

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2024
5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION

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

OATH OF OFFICE

Chief Buskohl spoke about Firefighter Levi Johnson's hire date, work background, work experience, certifications, degrees, future education, and current military service. Mayor Hughes executed the Oath of Office of Firefighter/EMT to Firefighter Johnson, they signed his oath, and he was pinned by his girlfriend Emma. Paused the meeting for pictures.

Chief Buskohl spoke about Firefighter David Nate Robles' background, certificates, education, degrees, future education, and previous military service. Mayor Hughes executed the Oath of Office of Firefighter/EMT to Firefighter Johnson, he was pinned by his wife Emily. Paused the meeting for pictures.

Chief Buskohl spoke about Firefighter Evan Munson's hire date, background, education, future education. Mayor Hughes executed the Oath of Office to Firefighter Munson, he was pinned by his girlfriend Rosa. Paused the meeting for pictures.

VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilman Oros introduced CEO program participants Autumn Pritchard, Kale Grobe, and Cameron Grove are here to talk about CEO and event to share with the community. Spoke about the event they are hosting, Leap Around the Decades on February 29th at the White Pines Roller Rink. Representing different decades, providing entertainment and meal, dress up as your favorite decade, explained what will be provided at the event and the funds raised will go towards their individual businesses at the trade show in April.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Bishop moved that the minutes of the Regular Session and Executive Session Council Meeting of Monday, January 16, 2024, be accepted and placed on file. Seconded by

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Councilman Oros. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Oros, Venier, Bishop and Mayor Hughes. 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 \$2,458,077.02 be approved and ordered paid. Seconded by Councilman Considine. Discussion ensued noting large payments. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Oros, Venier, Bishop and Mayor Hughes. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Reports on file: Building Permit Report

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Langloss – All staff, department heads have been working on the budget, appreciate them holding the line.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Hughes – None

Councilman Bishop – Comprehensive plan is an important component moving forward. Discussion ensued regarding the RFP of the comprehensive plan.

Councilman Considine – None

Councilman Oros – Reiterate the CEO students here talking about their fundraiser event on February 29th, Leap Around the Decades. CEO program is a tremendous asset to the community, a great opportunity to support. Congratulated the first responders and welcome to our city family.

Councilman Venier – Thanked the over 700 patrons who visited the Historic Theatre for the two events this past weekend.

BOARDS AND COMMISSION REPORTS

None

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ORD# 3389 – AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2984 AND LEE OGLE ENTERPRISE ZONE
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Councilman Considine moved to approve the amending of Ordinance No. 2984 and Lee Ogle County Enterprise Zone Intergovernmental Agreement. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Discussion ensued with Andy Shaw explaining the request. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Oros, Venier, Bishop and Mayor Hughes. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

RES# 3112-24 – AMENDING 2023-2024 BUDGET – AIRPORT

Councilman Venier moved to approve the FY23/24 budget resolution with respect to the Airport Budget. Seconded by Councilman Bishop. Finance Director Leslie explained the request. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Oros, Venier, Bishop and Mayor Hughes. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

RES# 3113-24 – AMENDING 2023-2024 BUDGET – BUILDING & ZONING

Councilman Bishop moved to approve the resolution amending the FY23/24 budget with respect to the Building and Zoning Department. Seconded by Councilman Oros. Building Official Shipman explained the request. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Oros, Venier, Bishop and Mayor Hughes. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

RES# 3114-24 – AMENDING 2023-2024 BUDGET – FARGO CREEK TIF

Councilman Oros moved to approve the FY23/24 budget resolution with respect to Fargo Creek TIF. Seconded by Councilman Considine. Finance Director Leslie explained the request. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Oros, Venier, Bishop and Mayor Hughes. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

REFER PETITION FROM THE DIXON FAMILY YMCA FOR SPECIAL USE:
CHILD CARE CENTER AT 1675 FULFS LANE, TO THE PLAN COMMISSION

Mayor Hughes explained the process of a referral. Councilman Considine moved to refer the petition from the Dixon Family YMCA for special Use: Child Care Center at 1675 Fulfs Lane, to the Plan Commission. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Oros, Venier, Bishop and Mayor Hughes. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

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APPROVAL OF A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE CITY OF DIXON AND HVARRE HOLDINGS, LLC

Councilman Venier moved approve the Redevelopment Agreement between the City of Dixon and Hvarre Holdings, LLC. Seconded by Councilman Bishop. City Manager Langloss explained the request. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Oros, Venier, Bishop and Mayor Hughes. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

