

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL
MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2013
6:30 P.M.

Reverend Steve Young of Greater Life Tabernacle gave the Invocation.

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.

PUBLIC HEARING – MUNICIPAL AGGREGATION

Mayor Burke opened the Public Hearing at 6:32 p.m. He then introduced Mike Mudge from Rock River Energy Services. Mr. Mudge advised this is the first of two hearings that will be held prior to the general election. He then gave a brief background on municipal aggregation and what it will mean to the citizens and small businesses in Dixon. He also advised that the City has a copy of the draft of the plan of operation and governance, which may be reviewed by anyone. At this time, a question and answer period was allowed. Mayor Burke commented that the public is better informed this time. After no questions, Mayor Burke closed the Public Hearing at 6:36 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Kuhn moved that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of Tuesday, February 19, 2013 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 \$424,835.85 be approved and ordered paid. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF YTD FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Commissioner Considine moved that the YTD Financial Summary for January, 2013 be accepted. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Commissioner Blackburn thanked the City workers regarding the snow removal, stating they do a great job and our crew is "second to none"!

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORTS

Mayor Burke reported that the Monthly Building Permit Report for February, 2013, the Plan Commission Minutes of February 28, 2013, the Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes of February 28, 2013 and the Tourism Board Minutes of February 11, 2013 are all on file with the Clerk and available for inspection.

VISITORS

Jennifer Johnston, 1918 West Leopard Drive, addressed the Council on ice and snow covered sidewalks in Dixon. She advised this is a safety issue and fines need to be enforced. Mayor Burke thanked her for speaking out in hopes to gain media attention.

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RES. #2414-13 – APPROVING LOAN FOR FAÇADE IMPROVEMENTS TO
PROPERTY OWNED BY TRIRONG KHUNTANGTA

Commissioner Kuhn moved that a Resolution approving the loan for façade improvements to property owned by Trirong Khuntangta be adopted. Discussion followed. Mayor Burke explained this is a \$14,100 low-interest UDAG loan for façade improvements only. Commissioner Blackburn asked Mayor Burke about these improvements and it was learned it is for window replacement at the Gingko Tree Café on First Street. He also advised the City is the second loan holder on said property. After no further comments, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PET. – RE-PLAT OF SUBDIVISION – 414 UPHAM/339 LINCOLNWAY

Commissioner Brechon moved that the Petition for Re-Plat of Subdivision pursuant to the request of Theresa L. Villiger, for property located at 414 Upham Place and 339 Lincolnway, be referred to the City Attorney for proper action. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

At this time, Mayor Burke skipped over Item #12-C on the agenda and went directly to Item #13-A. Therefore, the minutes will reflect this.

ORD. #2903 – ABATING THE TAX HERETO LEVIED FOR THE YEAR 2012 TO
PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON \$6,375,000 BONDS
(ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2011 OF THE CITY OF DIXON,
LEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Commissioner Blackburn moved that an Ordinance abating the tax hereto levied for the year 2012 to pay the principal of and interest on \$6,375,000 Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2011 of the City of Dixon, Lee County, Illinois, be passed. Discussion followed. Mayor Burke explained the City would abate the principal and interest out of the utility tax; therefore, this is just a paper transaction. Paula Meyer, Finance Director, then advised these bonds are to be repaid with this utility tax but it won't reduce the citizens' taxes. After no further comments, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PET. – SETBACK VARIANCES – 414 UPHAM/339 LINCOLNWAY

Commissioner Considine moved that the Petition for Setback Variances pursuant to the request of Theresa L. Villiger, for properties located at 414 Upham Place and 339 Lincolnway, be referred to the City Attorney for proper action. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

PLACE ON FILE – ORD. – AUTHORIZING SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY
OWNED BY THE CITY OF DIXON

Commissioner Kuhn moved that an Ordinance authorizing the sale of personal property owned by the City of Dixon (1988 Street Sweeper) be placed on file until the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting of Monday, March 18, 2013. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

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DISCUSSION – STREET CLOSURES

Mr. Andy Brockwell, Dixon Petunia Festival President, approached the City Council regarding street closures for the Dixon Petunia Festival. Mayor Burke advised that the entire Council was given a copy of this request. Mr. Brockwell's request entailed moving the food and entertainment to the downtown area like it was for the Mumford & Sons Concert with an admission fee and no fee to enter the carnival grounds at Page Park. His request included closing River Street from 8:00 a.m. on July 3rd to 12:00 p.m. Monday, July 8th; close Hennepin Avenue from 1st Street to River Street from 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 3rd all day on Thursday, July 4th, 5:00 p.m. Friday, July 5th, all day Saturday, July 6th and 10:00 a.m. Sunday, July 7th; close Peoria Avenue from 1st Street to Boyd Street—to close before the parade and keep closed till 12:00 p.m.; close the parking lot on the south east side of the Galena Avenue bridge to use for VIP parking for Petunia Festival sponsors; and a request to have the same alcohol rules as during the Mumford & Sons concert. Commissioner Blackburn asked if the businesses have been notified and Mr. Brockwell advised yes. Commissioner Considine questioned City Attorney LeSage as to the procedure for the open alcohol in the downtown area. He advised the City will prepare a specific resolution and/or ordinance on this, similar to how it was handled for the Mumford & Sons Concert. Shawn Ortgiesen also advised that a traffic control plan is needed for the closure of turn lanes through a resolution by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

PLACE ON FILE – STRATEGIC PLANNING AGREEMENT – CITY/SIKICH

Commissioner Brechon moved that the Strategic Planning Agreement between the City of Dixon and Sikich, LLP be placed on file until the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting of Monday, March 18, 2013. Discussion followed. Mayor Burke explained this agreement is for leadership training and strategic planning for the City. Shawn Ortgiesen advised if this agreement were approved, the training would start in May, with an end date of October. He stated the training would include the Council members and all department heads. Shawn then advised he received good recommendations on Sikich from three communities who utilized their services. Mayor Burke added this training and planning will involve input from the public as well and will cost the City of Dixon \$31,400. After no further comments, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

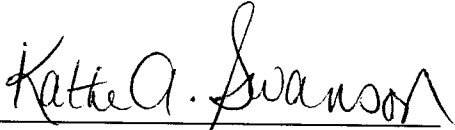
APPROVE, ACCEPT & PLACE ON FILE
 DIXON FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

Chief Shipman gave a power point presentation on the Dixon Fire Department's new truck, their community programs, their training and a history of fire and paramedic responses in the last year. Mayor Burke stated that when new industries look at Dixon, we rate very high in their qualifications where these services are concerned. At this time, Commissioner Blackburn thanked Josh Albrecht and the Dixon Fire and Police Departments for their hard work during the Mumford & Sons concert, which he stated was a "great event". At this time, Mayor Burke called for the motion to be read. Commissioner Considine moved that the Dixon Fire Department Annual Report be approved, accepted and placed on file. Discussion followed. Chief Tim Shipman highlighted this report for the Council. After no further discussion, the Mayor called for the vote. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

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ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Blackburn moved that the Regular Council Meeting of Monday, March 4, 2013 be adjourned to meet in Special Session on Monday, March 11, 2013 at 6:00 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 7:22 p.m.


Kathe A. Swanson, City Clerk