

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2011
6:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Brechon moved that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, November 7, 2011 be accepted and placed on file. Voting Yea: Commissioners Brechon, Considine, Kuhn, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TOTAL LABOR & OUTSIDE CLAIMS

Commissioner Blackburn moved that the City of Dixon's Total Labor & Outside Claims in the amount of \$679,272.69 be approved and ordered paid. Voting Yea: Commissioners Brechon, Considine, Kuhn, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORTS

Mayor Burke reported the Treasurer's Report of October, 2011, the Library Board Minutes of October 11, 2011, and the Dixon Tourism Minutes of November 14, 2011 were on file with the Clerk and available for inspection.

ORD. #2850 – FY 2011/2012 TAX LEVY

Commissioner Blackburn moved that an Ordinance for the levy of taxes for the corporate purposes of the City of Dixon, Lee County, Illinois for the period commencing May 1, 2011 and ending April 30, 2012 be passed. Discussion followed. Mayor Burke asked Commissioner Blackburn to explain about the Band line item. Commissioner Blackburn deferred the subject to Commissioner Kuhn, who advised, with the City's cash flow problems, the Council had to look at all options. He advised that last week a deal was worked out for partial funding by the City, with the Band moving into the Arts & Cultural Affairs Commission to begin fundraising efforts. Commissioner Blackburn added that the \$20,000 for the Band in the levy would bring this fund back to a starting point before monies were scaled up for the Reagan Centennial. After no further comments, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Brechon, Considine, Kuhn, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

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ORD. #2851

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 passed. Voting Yea: Commissioners Brechon, Considine, Kuhn, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ORD. #2852 – 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 20TH 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 20th day of March, 2012 be passed. Voting Yea: Commissioners Brechon, Considine, Kuhn, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ORD. #2853 – AUTHORIZING SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY CITY OF DIXON

Commissioner Brechon moved that an Ordinance authorizing the sale of personal property owned by the City of Dixon be passed. Discussion followed. Mayor Burke stated that this ordinance would allow for the sale of the personal property inside the house at 1524 West Third Street. After no further comments, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Brechon, Considine, Kuhn, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

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AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT – CITY/N.I.U.

Commissioner Kuhn moved that the Mayor be authorized to execute the Contribution Agreement between the City of Dixon and Northern Illinois University. Discussion followed. Shawn Ortgiesen stated there was a previous question as to who would own the equipment and he advised IFiber would. He also advised that there would be no penalty to the City for discontinuing service and opting out. Shawn also stated that after one year, service would be free and the service can be used in conjunction with Lee County. After no further comments, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Brechon, Considine, Kuhn, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PLACE ON FILE – ORD. – AMENDING CODE TITLE X, CHAP. 8, SEC. 10-8-2
AND SEC. 10-8-10

Commissioner Considine moved that an Ordinance amending the Dixon City Code Title X, Chapter 8, Section 10-8-2 and Section 10-8-10 be placed on file until the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting of Monday, December 5, 2011. Discussion followed. Commissioner Kuhn explained this new odd/even parking rule and stated it is for the safety of all citizens and the snowplowing personnel. At this time, Police Chief Dan Langloss elaborated on this new policy, explaining that on odd days, parking would be on the odd side of the street and on even days, parking would then be on the even sides. He advised that once this policy is in effect, warnings would first go out then enforcement by fines would follow. He advised the hours would be 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., with the first fine being \$75 then increasing to \$100 if not paid within 10 days. Chief Langloss stated his department would be using all media, websites, and flyers to market this new policy. He then handing out a Central Business District parking map and advised this area would be excluded from the odd/even parking ordinance. Mayor Burke questioned the streets where there is no parking on the opposite side. Chief Langloss advised they would look at each one on a case-by-case basis to see what can be worked out. Commissioner Blackburn questioned a snowfall at 9:00 p.m. and would the enforcement start the next day. Chief Langloss advised yes and added that his department would be fairly generous given the timeframe. Shawn Ortgiesen added that KSB Hospital granted parking on their upper and lower decks and in the Townsquare lot but vehicles must be moved by the morning for their employees. After no further discussion, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Brechon, Considine, Kuhn, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kuhn moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, November 21, 2011 be adjourned to meet in Regular Session on Monday, December 5, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Voting Yea: Commissioners Brechon, Considine, Kuhn, Blackburn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Kathe A. Swanson, City Clerk