

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL
MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2012
6:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Acting Mayor Blackburn. Commissioners Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Acting Mayor Blackburn answered the Roll Call. Absent was Mayor Burke. The Pledge of Allegiance was cited. Reverend Avani Christian gave the Invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Kuhn moved that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, March 5, 2012 and the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of Monday, March 12, 2012 be accepted and placed on file. Voting Yea: Commissioners Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Acting Mayor Blackburn. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TOTAL LABOR & OUTSIDE CLAIMS

Commissioner Brechon moved that the City of Dixon's Total Labor & Outside Claims in the amount of \$492,426.09 be approved and ordered paid. Voting Yea: Commissioners Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Acting Mayor Blackburn. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Acting Mayor Blackburn advised Mayor Burke is out-of-town. He then acknowledged the Dixon Police Department, Lee County Sheriff's Department, Ogle County Sheriff's Department and the Illinois State Police for their efforts during Senator Santorum's visit to Dixon this morning. He commended all in the coordination of this event, including the Dixon City personnel in the Street, Traffic Maintenance, Water and Fire Departments.

Commissioner Brechon advised now through April 6th will be the annual clean up at Oakwood Cemetery. She reminded citizens to retrieve items from gravesites.

Commissioner Considine stated Dixon is a great place. He advised the Building Department is reminding citizens that parking in yards and in residential neighborhoods for motor homes, trailers, etc. comes under strict guidelines.

Commissioner Kuhn told of the cooperation between departments sharing labor, equipment and talents as they repaired the Oakwood Cemetery office roof. He advised Eric Englund spearheaded the project with the help of the Street, Water and Cemetery crews. Commissioner Kuhn stated "KUDOS" to everyone involved.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORTS

Acting Mayor Blackburn reported the Budget & Treasurer's Report of February, 2012, the Library Board Minutes of February 13, 2012 and the Tourism Board Minutes of February 13, 2012 were all on file with the Clerk and available for inspection.

VISITORS

Dr. James Hey, President of The Next Picture Show, addressed the Council to ask for financial support for this not-for-profit organization. He spelled out the efforts of this organization, advising it is a huge asset to Dixon and its economic development. Dr. Hey strongly urged the Council to consider some support or at least a token amount to show that the City believes in what The Next Picture Show is doing.

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ORD. #2865

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF 2011 TAXABLE CORPORATE PURPOSES, CLAIM AND JUDGMENT PURPOSES AND POLICE PROTECTION PURPOSES TAX ANTICIPATION WARRANTS IN ANTICIPATION OF THE COLLECTION OF TAXES LEVIED FOR CORPORATE AND FOR CLAIM AND JUDGMENT PURPOSES FOR THE YEAR 2011, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, LEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Commissioner Kuhn moved that an Ordinance authorizing the issuance of 2011 taxable corporate purposes, claim and judgment purposes and police protection purposes tax anticipation warrants in anticipation of the collection of taxes levied for corporate and for claim and judgment purposes for the year 2011, by the Council of the City of Dixon, Lee County, Illinois be passed. Discussion followed. Acting Mayor Blackburn advised the City would be borrowing against the 2011 tax levy. After no further comments, the Acting Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Acting Mayor Blackburn. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF AWOS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT
CITY/BELFORT INSTRUMENT

Commissioner Brechon moved that the Acting Mayor be authorized to execute the AWOS Maintenance Contract between the City of Dixon Municipal Airport and Belfort Instrument. Voting Yea: Commissioners Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Acting Mayor Blackburn. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ORD. #2866 – AMENDING CODE TITLE IX, CHAPTER 1

Commissioner Considine moved that an Ordinance amending the Dixon City Code Title IX, Chapter 1 be passed. Voting Yea: Commissioners Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Acting Mayor Blackburn. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ORD. #2867 – REZONE – 413 WEST EVERETT STREET

Commissioner Kuhn moved that an Ordinance authorizing a Change of Zoning pursuant to the petition of Russell E. Childers and Nicole Kibble be passed. Voting Yea: Commissioners Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Acting Mayor Blackburn. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ORD. #2868 – AMENDING CODE TITLE III, CHAPTER 8, SECTION 3-8-14(D)

Commissioner Brechon moved that an Ordinance amending the Dixon City Code Title III, Chapter 8, Section 3-8-14(D) be passed. Voting Yea: Commissioners Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Acting Mayor Blackburn. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION – “GIRL SCOUTS OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS
100TH ANNIVERSARY”

Acting Mayor Blackburn proclaimed the year of 2012 as “Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois 100th Anniversary”.

OATH OF OFFICE – FIREFIGHTER AARON J. BROWN

Acting Mayor Blackburn administered the Oath of Office to Firefighter Aaron J. Brown. Commissioner Considine read a brief summary of Aaron’s educational, work and family background.

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ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Considine moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, March 19, 2012 be adjourned to meet in Budget Session on Monday, March 26, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Voting Yea: Commissioners Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Acting Mayor Blackburn. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Kathe A. Swanson, City Clerk