

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the City Clerk Kunde at 5:32pm.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was cited. Invocation was given by Councilman Venier.

ELECTION OF TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN

Councilman Bishop moved pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/3.1-35-35(b) to elect Mike Venier as Temporary Chairman to act as presiding officer for purposes of the City Council meeting of Monday, December 5, 2022. Seconded by Councilman Considine. Voting Yea: Councilman Oros, Venier, Bishop, and Considine. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION

Councilman Oros moved pursuant to the provisions of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, to allow for Mayor Arellano to participate electronically. Seconded by Councilman Considine. Voting Yea: Councilman Oros, Venier, Bishop, and Considine. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**
Mayor Arellano joined the meeting at 5:35pm.

WORK SESSION

DIXON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND MAINSTREET GRANT

Chamber Director Englund explained the state grant that is available for tourism and marketing. He presented on how the last grant was utilized, results, progress, and the plans for this grant if awarded. He requested \$40,000 grant match from the City. Discussion ensued throughout.

VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENT

None

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Considine moved that the minutes of the Regular Session Meeting of Monday, November 21, 2022; be accepted and placed on file. Seconded by Councilman Bishop. Voting Yea: Councilman Oros, Venier, Bishop, Considine, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

APPROVAL OF TOTAL LABOR AND OUTSIDE CLAIMS

Councilman Bishop moved that the Total Labor and Outside Claims in the amount of \$1,478,153.82 be approved and ordered paid. Seconded by Councilman Oros. Voting Yea: Councilman Oros, Venier, Bishop, Considine, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

None

CITY MANAGER REPORT

None

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Arellano – None.

Councilman Bishop – Christmas Walk seemed to go great this year, weather was great, appreciate all the work that went into it.

Councilman Considine – Reiterated the same as Councilman Bishop, congratulate the dedication and hard work by everyone on the City team that makes our Christmas areas look good, and our partnerships with the Dixon MainStreet, Chamber and the Park District. Nice to see all the smiles on people's faces.

Councilman Oros – Echo all of those sentiments, downtown is beautiful. Nice to see people supporting the local business. Congratulations to all the people who put in the work to help make that happen. Gave an update on the Ukraine families, one family has arrived and attended the Christmas Walk, in awe on how welcoming and kind everyone was. The young girl started her first day at school, and the husband has gainful employment in one of our local business. It's awesome to see so many people coming together to support this family. YMCA offered passes.

Councilman Venier – Echoed everything that has been said about the Christmas Walk. 10,000 people documented at downtown Dixon during the walk, 30 businesses participated and 25 vendors. Our City staff is amazing, what they do to make this event go smoothing and safely, big thank you to them. Other things this month: Dixon Theatre – Polar Express Movie on

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the 17th, Tran Siberian Orchestra at the end of the month, the City Band performed last Saturday night; and Cinderella opens this week at Dixon Stage Left. Thanks to everyone who understands the mission and bringing tourist to our town.

BOARDS & COMMISSION REPORTS

On File: Plan Commission Meeting Minutes and Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Minutes.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ORD# 3334 –LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF TAXES FOR THE CITY OF DIXON,
LEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
BEGINNING MAY 1, 2022 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2023

Councilman Oros moved to approve the tax levy and assessment of taxes for fiscal year beginning May 1, 2022 and ending April 30, 2023. Seconded by Councilman Considine. Voting Yea: Councilman Bishop, Considine, Oros, Venier, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None.
Motion Carried

RES# 3040-22 – AMENDING FY 2022-2023 BUDGET
VETERANS PARK

Councilman Considine moved to approve the budget resolution with respect to the purchase of 421 N. Lincoln Avenue. Seconded by Mayor Arellano. Finance Director Fredericks explained the request. Voting Yea: Councilman Oros, Venier, Bishop, Considine, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

RES# 3041-22 – AMENDING FY 2022-2023 BUDGET
WASTEWATER

Councilman Bishop moved to approve the budget resolution with respect to the Wastewater Department. Seconded by Councilman Oros. Wastewater Manager McNitt explained the request. Voting Yea: Councilman Oros, Venier, Bishop, Considine, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

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RES# 3042-22 – RE-APPOINTMENTS TO THE KSB HOSPITAL BOARD MEMBERS

Councilman Oros moved to approve the resolution confirming the re-appointments of Rick Curia, Chris Hammitt, Dr. David Hellmich, and David to the KSB Hospital Board for terms commencing January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2025, or until their respective successors are duly appointed and qualified. Seconded by Councilman Considine. Voting Yea: Councilman Oros, Venier, Bishop, Considine, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

APPROVAL OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF DIXON AND THE
STATE OF ILLINOIS, ILLINOIS CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION AUTHORITY
WITH RESPECT TO THE SAFE PASSAGE PROGRAM

Councilman Considine moved to approve the grant agreement between the City of Dixon and the State of Illinois, Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority with respect to the Safe Passage Program. Seconded by Councilman Bishop. Finance Director Fredericks explained the request. Voting Yea: Councilman Oros, Venier, Bishop, Considine, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Bishop moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, December 5, 2022 be adjourned to meet in Regular Session on Monday, December 19, 2022, at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers at the City Hall. Seconded by Mayor Arellano. Voting Yea: Councilman Oros, Venier, Bishop, Considine, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 6:14pm.

CITY CLERK