

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Arellano at 5:32pm.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was cited. Invocation was given by Reverend Bunyan Cocar from First Baptist Church.

OATH OF OFFICE

Chief Howell gave a background on Sergeant Simonton and his career with the Dixon Police Department. Mayor Arellano gave the Oath of Office. Sergeant Simonton thanked everyone for being here and introduced his family. Paused for pictures.

****MOVED UP****

RES# 2885-21 – APPOINTMENT TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Councilman Bishop moved to approve the resolution confirming the appointment to the Historic Preservation Commission of Michael Cleary for a term commencing November 15, 2021 and ending May 31, 2024, or until his respective successor is duly appointed and qualified.

Seconded by Councilman Venier. Mayor Arellano explained the request and background of Mr. Cleary. Mr. Cleary spoke about his background and previous experience. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Oros, Venier, Bishop, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None.

Motion Carried

PUBLIC HEARING

Before opening the hearing, Mayor Arellano spoke on the background and environmental issues throughout river communities and environmental issues found in this area, and thanked Fehr Graham and their expertise they brought into this.

Mayor Arellano opened the Public Hearing - Brownsfields Assessment Grant Application at 5:47pm. Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager Heckman introduced Ross Grimes from Fehr Graham and gave some background on the project. Ross Grimes from Fehr Graham

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explained the purpose of the hearing regarding the DIMCO area and presented a power point presentation regarding the USEPA cleanup that was done to this site, the purpose of the Brownsfield Clean-up Grant, and options for the remaining cleanup to get a no remediation letter. Discussion ensued. Public Comment: None, and no emails prior to the meeting to the City Clerk. Public Hearing was closed at 6:08pm.

City Manager Langloss explained the Levy and process, timeline, proposed levy, changes that staff is recommending.

Mayor Arellano opened the Public Hearing – Truth in Taxation 2021 Tax Levy at 6:12pm.

Mayor spoke on the pension levy approving going up to the 100%, discussion from the Council ensued. Public Comment: None. Public Hearing was closed at 6:20pm.

PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

Mayor Arellano read the proclamation for National Apprenticeship Week and proclaimed the Week of November 15, 2021 through November 21, 2021 as National Apprenticeship Week in the City of Dixon.

WORK SESSION
None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Bishop moved that the minutes of the Regular Session and Executive Session Council Meeting of Monday, November 1, 2021; be accepted and placed on file. Seconded by Councilman Considine. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Oros, Venier, Bishop, 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 \$1,065,545.72 be approved and ordered paid. Seconded by Councilman Considine. Mayor Arellano noted that there is one reimbursement for him. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Oros, Venier, Bishop, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

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YEAR TO DATE FINANCIALS

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager Heckman addressed the council on the construction season update: last of the paving will happen tomorrow and Wednesday. Over \$4 million in streets restoration this year. Discussion ensued.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Langloss recognized Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager Heckman and his team for the phenomenal job they are doing, and his work in the City and his part in the growth of the City. And he and the public works department work they are doing is remarkable jobs. Fiber that will be talked about later this meeting.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Arellano – Donation of charging station for electric cars, discussion ensued. Northern Illinois Mayor Association meeting, economic activity on the north side of town, RFQ for a grant writer, State Senators in town hall tomorrow (Brian Stuart, Win Stoller, Sue Rezin, and Dave Syverson), taxi license is open on books and requested to be filled, three ribbon cuttings (Wickert Insurance, Shepard Premier Living, Chickweed Cottage) paid his respect to the Veterans' Day Ceremonies, updating regional plans, County Solar & UTV committee if the City wanted representation on those.

Councilman Bishop – None.

Councilman Considine – Complimented the City crews for initiating the installation of the Christmas decorations. Shop Small this weekend, and consider budgeting more for refurbishing of Christmas decorations next year.

Councilman Oros – Next Saturday is Shop Small, shop locally to support our community.

Councilman Venier – None

BOARD & COMMISSIONS REPORTS

Reports on file: Building Department Report

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VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT
None

ORD# 3257 – AUTHORIZING SALE OF CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY
OWNED BY THE CITY OF DIXON
CELLULAR DEVICES

Councilman Venier moved to authorize the disposal of personal property – cellular devices. Seconded by Councilman Bishop. Discussion ensued. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Oros, Venier, Bishop, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

RES# 2886-21 – AMENDING 2021-2022 BUDGET
IMLRMA – WORK COMP, PROPERTY & LIABILITY INSURANCE

City Manager Langloss explained request. Councilman Bishop moved to approve the FY21/22 budget resolution with respect to work comp, property & liability insurance premiums. Seconded by Councilman Oros. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Oros, Venier, Bishop, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

RES# 2887-21 – AMENDING 2021-2022 BUDGET
LIBRARY INSURANCE

Councilman Oros moved to approve the FY21/22 budget resolution with respect to library furniture. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Oros, Venier, Bishop, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

RES# 2888-21 – AUTHORIZING APPLICATION OF SETTLEMENT PROCEEDS

Councilman Considine moved to approve the resolution authorizing the application of Settlement Proceeds of up to \$700,000 of the settlement proceeds towards payment to the Dixon Park District for the Community Center. Seconded by Councilman Venier. City Manager Langloss gave a background on the request and discussion ensued. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Oros, Venier, and Bishop. Voting Nay: Mayor Arellano. **Motion Carried**

RES# 2889-21 – OBJECTING TO THE PETITION OF
MICHAEL PARTINGTON FOR REZONING

Mayor Arellano explained request. Attorney Dan Kapolnek, representing Mr. Partington, explained the petition request. Councilman Considine moved to approve the resolution objecting the petition of Michael Partington for rezoning. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Discussion

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ensued. Voting Yea: Councilman Oros, Bishop, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: Councilman Considine and Venier. **Motion Carried**

APPROVAL OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST AGREEMENT WITH SURF BROADBAND

Mayor Arellano explained the request, and discussion ensued. Councilman Venier moved to approve the Expression of Interest Agreement with Surf Broadband. Seconded by Councilman Bishop. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Oros, Venier, Bishop, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Bishop moved that the Council Meeting of Monday, November 15, 2021; meet in Executive Session to discuss purchase or sale of real property by the City pursuant to Section 2(c)(5) of the Open Meetings Act. Seconded by Councilman Oros. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Oros, Venier, Bishop, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

RECONVENE

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

ADJOURMENT

Councilman Considine moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, November 15, 2021 be adjourned to meet in Regular Session on Monday, December 6, 2021, at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Seconded by Councilman Bishop. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Oros, Venier, Bishop, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 8:04pm.