

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL  
MONDAY - APRIL 29, 2013  
6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

The Council met in Special Session on Monday, April 29, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Burke and roll call was answered by Commissioners Blackburn, Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Kuhn moved that the Special Council Meeting of Monday, April 29, 2013 adjourn into Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

RECONVENE MEETING

Commissioner Kuhn moved that the Special Council Meeting of Monday, April 29, 2013 reconvene into Open Session. Voting Yea: Commissioners Blackburn, Brechon, Considine, Kuhn and Mayor Burke. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

BUDGET WORK SESSION

Mayor Burke first apologized to the audience for the Executive Session taking more time than he thought. Chief Langloss then explained to the audience about the four different unions and their contract bargaining. Mayor Burke advised that Mark Bressler and Dave Johnson were in the audience representing the Dixon Municipal Band. Commissioner Blackburn then gave a brief overview of the last budget session. Paula Meyer explained that the Capital Equipment requests total \$550,915 and the current budget deficit is \$820,952. Under Capital Projects, Mayor Burke advised there could be possible grant monies for the City Hall HVAC and roof projects. Commissioner Kuhn stated the Street Department HVAC project could be postponed for one year and the lighting and tuckpointing could be put together as one project. He then advised that he and Jeff from Willett, Hofmann & Associates looked at all the streets, alleys and parking lots last week and stated it will cost \$16,000 to redo one block, taking the street down to bare bones. Mike Stichter advised it would cost \$3.3 million to do the curb and gutter project on Ottawa Avenue. Mayor Burke advised he has a meeting this week to see about another TIGER grant. Regarding new personnel, Commissioner Blackburn asked that we wait and go slow until we figure out our funding, as this would be a reoccurring cost. He then stated that summer part-time help is a priority right now. Commissioner Considine stated he would like to see these jobs open to the public and not just for relatives of current City employees. Commissioner Brechon advised there is a need for well-qualified people and the ones that have worked in the departments in years past are. Curt Phillips advised he needs 6 part-time employees from May to August this year for mowing and trimming. Mayor Burke then asked Mark Bressler to address the Council regarding the Band budget. Mark advised he would like to reduce his budget to \$40,000 rather than the \$52,000 as donations and fundraisers will help supplement. Mayor Burke then advised he would need \$2000 for a line item for the Governmental Task Force for travel expense. Commissioner Brechon stated that Tourism is a vital attraction for Dixon and cutting this budget would mean cutting resources such as Main Street, brochures, etc. She strongly urged the Council to leave this budget request as it stands. Chief Shipman advised he is not prepared tonight to discuss his \$80,000 request for an Assistant Fire Chief.

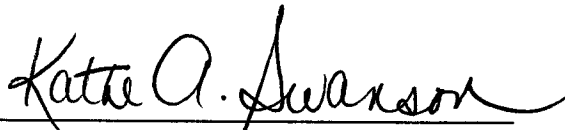
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BUDGET WORK SESSION (CONT'D.)

At this time, Commissioner Blackburn advised any voluntary cuts should be given to Paula immediately and another budget session would be held on Monday, May 13, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. He urged all Commissioners and Department Heads to review their budget requests and cut where possible.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kuhn moved that the Special Council Meeting of Monday, April 29, 2013 be adjourned to meet in Special Session on Tuesday, April 30, 2013 at 8:00 a.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 7:43 p.m.

  
Kathe A. Swanson, City Clerk