

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2022
5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was cited. Invocation was given by Reverend David Spaulding, First Presbyterian Church.

PUBLIC HEARING
DCEO GRANT APPLICATION WATERMAIN PROJECT

Mayor Arellano opened the public hearing at 5:33pm

Matt Hansen from Willett Hofmann and Associates presented regarding a grant application for watermain in the south west area of the city. He presented on the purpose of the public hearing, location of the grant project area, overview of what the program is about and where the money comes from, the objectives, eligible activities, available funds through grants, benefit to low-and-moderate income persons, plan for minimizing displacement, detailed priority list of community development needs, the project need, project location map, and the project scope of work and costs, public access to the grant application. Discussion ensued.

Public Comment – None

Mayor Arellano closed the public hearing at 5:46pm

VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENT

Jacksen Ortgiesen, Quentin Seggebruch & Sean Lauer from the WACC CEO program spoke regarding the program, skills learned, speakers that have presented to them, tours of businesses, assignments for the year, in which the assignment they are here to present on is the class business “Foreign Foods & Tunes” on January 19, 2023 at Sauk Valley Community College. They explained the types of foods and facts and musicians representing the countries that will be present. Sponsorships to the events that the group were able to retain. Discussion ensued

John Heil, USCOC US Cellular – spoke regarding the special use and variance for the cellular tower that is on the agenda, he attended both public hearings at the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Plan Commission. Both commissions recommended the approval of the project, which he explained, the standards that were met for each meeting and approved with no opposition of

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residents, the SBA Communications objected, the owners of the tower that they are currently renting space on the lease is running out and do not want to re-up their lease. Neither commission saw any merit in the objection and asked and encourage to do the same and allow them to do the project.

Josh Watson, here in the event there are any questions to the project.

Patrick Turner, SBA Communications Corporation –does have an existing tower that was approved in 2004. US Cellular is a tenant and their lease is up. The objection that they are raising is that this tower, from a coverage stand point, is totally unnecessary. Doesn't think the comprehensive plan for the City of Dixon contemplates building an unnecessary tower. Many municipalities have co-location requirements that do not want towers close. This location is 600 yards away from the existing tower. There is no dead zones or coverage issues. Objecting to the fact that this tower is unnecessary and other safety issues that were brought up to the ZBA. Doesn't think that the city council needs to pass an ordinance of a special use or variance for a tower that is not necessary.

Randy Stage – Owner of the property that the cell tower is wanting the tower. He will comment if needed at the time of the agenda.

WORK SESSION
FIRE DEPARTMENT STAFFING

Chief Buskohl presented to the council regarding the staffing and the Safer Grant. We received a denial letter from the grant. He went through the "Plan B". He presented on the reasons why there is a need for more staffing, recall of off duty personnel, personnel burnout, consistent reliable mutual aid, 260 regional overlapping calls, and internal overlapping calls of 325 this year. The reasons for the urgency: staffing needs, time for training, quantity of candidates, cost and budget preparation, and reasons that staffing should be adequate. Finance Director Fredericks presented on the scenarios of the budget and where the cost could be covered, discussion ensued throughout. Chief Buskohl went over training costs, staffing studies that are regulated by National Fire Protection Association, Insurance Service Office Inc, US Fire Administration, and Illinois OSHA, diagram of a fire scene showing the duties of firefighters within the first 8-10 minutes. Potential dangers if no staff added. Recommendation to increase the staff. The staffing report is available on the City's website for review. Discussion ensued.

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****MOVED UP****

APPROVAL TO INCREASE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT STAFFING
FROM SEVENTEEN (17) to TWENTY (20)

Councilman Considine moved to increase the Fire Department Staffing from Seventeen (17) to Twenty (20). Seconded by Councilman Venier. Discussion ensued. Voting Yea: Councilman Venier, Bishop, Considine, and Oros, Voting Nay: None. Abstain: Mayor Arellano. **Motion Carried**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Bishop moved that the minutes of the Regular Session Meeting of Monday, December 5, 2022; be accepted and placed on file. Seconded by Councilman Oros. Voting Yea: Councilman Venier, Bishop, Considine, Oros, 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 \$491,575.35 be approved and ordered paid. Seconded by Councilman Considine. Voting Yea: Councilman Venier, Bishop, Considine, Oros, 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 November 2022 be accepted. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Discussion ensued. Voting Yea: Councilman Venier, Bishop, Considine, Oros, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

None

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Langloss gave an update on Surf Fiber, the pension bond rate, SVCC Police Academy with Retired Sergeant LaMendola as the director the first class starts in January, and attended an event for Senator Stewart.

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COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Arellano – Congratulated the City of Steward of Lee County for \$100,000 Industrial Planning Grant. Received a lot of compliments on the holiday decorations. Merry Christmas, have a great holiday.

Councilman Bishop – Merry Christmas. Recognized one of the most important departments is the Public Works Employees, and their hard work taking care of the snow, water line breaks, etc.

Councilman Considine – Merry Christmas. Thanked each of the council for their support for the Fire Department.

Councilman Oros – Wished everyone a Merry Christmas. Update on the Ukrainian Families and the Shop with a Cop program, thanked Officer Tyler Henson and Chief Howell. Initiative to help fund feeding medical staff during COVID, had some funding left over and utilized that this week to purchase desserts from many different businesses from the community and delivered to the medical centers.

