

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2021
5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was cited. Invocation was given by Reverend Randy Sizemore from Bethel Evangelical Congregational.

VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor gave a short introduction of new business owner Dakota Hagerman. Hagerman opened a new business in Dixon called Freedom Motorsports.

Hagerman addressed the Council and gave a brief summary of his new business and how it relates to the growing industry of side by sides. Freedom Motorsports would like to take over issuing the side by side license plates that currently the City issues. They would manage the inspections before issuing the plates which would allow their business to upsell on products.

WORK SESSION

Anthony with Sikich presented the FY21 audit. Anthony gave an overview of the 3 phases; planning, preliminary fieldwork & detailed testing of general ledgers. He presented the Council with 4 reports including a single audit, recommendations and compliance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Bishop moved that the minutes of the Regular Session and Executive Session Council Meeting of Monday, November 15, 2021; be accepted and placed on file. Seconded by Councilman Oros. Voting Yea: Councilman Oros, Venier, Bishop, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

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APPROVAL OF TOTAL LABOR AND OUTSIDE CLAIMS

Councilman Oros moved that the Total Labor and Outside Claims in the amount of \$1,966,713.16 be approved and ordered paid. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Voting Yea: Councilman Oros, Venier, Bishop, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

None

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Langloss recognized Finance Director Fredericks and team for the outstanding work on the FY21 Financial Audit. Noted that we switched to a new auditing firm and sometimes the transiting can be challenging. Langloss discussed the Pension and IMRF funding, talked about state wide consolidations making the return rate better. Langloss thanked Councilman Oros for her role in the non-for-profit housing group that goes in and refurbishes houses. Participating in housing study. Langloss said the City won a \$12 million grant. The Raise grant will be used to put a pedestrian walking bridge across the old railroad. It will add another 2.8-mile pathway including Page Park and Rt 2 around the tennis courts. A huge thank you to Larry Reid, former Mayor Burke, Greg Gates, Dave Schreiner, Fehr Graham, the community that participated in the surveys.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Arellano – Spoke about the Raise grant and also thanked the riverfront commissioners, City Manager Langloss and all the members involved in bringing this amazing project to the community. A Moment of silence was observed for Sterling's Firefighter Garrett Ramos who lost his life in the line of duty days ago. Rayovac will be completely out of their building by end of the year. Received final notification letter. Recognized Dixon Chamber for the Christmas walk and Small Shop Saturday. Was great to see people out and about in the community again. Talked about I88 welcome center, making it stand out and draw people to come into the downtown.

Councilman Bishop – Agreed with everything the other Councilmembers addressed

Councilman Considine – Absent

Councilman Oros – Paid respects to Captain Garrett Ramos, his family including his work family as well as Dixon's first responders. We are a community and need to come together. Mentioned there was a memorial fund set up at Sauk Valley Bank for Captain Ramos's family. Recognized

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the City and its accomplishments. Proud to be a part of all excited for what is still to come. Was excited the Christmas Walk was back after being gone last year. Dixon did a great job.

Councilman Venier – Great performance coming up at the Dixon Theater – Christmas Carol with shows on the 10th, 11th and 12th. Excited to see what the City has to come; many small steps lead to big leaps.

BOARD & COMMISSIONS REPORTS

Reports on file: Building Department Report

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ORD# 3258 – LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF TAXES FOR THE
 CITY OF DIXON, LEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS FOR THE
 FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2021 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2022

Councilman Venier moved to authorize the ordinance with respect to the 2021 Tax Levy. Seconded by Councilman Bishop. Discussion ensued. Voting Yea: Councilman Oros, Venier, Bishop, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

RES# 2889-21 – AUTHORIZATION OF LOAN APPLICANTS AUTHORIZED
 REPRESENTATIVE TO SIGN PWSLP LOAN APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager Heckman explained the request and discussion ensued. Councilman Bishop moved to approve the resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign all Public Water Supply Loan application documents and forms. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Voting Yea: Councilman Oros, Venier, Bishop, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

APPROVAL OF THE FY 2021 AUDIT

Finance Director Fredericks explained the request and discussion ensued. Councilman Oros moved to approve the FY 2021 Audited Financial Statements. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Voting Yea: Councilman Oros, Venier, Bishop and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

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APPROVAL OF BANK AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF DIXON AND SAUK
VALLEY BANK.

Finance Director Fredericks explained the process of the RFP bid sent out to all the City of Dixon's Financial Institutions, and discussion ensued. Councilman Venier moved to approve the agreement between the City of Dixon and Sauk Valley Bank. Seconded by Councilman Bishop. Voting Yea: Councilman Venier, Bishop and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. Abstain: Councilman Oros. **Motion Carried**

APPROVAL OF DIXON HISTORIC THEATRE DONATION EXPENSE

Mayor Arellano explained that this was included in the FY21 approved budget, but because of the dollar amount it needed Councils approval. Councilman Bishop moved to approve the donation of \$97,483.00 towards donation expense to the Dixon Historic Theatre. Seconded by Councilman Oros. Voting Yea: Councilman Oros, Venier, Bishop and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT FOR WITH CRAWFORD, MURPHY & TILLY, INC.
FOR PERIMETER FENCE

Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager Heckman explained the request, and discussion ensued. This is new agreement of this request; the first contractor had the right to back out and chose to do so. Rebid by IDOT in July 2021. Councilman Oros moved to approve the agreement with Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc for construction phase services related to the installation of the perimeter fence at the Dixon Municipal Airport. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Voting Yea: Councilman Oros, Venier, Bishop and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH CRAWFORD, MURPHY & TILLY, INC.
FOR TAXIWAY LIGHTING

Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager Heckman explained the request, and discussion ensued. Councilman Oros moved to approve the agreement with Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc for construction phase services related to the installation of taxiway lighting at the Dixon Municipal Airport. Seconded by Councilman Bishop. Voting Yea: Councilman Oros, Venier, Bishop and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

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APPROVAL TO EXPAND SERVING HOURS OF THE
CLASS P LIQUOR LICENSE (BANQUET)

Mayor Arellano explained the request, and discussion ensued. Councilman Venier moved to approve the expanding of serving hours of the Class P Liquor License (banquet) to 1:00am until January 5, 2022. Seconded by Councilman Bishop. Voting Yea: Councilman Oros, Venier, Bishop and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Bishop moved that the Council Meeting of Monday, December 6, 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 Oros, Venier, Bishop, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

RECONVENE

Councilman Venier moved that the Regular Session Council Meeting of Monday, December 6, 2021, reconvene into Open Session. Seconded by Councilman Bishop. Voting Yea: Councilman Oros, Venier, Bishop, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

ADJOURMENT

Councilman Bishop moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, December 6, 2021 be adjourned to meet in Regular Session on Monday, December 20, 2021, at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Seconded by Councilman Oros. Voting Yea: Councilman Oros, Venier, Bishop, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 8:24pm.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK