

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2011  
6:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Burke. Commissioners Blackburn, Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke answered Roll Call. The Pledge of Allegiance was cited. Pastor Frank Berman gave the Invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Considine moved that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, October 17, 2011 be accepted and placed on file. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TOTAL LABOR & OUTSIDE CLAIMS

Commissioner Blackburn moved that the Total Labor & Outside Claims in the amount of \$380,662.17 be approved and ordered paid. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Burke advised a citizen brought in a mailing that is not City-sponsored, which pertains purchasing insurance for water main connections.

Commissioner Blackburn commended the Water Department for working Sunday on an 8-inch main rupture.

Commissioner Brechon agreed with Commissioner Blackburn and added the Street Department.

Commissioner Kuhn thanked the citizens for their patience with the street paving/repair program. He stated Artesian is done and the 43 blocks are paved. He then thanked the Public Works Departments for all their hard work on these projects.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORTS

Mayor Burke reported the Monthly Building Permit Report of October, 2011, the Arts & Cultural Affairs Commission Meeting Minutes of October 5, 2011, the Airport Board Minutes of August 20, 2011 and the Tourism Board Minutes of October 10, 2011 are all on file with the Clerk and available for inspection

REJECT BIDS– SALE OF 1524 WEST 3<sup>RD</sup> STREET

Commissioner Brechon moved that the bids for the sale of municipally owned property located at 1524 West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street be rejected. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

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PLACE ON FILE – ORD. – PROVIDING FOR AND REQUIRING THE SUBMISSION OF THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE CITY OF DIXON SHALL HAVE THE AUTHORITY UNDER PUBLIC ACT 096-0176 TO ARRANGE FOR THE SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY FOR ITS RESIDENTIAL AND SMALL COMMERCIAL RETAIL CUSTOMERS WHO HAVE NOT OPTED OUT OF SUCH PROGRAM TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF DIXON, LEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS AT THE GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE 20<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2012

Commissioner Considine moved that an Ordinance providing for and requiring the submission of the question of whether the City of Dixon shall have the authority under Public Act 096-0176 to arrange for the supply of electricity for its residential and small commercial retail customers who have not opted out of such program to the electors of the City of Dixon, Lee County, Illinois at the General Primary Election to be held on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012 be placed on file until the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting of Monday, November 21, 2011. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PLACE ON FILE – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$6,375,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (UTILITY TAX AND PERSONAL PROPERTY REPLACEMENT TAX ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2011, OF THE CITY OF DIXON, LEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING CERTAIN OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS OF SAID CITY AND DEFRAYING THE COST OF CERTAIN PUBLIC CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE COSTS, PRESCRIBING ALL THE DETAILS OF SAID BONDS AND PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF A DIRECT ANNUAL TAX SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS, AND FOR THE COLLECTION, SEGREGATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF CERTAIN UTILITY TAX REVENUES AND PERSONAL PROPERTY REPLACEMENT TAX REVENUES OF SAID CITY.

Commissioner Blackburn moved that an Ordinance authorizing and providing for the issuance of \$6,375,000 General Obligation Bonds (Utility Tax and Personal Property Replacement Tax Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2011, of the City of Dixon, Lee County, Illinois, for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding obligations of said City and defraying the cost of certain public capital infrastructure costs, prescribing all the details of said bonds and providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds, and for the collection, segregation and distribution of certain utility tax revenues and personal property replacement tax revenues of said City be placed on file until the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting of Monday, November 21, 2011. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

RATIFY & APPROVE – COMMISSIONER BRECHON'S LETTER TO EXTEND THE GARBAGE CONTRACT FOR AN ADDITIONAL YEAR

Commissioner Kuhn moved that the actions of Commissioner Brechon to extend the original term of the Agreement for the Collection and Disposal of Residential Solid Waste, Recyclable Materials and Yard Waste between the City of Dixon and Affordable Waste System for an additional year be ratified and approved. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

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PLACE ON FILE – ORD. – AUTHORIZING SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY  
OWNED BY CITY OF DIXON

Commissioner Kuhn moved that an Ordinance authorizing the sale of personal property owned by the City of Dixon be placed on file until the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting of Monday, November 21, 2011. Discussion followed. Mayor Burke explained that Lee Hollingsworth would remove all personal property from the house at 1524 West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and auction it off within the next two weeks. Mayor Burke stated Lee's share is 25% and the City's is 75% and we furnish a dumpster. Mayor Burke also added that Art Johnson Real Estate will do an appraisal on the house and his fee is \$350. After no further comments, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PLACE ON FILE – CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT – CITY/N.I.U.

Commissioner Blackburn moved that the Contribution Agreement between the City of Dixon and Northern Illinois University be placed on file until the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting of Monday, November 21, 2011. Discussion followed. Shawn Ortgiesen explained that IFiber will be using one of the City's conduits on the bridge in exchange for giving the City one year of free service and providing the equipment at City Hall, which will become the property of the City. Shawn stated that the more broadband used in the future, the less the cost would be to the City. He also advised that the City's fee is currently \$7200/year, which is for future maintenance purposes. Lastly, Shawn stated the completion of the installation would be in the spring of 2012. After no further comments, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Brechon moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, November 7, 2011 be adjourned to meet in Regular Session on Monday, November 21, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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Kathe A. Swanson, City Clerk