

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2023  
5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was cited. Invocation was given by Pastor Tim Mitchell, First United Methodist.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Hughes opened the Public Hearing at 5:33pm.

Former Library Director Deter explained the grant that the Library applied for, he presented on the project, explained the goal, plan and purpose, existing conditions, total project budget information, proposed funding, discussion ensued. Public Comment: None.

Mayor Hughes closed the Public Hearing at 5:54pm.

WORK SESSION

Finance Director Fredericks introduced Lindsey Fish from Sikich. Lindsey reported on the Annual Financial Report, which had a clean and unmodified opinion; the Single Audit Report's auditors' results; discussion ensued.

VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Bishop moved that the minutes of the Regular Session Council Meeting of Monday, October 2, 2023, be accepted and placed on file. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Voting Yea: Councilman Venier, Bishop, Considine, Oros, and Mayor Hughes. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

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APPROVAL OF TOTAL LABOR AND OUTSIDE CLAIMS

Councilman Oros moved that the Total Labor and Outside Claims in the amount of \$993,856.28 be approved and ordered paid. Seconded by Councilman Considine. Discussion ensued. Voting Yea: Councilman Venier, Bishop, Considine, Oros, and Mayor Hughes. Voting Nay: None.

**Motion Carried**

APPROVE YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIALS

Councilman Considine moved that the year-to-date Financial Summary through September 2023 be accepted. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Finance Director Fredericks explained the report. Voting Yea: Councilman Venier, Bishop, Considine, Oros, and Mayor Hughes. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

None

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Langloss – The Sober Home quarterly report will be at the next meeting. He thanked Councilman Bishop and Venier for joining him at the quarterly report with Dixon Chamber of Commerce and Mainstreet, he shared what they have accomplished. Had a second day of the Council Retreat, planning to put together a document that recaps the major things going on, spoke on items that were discussed, and areas that the council is focused on: Economic Development, Infrastructure, Public Safety, and Comprehensive Plan, explained each. Continue to be impressed by the work that Becky and Heather have done to get a clean report card, they work together as a team, an important area to make sure we stay on top of as a City. Discussion.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Hughes – Scarecrows are popping up; Scarecrow Festival is Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> from 10-3.

Councilman Bishop – This is the last meeting before Halloween, trick or treat is from 5-7:30 on Tuesday, October 31st, be safe when you are out.

Councilman Considine – Spoke regarding the retreat and the housing shortage and rehab shortage to rehab our neighborhoods. Light bulbs out in the chandeliers, kudos to the staff for our scarecrow, blown away by their creativity.

Councilman Oros – Congratulate Becky and Heather and the City Team for a job well done. A+ report cards come with a lot of hard work. Great events coming up with scarecrow fest and the theatre has events too.

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Councilman Venier – Congrats to the financial team, great work. Thanked SVCC Jon Mandrell for hosting our 2-day retreat, good to see how hard the team works and shared vision where this community is going. Wall photos of President Reagan and Father John Dixon, taken to the frame shop to get looked at. Ronald Reagan frame came from the White House, doing our best to match that frame. Thanks to Rural Fire Department, they voted to come to the table to talk to the City about the feasibility of a merger of some form. Scarecrow Fest had over 9,000 people last year, have about 120 vendors this year, Dixon Theatre events Dixon Frights and Sounds: Wizard of Oz, Poltergeist, Etched in Embers and Alborn.

BOARDS AND COMMISSION REPORTS

On File: Building Permit Report

\*Moved Up\*

ORD# 3373 – AMENDING THE DIXON CITY CODE TITLE V, CHAPTER 13,  
 SECTION 5-13-6 – NUMBER OF LIQUOR LICENSES

Councilman Bishop moved to approve the Ordinance Amending Title 5, Chapter 13, Section 5-13-6; Number of Liquor Licenses with respect to Class D & D1 to not exceed 17 in number. Seconded by Councilman Considine. Ryan Marshall explained his request to add a liquor license, discussion ensued. Voting Yea: Councilman Venier, Bishop, Considine, Oros, and Mayor Hughes. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

ORD# 3374 – AMENDING TITLE 5 OF THE DIXON CITY CODE  
 IMPOSITION OF HOTEL TAX

Councilman Venier moved to approve the Ordinance Amending Title 5 of the Dixon City Code – Imposing of a Hotel Tax. Seconded by Councilman Bishop. Attorney LeSage explained the request, discussion ensued. Voting Yea: Councilman Venier, Bishop, Considine, Oros, and Mayor Hughes. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

RES# 3100-23 – AMENDING 2023-2024 BUDGET  
 EMERGENCY VEHICLE FUND – SMALL EQUIPMENT & TOOLS

Councilman Bishop moved to approve the FY2023/2024 budget resolution with respect to the Emergency Vehicle Fund, Small Equipment and Tools. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Fire Chief Buskohl explained the request. Voting Yea: Councilman Venier, Bishop, Considine, Oros, and Mayor Hughes. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

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APPROVAL OF THE FY 22/23 AUDIT

Councilman Oros moved to approve the FY 2022/2023 Audit prepared and presented by Sikich. Seconded by Councilman Considine. Voting Yea: Councilman Venier, Bishop, Considine, Oros, and Mayor Hughes. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF VEHICLE FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Councilman Oros moved to approve the purchase of a 2024 GMC Sierra 2500HD for the Fire Department from Ken Nelson Auto Group not to exceed \$49,120.00. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Fire Chief Buskohl explained the request, discussion ensued. Voting Yea: Councilman Venier, Bishop, Considine, Oros, and Mayor Hughes. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

APPROVAL TO WAIVE THE FORMAL BIDDING PROCESS FOR WORK  
TO BE PERFORMED ON THE DIXON MEMORIAL ARCH

Councilman Venier moved to waive the formal bidding process for work to be performed on the Dixon Arch. Seconded by Councilman Bishop. Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager Heckman explained the request. Voting Yea: Councilman Venier, Bishop, Considine, Oros, and Mayor Hughes. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH LEGACY PRINTS FOR WORK  
TO BE PERFORMED ON THE DIXON ARCH

Councilman Bishop moved to approve the agreement with Legacy Prints for work to be performed on the Dixon Arch totaling \$48,393.24. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager Heckman explained the request. Voting Yea: Councilman Venier, Bishop, Considine, Oros, and Mayor Hughes. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH KUHLEMIER PAINTING FOR WORK  
TO BE PERFORMED ON THE DIXON ARCH

Councilman Oros moved to approve the agreement with Kuhlemier Painting for work to be performed on the Dixon Arch totaling \$18,800.00. Seconded by Councilman Considine. Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager Heckman explained the request, discussion ensued. Voting Yea: Councilman Venier, Bishop, Considine, Oros, and Mayor Hughes. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

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COMMENTS

Councilman Venier read part of an email regarding the restoration of the Dixon Arch from the Wolber Family, owners of Arthur's Garden Deli. They offered to pay for the restoration of the arch because of the many memories of driving under the arch and their family's military history. Councilman Venier had a check in hand for \$63,000. Applause all around.

ADJOURMENT

Mayor Hughes asked if there were any more discussion or business, hearing none he declared the meeting adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 6:47pm.

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CITY CLERK