Councilman Venier – Happy and Safe Christmas to all the citizens of Dixon. Shop local shop small, support your local business, and benefits that help our community. Shop Small, Shop Safe and Have a Merry Christmas

BOARDS & COMMISSION REPORTS

On File: Building Permit Report and Historical Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ORD# 3335 – AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL USE PURSUANT TO THE PETITION OF
 USCOC OF CENTRAL ILLINOIS, LLC
 ON BEHALF OF RANDY STAGE (925 MONROE AVENUE, DIXON)

Councilman Venier moved to approve the ordinance authorizing a Special Use pursuant to the petition of USCOC of Illinois, LLC on behalf of Randy Stage (925 Monroe Avenue, Dixon Illinois). Seconded by Councilman Bishop. Building Official Shipman explained the request and discussion ensued. Voting Yea: Councilman Venier, Bishop, Considine, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: Oros. **Motion Carried**

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ORD# 3336 – AUTHORIZING A VARIANCE PURSUANT TO THE PETITION OF
 USCOC OF CENTRAL ILLINOIS, LLC
 ON BEHALF OF RANDY STAGE (925 MONROE AVENUE, DIXON)

Councilman Bishop moved to approve the ordinance authorizing a Variance pursuant to the petition of USCOC of Illinois, LLC on behalf of Randy Stage (925 Monroe Avenue, Dixon Illinois). Seconded by Councilman Venier. Building Official Shipman explained the request and discussion ensued. Voting Yea: Councilman Venier, Bishop, Considine, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: Oros. **Motion Carried**

RES# 3043-22 – AMENDING FY 2022-2023 BUDGET
 FIRE DEPARTMENT

Councilman Oros moved to approve the budget resolution with respect to the Fire Department Budget. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Finance Director Fredericks explained the request. Voting Yea: Councilman Venier, Bishop, Considine, Oros, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

APPROVAL TO ALLOW WAIVING OF BIDDING FOR AN EMERGENCY
 REPAIR/REPLACE OF BOILER SYSTEM AT THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

Councilman Considine moved to waive the formal bid process for emergency repair/replacement of the Public Safety Building boilers. Seconded by Councilman Bishop. Building Official Shipman explained the request and discussion ensued. Voting Yea: Councilman Venier, Bishop, Considine, Oros, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF DIXON AND WILLETT
 HOFMANN & ASSOCIATES FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH RESPECT TO
 WATERMAIN ON W. 9TH STREET AND FACTORY STREET

Councilman Venier moved to approve the agreement with Willett Hofmann and Associates, Inc. for work related to the West End Watermain Replacement Project. Seconded by Councilman Bishop. Voting Yea: Councilman Venier, Bishop, Considine, Oros, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF DIXON AND CRAWFORD,
 MURPHY, & TILLY, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES WITH RESPECT TO
 TAXIWAY REHABILITATION AT THE DIXON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

Councilman Bishop moved to approve the agreement with Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc for construction phase services related to taxiway pavement rehabilitation. Seconded by

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Councilman Oros. Voting Yea: Councilman Venier, Bishop, Considine, Oros, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF DIXON AND
 WILLETT HOFMANN & ASSOCIATES FOR SURVEY WORK
 WITH RESPECT TO THE RAISE GRANT PROJECT

Councilman Oros moved to approve the agreement between Willett Hofmann & Associates for survey work with respect to the RAISE Grant Project. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Voting Yea: Councilman Venier, Bishop, Considine, Oros, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF DIXON AND WILLETT
 HOFMANN & ASSOCIATES FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES WITH RESPECT TO THE
 GATEWAY PROJECT DESIGN OF THE WATER & SANITARY INFRASTRUCTURE

Councilman Oros moved to approve the agreement between Willett Hofmann & Associates and the City of Dixon for professional services related to the Gateway Development design of the Water & Sanitary Infrastructure. Seconded by Councilman Considine. Voting Yea: Councilman Venier, Bishop, Considine, Oros, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF DIXON AND WILLETT
 HOFMANN & ASSOCIATES FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES WITH RESPECT TO THE
 GATEWAY PROJECT ROADWAY & LIGHTING INFRASTRUCTURE

Councilman Considine moved to approve the agreement between Willett Hofmann & Associates and the City of Dixon for professional services related to the Gateway Development design of the Roadway & Lighting Infrastructure. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Voting Yea: Councilman Venier, Bishop, Considine, Oros, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

EXECUTIVE SESSION
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PUBLIC COMMENT

Mona Doan addressed the council regarding her property on 4th Street and the Fargo Creek problem. Part of the creek wall fell in on her property. The City had done street work, which moved the flow of the water into her yard and not the creek. Workers have redone the street but

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now the lip isn't there. She spoke the Mayor and Mr. Heckman before the meeting but would also like to address at the meeting. Discussion ensued.

ADJOURMENT

Councilman Venier moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, December 19, 2022 be adjourned to meet in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers at the City Hall. Seconded by Councilman Bishop. Voting Yea: Councilman Venier, Bishop, Considine, Oros, and Mayor Arellano. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 7:38pm.

CITY CLERK