

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL  
MONDAY, MAY 7, 2012  
6:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Burke. Commissioners Blackburn, Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke answered Roll Call. The Pledge of Allegiance was cited. Pastor Mike Jones gave the Invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Kuhn moved that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, April 16, 2012, and the minutes of the Special Council Meetings of Tuesday, April 17, 2012, Monday, April 23, 2012 and Monday, April 30, 2012 be accepted and placed on file. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TOTAL LABOR & OUTSIDE CLAIMS

Commissioner Blackburn moved that the Total Labor & Outside Claims in the amount of \$358,030.38 be approved and ordered paid. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Burke read a prepared statement advised hiring attorneys as part of a potential litigation suit. He advised the City would be going after assets to recapture monies lost to the City. He further explained there is a Core Group, headed up by Chief Dan Langloss and Shawn Ortgiesen.

Commissioner Blackburn advised Dixon is a great community. He thanked all the people who have given support, also thanking the City employees who continue to work everyday at their jobs. He commended the Accounts and Finance Department workers on continuing the City's day-to-day operations. Commissioner Blackburn also thanked the attorneys at Ward, Murray, Pace & Johnson for all their efforts in assisting the City on legal matters. He advised there would be interim Comptrollers in place soon from GovTemps.

Commissioner Brechon gave notice of hydrant flushings in the City and the reasons why. She stated there was a pre-bid meeting on May 2<sup>nd</sup> for the Wastewater Treatment Plant screw pumps maintenance project, and advised the bid opening will be on May 18<sup>th</sup> and then placed on file at the May 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. She then thanked all the City workers for their help at the Cemetery.

Commissioner Considine thanked the area fire departments for their efforts on the tragic accident on the river on Friday. He further advised that police officer Ryan Bivins is home now from the war and he was awarded the Bronze Star.

Commissioner Kuhn advised the street repair program is not on hold. He stated it is Motor Fuel Tax funded and on Wednesday, May 9, he will tour the 25 streets needing the most repair work. Commissioner Kuhn then advised through the Illinois Policy Institute, which is a government watchdog group, our website will be revamped for better communication for the citizens of Dixon. He advised the information will go back 5 years, inclusive of agendas, minutes, audits, budgets, salaries, benefits and union contracts, and this entire project will be on line by November 1, 2012 under "Citizen Information Center" on the website.

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Chief Dan Langloss read a prepared statement to the Council, advising that all involved in this misappropriation of funds case will be arrested. He stated the City would be meeting with the States Attorney to see if we can pursue state charges against Rita Crundwell, and in turn, he would meet with the US Attorney's office to see how to proceed. Chief advised the City must conduct a comprehensive investigation on employees, banks and accounting firms. He further added that his responsibilities lie in being a part of the Core Group and network restrictions with Protivity.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORTS

Mayor Burke reported the Monthly Building Permit Report of April, 2012, the Plan Commission Meeting minutes of April 26, 2012 and the Airport Board Meeting minutes of February 11, 2012 are all on file with the Clerk and available for inspection.

NOTICES & COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Burke advised he received a letter from the Pat Gorman of the Dixon Memorial Arch Commission to modify the existing arch back to how it looked in 1919. Mayor Burke then read the minutes of this Commission's meeting and also advised the Veterans Memorial Commission supports this project. Mayor Burke then asked the City Attorney as to this needing a Council vote and it was the Attorney's recommendation that a Resolution would be drawn up at the next Council Meeting for this approval.

RES. #2386-12 – ESTABLISHING RULES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Brechon moved that a Resolution establishing rules for public comment at the May 7, 2012 Council Meeting be adopted. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Burke advised 11 citizens signed up to speak tonight. He explained this comment section will be handled in an orderly fashion and no questions will be answered by the Council. He also advised that any person could address written comments to the Council as well.