APPROVAL FOR PURCHASE AND INSTALLMENT OF ADDITIONAL
SNOW-REMOVAL EQUIPMENT TO THE 1-TON CHASSIS BY
BONNELL INDUSTRIES NOT TO EXCEED \$52,014.79

Councilman Venier moved to approve the purchase and installment of additional Snow-Removal Equipment to the 1-Ton Chassis by Bonnell Industries not to exceed \$52,014.79. Seconded by Councilman Bishop. Streets and Properties Manager Venier explained the request, discussion ensued. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Oros, Venier, Bishop and Mayor Hughes. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

APPROVAL TO WAIVE INDEMNIFICATION CLAUSE FOR
RESOLUTION NO. 3111-24 AUTHORIZING OFFICE HOURS AT CITY OF DIXON
BUILDINGS FOR FEDERAL LEGISLATORS FOR THE LIMITED PURPOSE OF
PROVIDING CONSTITUENT SERVICES

Councilman Bishop moved to approve to waive Indemnification Clause for Resolution No. 3111-24 authorizing office hours at City Hall and City of Dixon Buildings for Federal Legislators for the limited purpose of providing constituent services. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Mayor Hughes explained the request, discussion ensued. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Oros, Venier, Bishop and Mayor Hughes. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

APPROVAL TO APPOINT MARY OROS TO THE LEE COUNTY
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (LCIDA) BOARD
AS THE CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

Councilman Bishop moved to appoint Mary Oros to the Lee County Industrial Development Association (LCIDA) Board as the City Council Representative. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Mayor Hughes explained the request, discussion ensued. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Oros, Venier, Bishop and Mayor Hughes. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

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APPROVAL TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE
 RESTRICTED CAPITAL FUND FOR PROJECT ROCK GRANT

Councilman Oros moved to approve the transfer of \$2,000,000 from the General Fund balance to the Restricted Capital Fund. Seconded by Councilman Considine. Finance Director Leslie explained the request. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Oros, Venier, Bishop and Mayor Hughes. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

APPROVAL OF AN ENGINEERING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
 CITY OF DIXON AND FEHR GRAHAM FOR THE
 CITY OF DIXON FUEL ISLAND REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Councilman Considine moved to approve the Engineering Agreement with Fehr Graham for Fuel Island bid-related services not to exceed \$24,000. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager Heckman explained the request. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Oros, Venier, Bishop and Mayor Hughes. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

APPROVE RELEASE OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES BECAUSE THE NEED FOR
 CONFIDENTIALITY NO LONGER EXISTS WITH RESPECT TO THE FOLLOWING
 CLOSED SESSIONS OF THE CITY COUNCIL: OCTOBER 17, 2022; JANUARY 3, 2023;
 JANUARY 6, 2023 (PARTIAL); JANUARY 17, 2023; AND MAY 15, 2023

Councilman Venier moved to the release of Closed Session Minutes because the need for confidentiality no longer exists with respect to the following Closed Sessions of the City Council: October 17, 2022; January 3, 2023; January 6, 2023 (partial); January 17, 2023; and May 15, 2023. Seconded by Councilman Bishop. Attorney LeSage explained the request. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Oros, Venier, Bishop and Mayor Hughes. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

NOT RELEASE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES BECAUSE THE NEED FOR
 CONFIDENTIALITY STILL EXISTS WITH RESPECT TO THE FOLLOWING CLOSED
 SESSIONS OF THE CITY COUNCIL: SEPTEMBER 6, 2022;
 JANUARY 6, 2023 (PARTIAL); AND MARCH 6, 2023

Councilman Bishop moved to Not Release Closed Session Minutes Because the Need for Confidentiality Still Exists with Respect to the Following Closed Sessions of the City Council: September 6, 2022; January 6, 2023; and March 6, 2023- Partial on January 6, 2023. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Oros, Venier, Bishop and Mayor Hughes. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

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WORKSESSION
BUDGET WRAP UP

Finance Director Leslie gave a recap of the 2023 budget year.

*Note: Councilman Bishop left meeting at 6:29pm; returned at 6:29pm.

She presented regarding: General Fund Revenue Review, Revenue Comparison, General Fund Expense Review, Expense Comparison, Utilities Revenue Review, Water Fund Revenue Comparison, Wastewater Fund Revenue Comparison, Water Expense Review, Water Expense Comparison, Wastewater Expense Review, Wastewater Expense Comparison, Capital Revenue Review, Capital Expense Review, Capital Expense Comparison, and Budget Wrap Up Summary. Discussion ensued throughout the presentation.

ADJOURMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:53pm.

CITY CLERK