLUTIONS

Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director Heckman explained the request and discussion ensued. Councilman Considine moved to approve the agreement for grant writing with SynConn Solutions. Seconded by Councilman Marshall. Voting Yea: Councilman Marshall, Oros, Venier, Considine, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

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APPOINTMENT OF JESSI MARSHALL TO THE DIXON HISTORIC THEATRE GROUP
FOR A TERM ENDING MARCH 12, 2024

Councilman Venier moved that Jessi Marshall be appointed to the Dixon Historic Theatre Group for a term ending March 12, 2024, or until her successor is duly appointed and qualified. Seconded by Councilman Marshall. Discussion ensued. Voting Yea: Councilman Marshall, Oros, Venier, Considine, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

APPROVAL TO AWARD THE BID FOR THE WEST 9TH & MONROE PROJECT

Councilman Marshall moved to award the project to O'Brien Civil Works for their low-bid amount of \$145,806.50. Seconded by Councilman Oros. Discussion ensued, including the TIF and tabling the motion for next meeting. Voting Yea: None. Voting Nay: Councilman Marshall, Oros, Venier, Considine, and Mayor Arellano. **Motion Failed.** The motion will be re-considered at the next meeting.

APPROVAL TO AWARD THE BID FOR THE SOUTH GALENA AVENUE
WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director Heckman and Water Manager Huyett explained the request and discussion ensued. Councilman Considine moved to award the bid of \$1,017,156.70 to Martin & Company Excavating for the South Galena Main Replacement Project. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Discussion ensued. Voting Yea: Councilman Marshall, Oros, Venier, Considine, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF CITY LAND FOR AN EVENT IN JUNE 2021

Councilman Venier explained the request and discussion ensued. Councilman Venier moved to approve the use of the property located along Chicago Avenue the Water Retention Area on the requested date subject to an appropriate use agreement with the production company, with such use agreement being approved in form by the City Manager and City Attorney. Seconded by Councilman Marshall. Voting Yea: Councilman Marshall, Oros, Venier, Considine, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Marshall moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, April 19, 2021 be adjourned to meet in Regular Session on Monday, May 3, 2021, at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Voting Yea: Councilman Marshall, Oros, Venier, Considine, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

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The meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

CITY CLERK