- (1) Jason Benyo, 1540 Freedom Walk, spoke on a positive note that there is a silver lining as Dixon has great services, parks, etc., and asked citizens to look at the positives.
- (2) Randy Lilly, 1118 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street, stated any plea agreement from Ms. Crundwell is not acceptable and she belongs in prison.
- (3) Jacob Madison, 1312 West 9<sup>th</sup> Street, stated a person is innocent until proven guilty. He stated the streets in Dixon need to be repaired and advised that he has approached the City Council in the past on the junkyard that is next to his property.
- (4) Carol Fisher, 224 Fox Trot, questioned the auditors and why Rita Crundwell had so much control at the City. She added that monies received should be given back to the citizens.
- (5) Gary Burger, 125 Fox Trot, advised that the finances should be looked at and the City needs to follow the recommendations of Wipfli.
- (6) John Baker, 526 East Fellows Street, advised the blame is on Rita Crundwell but the accountability falls on the City Council.
- (7) John Thompson, 732 Timbercreek, read a prepared statement that was in the "Letter to the Editor" advising the City needs to move forward and rebuild.
- (8) Beverly Eykamp, 509 Marclare Street, stated the City needs to move forward and suggested a "Kathe Swanson Day".

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PUBLIC COMMENT (CONT'D.)

- (9) Marilyn Trulock, 1968 Illinois Route 26, stated everyone on the Council is very hardworking and she is proud to live in Dixon.
- (10) Wesley Morss, 417 Monroe Avenue, advised he was disappointed that it took one half hour for him to be able to speak and stated that transparency is a no brainer.
- (11) Li Arellano, Jr., 705 Heights Road, advised he is glad the City is moving fast on the transparency audit and the website information. He spoke on professionalizing the Council, possibly having a City Manager and changing from a commission-form of government. He advised the City must rebuild public trust.

PET. – REZONE – 1315 FRANKLIN GROVE ROAD

Commissioner Considine moved that the Petition for Rezone pursuant to the request of Airport Office & Storage, LLC and AGP Properties, LLC, for property located at 1315 Franklin Grove Road, be referred to the City Attorney for proper action. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Brechon, Considine and Kuhn. Voting Nay: None. Abstaining: Mayor Burke. Motion carried.

ORD. #2871 – AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT FOR ACCOUNTING SERVICES

Commissioner Kuhn moved that an Ordinance authorizing the agreement for accounting services be passed. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PLACE ON FILE – ORD. – PROHIBITING USE OF GROUNDWATER AS A  
POTABLE WATER SUPPLY BY THE INSTALLATION OR USE OF POTABLE  
WATER SUPPLY WELLS OR BY ANY OTHER METHOD

Commissioner Brechon moved that an Ordinance prohibiting use of groundwater as a potable water supply by the installation or use of potable water supply wells or by any other method be placed on file until the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting of Monday, May 21, 2012. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

RES. #2387-12 – DESIGNATING SIGNATORIES OF CITY ACCOUNTS AND  
SUPERSEDING ANY PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS SO DESIGNATING

Commissioner Brechon moved that a Resolution designating signatories of City accounts and superseding any previous Resolutions so designating be adopted. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZE CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR FY 2012/2013 CITY OF DIXON  
SIDEWALK PROGRAM

Commissioner Kuhn moved that the Clerk be authorized to advertise for the FY 2012/2013 City of Dixon Sidewalk Program. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

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ORD. #2872 – AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT FOR INTERNAL AUDIT, RISK  
ASSESSMENT AND CONSULTING SERVICES

Commissioner Brechon moved that an Ordinance authorizing the agreement for internal audit, risk assessment and consulting services be passed. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

RES. #2388-12 – RE. FIFTH THIRD BANK

Commissioner Blackburn moved that a Resolution in reference to Fifth Third Bank be adopted. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Blackburn moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, May 7, 2012 be adjourned to meet in Executive Session to discuss probable or imminent litigation. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

RECONVENE MEETING

Commissioner Blackburn moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, May 7, 2012 reconvene into Open Session. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Considine moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, May 7, 2012 be adjourned to meet in Regular Session on Monday, May 21, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.  
The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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Kathe A. Swanson, City Clerk