

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2022
5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was cited. Invocation was given by Reverend Vinnie Marrandino.

OATH OF OFFICE – POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Howell thanked the retired officers for their service. He introduced Deputy Chief Matthew Richards including his background, Mayor Arellano issued the Oath of Office, DC Richards spoke a few words, paused for pictures. Chief Howell introduced Sergeant Jeffery Ragan including his background, Mayor Arellano issued the Oath of Office, Sgt. Ragan spoke a few words, paused for pictures. Chief Howell introduced Sergeant Charles Thomas, Jr. including his background, Mayor Arellano issued the Oath of Office, Sgt. Thomas spoke a few words, paused for pictures. Chief Howell introduced Deputy Chief Douglas Lehman, including his background, Mayor Arellano issued the Oath of Office, DC Lehman spoke a few words, paused for pictures. Chief Howell introduced Sergeant Lincoln Sharp including his background, Mayor Arellano issued the Oath of Office, Sgt. Sharp spoke a few words, paused for pictures. Chief Howell introduced Officer Kolton Morgan including his background, Mayor Arellano issued the Oath of Office, Officer Morgan spoke a few words. Paused for a group photo and to let the crowd clear the chambers.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Arellano read the proclamation of the 125th Anniversary of Katherine Shaw Bethea Hospital.

WORK SESSION

Jeff Stauter, Executive Director of Kreider Services presented to the Council regarding Timber Creek Golf Course donation and request for a donation from the City. He spoke regarding the needed updates, background, how it would work, bidding out services, background on Kreider Services, and how they could integrate services, plans for the grounds, and project potential. Discussion ensued.

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Mike Mills, Commissioner on the Veterans Memorial Park Commission, presented to the Council regarding the purchase of property for future expansion. The Commissioners take care of the maintenance at the park and fundraising. He explained the sale price, donation, and asked that the City split the remaining balance, amount requested is \$17,500. Discussion ensued.

VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENT

Boy Scouts Troop 85 were in attendance earning their communications badge. Each member stated their name, age, rank and goals. The members included: Jarod Hetchick, First Class, Deigo Ocampo, Star, and Cruze Ocampo, Star.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Bishop moved that the minutes of the Executive Session Meeting of Tuesday, September 6, 2022 and the Regular Session Meeting of Monday, September 19, 2022; be accepted and placed on file. Seconded by Councilman Oros. 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 \$772,161.33 be approved and ordered paid. Seconded by Councilman Considine. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Oros, Venier, Bishop, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

APPROVAL OF YEAR TO DATE FINANCIALS

Councilman Considine moved that the year-to-date Financial Summary through August 2022 be accepted. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Oros, Venier, Bishop, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

None

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Langloss reported that the City has an A rating for the Pension Bond. The next 10-14 days will be able to lock in the rate.

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COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Arellano – Lori Sheridan has requested the class D license again, it will be on the next agenda for approval. He spoke about: Overlook Gardens Annexation; theatre did apply for the theatre liquor license and has spoken to each of the theaters in town; congratulated Tin Knockers Saloon on their opening; Mayor Graham Jeal of Grantham England who will be touring Tampico and the Reagan Home and the CEO Program will be talking to him in the council chambers; initial discussion about the Chamber MOU for the upcoming year; and the YMCA childcare grant’s letter of support.

Councilman Bishop – Government Day is on October 24th with a presentation to Reagan Middle School.

Councilman Oros – None.

Councilman Considine – Reminded citizens of the great cultural organizations- Dixon Theatre, Stage Left and other venues; Dixon Petunia Baskets and everyone involved; still waiting to speak with the Mayor regarding being appointed to the Library Board.

Councilman Venier – Spoke regarding: Award the Airport received for excellence, congratulations; Tin Knocker Saloon new live music venue; DHS Class Officers cook out on October the 8th 11-2; close to 1,200 attendees, about 600 each performance of “Menopause the Musical”, pre and post show support in the community.

BOARDS & COMMISSION REPORTS

On File: Airport Meeting Minutes, Historic Preservation Meeting Minutes and Veterans Meeting Minutes.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT

None

RES #3028-22 – AMENDING THE 2022-2023 BUDGET
 BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Building Official Shipman explained the request. Councilman Venier moved to approve the resolution amending the FY2023 budget with respect to the building department budget. Seconded by Councilman Bishop. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Oros, Venier, Bishop, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

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RES #3029-22 – APPOINTMENT TO THE DIXON FIRE PENSION BOARD

Mayor explained this and the next request. Councilman Bishop moved to appoint Rebecca Fredericks to the Board of Trustees of the Fire Pension Fund for a term to commence October 3, 2022 and end April 30, 2025 or until their respective successor are duly appointed and qualified. Seconded by Councilman Oros. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Oros, Venier, Bishop, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

RES #3030-22 – APPOINTMENT TO THE DIXON POLICE PENSION BOARD

Councilman Oros moved to appoint Rebecca Fredericks to the Board of Trustees of the Police Pension Fund for a term to commence October 3, 2022 and to end April 30, 2024, or until his/her successor is duly appointed and qualified. Seconded by Councilman Considine. Discussion ensued. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Oros, Venier, Bishop, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

RES #3031-22 – APPOINTMENT TO THE PLAN COMMISSION

Mayor Arellano explained the request. Councilman Considine moved to appoint Stephanie Englund to the City of Dixon Plan Commission for a term ending August 31, 2026; or until her successor is duly appointed and qualified. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Oros, Venier, Bishop, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried.** Discussion Ensued.

APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE
COUNTY OF LEE AND THE DIXON CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT
REGARDING THE DISTRIBUTION OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND

Chief Buskohl explained the request. Councilman Oros moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Lee County, Illinois for the acceptance of \$10,000 in General ARPA funds received by the County. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Oros, Venier, Bishop, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

APPROVAL OF THE CITY MANAGER TO ORDER POLICE SQUAD CARS

City Manager Langloss and Deputy Chief Richards explained the request, discussion ensued. Councilman Venier moved to approve the City Manager to order police squad cars. Seconded by Councilman Bishop. Discussion ensued. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Oros, Venier, Bishop, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

****STRICKEN****

ADJOURMENT

Councilman Oros moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, October 3, 2022 be adjourned to meet in Regular Session on Monday, October 17, 2022, at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers at the City Hall. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Oros, Venier, Bishop, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

CITY CLERK