

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2024
5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Councilman Considine, Oros, Venier, Bishop and Mayor Hughes answered roll call.
Absent: None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION

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

PUBLIC HEARING
FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET

Mayor opened the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget Public Hearing at 5:33pm.
No comments. No Public Comments.
Mayor closed the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget Public Hearing at 5:34pm.

PROCLAMATION
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH

Mayor spoke about Child Abuse & Prevention Month, read the Proclamation, and Proclaimed April 2024 as Child Abuse Prevention Month. He then shared information and stats related to child abuse, and events on April 6th and 19th.

VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENT
None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Bishop moved that the minutes of the Regular Session Council Meeting of Monday, March 18, 2024; be accepted and placed on file. 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 TOTAL LABOR AND OUTSIDE CLAIMS

Councilman Oros moved that the Total Labor and Outside Claims in the amount of \$528,072.17 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**

APPROVE YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIALS

Councilman Considine moved that the year-to-date Financial Summary through February 2024 be accepted. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Oros, Venier, Bishop and Mayor Hughes. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

None

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Langloss – Submitted grant for detention pond for Fargo Creek and multi-use path to the Gateway Project, and submitting two other grants. IDOT will be a co-applicant for a Rural Transportation Grant for the redo and re-engineering of South Galena Avenue and Bloody Gulch Road. Highlighted Shining Star, referenced his involvement with them in investigations when it started and community support.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Hughes – The proclamation covered his report.

Councilman Bishop – The importance of having people to help.

Councilman Considine – Complemented Shining Star and CASA for all the support for people who need it.

Councilman Oros – Spoke on her experience, and the need for volunteers to help support CASA, and the work they do as advocates change the lives of the kids in our community. Encourage people to serve for people and kids in our community.

Councilman Venier – Ditto to everything already said about CASA and Shining Star. Glad we have these organizations in our community, thanked the Mayor and all volunteers. Busy weekends in Dixon: Municipal Band concert with a full house, positive response and thankful for the band. This Friday: Dixon Theatre has a comedian, Discover Dixon's Best of Dixon Gala, and Next Picture Show Art Show.

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BOARDS AND COMMISSION REPORTS

On File: Veterans Memorial Park Meeting Minutes.

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

Councilman Oros moved to remove from the table, the ordinance amending Title V, Chapter 13, Section 5-13-6; Number of Liquor Licenses with respect to Class D & D-1, collectively, not to exceed 18 in number. Seconded by Councilman Considine. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Oros, Venier, Bishop and Mayor Hughes. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

Councilman Oros moved to approve the ordinance amending Title V, Chapter 13, Section 5-13-6 Number of Liquor Licenses with respect to Class D & D-1, collectively, not to exceed 18 in number. Seconded by Councilman Venier. Mayor Hughes explained the request and discussion ensued. Voting Yea: Councilman Bishop and Mayor Hughes. Voting Nay: Councilman Considine, Oros and Venier. **Motion Failed**

RES# 3125-24 – AMENDING 2023-2024 BUDGET
 BUILDING AND ZONING

Councilman Venier moved to approve the resolution amending the FY 2023/2024 budget with respect to the Building and Zoning Department. Seconded by Councilman Bishop. Building Official Shipman explained the request. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Oros, Venier, Bishop and Mayor Hughes. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

RES# 3126-24 – AMENDING 2023-2024 BUDGET
 DOWNTOWN MAINTENANCE

Councilman Bishop moved to approve the resolution amending the FY 2023/2024 budget with respect to the Downtown Maintenance Budget. Seconded by Councilman Considine. Building Official Shipman explained the request. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Oros, Venier, Bishop and Mayor Hughes. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

RES# 3127-24 – AMENDING 2023-2024 BUDGET
 SAFE PASSAGE GRANT

Councilman Oros moved to approve the resolution amending the FY 2023/2024 budget with respect to the Safe Passage Program Grand Fund Budget. Seconded by Councilman Considine. 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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LISTING SCHEDULED MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS

Mayor Hughes explained the request, discussion ensued regarding the first meeting in January. Councilman Venier moved the resolution listing the scheduled City of Dixon Council Meetings beginning May 1, 2024 and ending April 30, 2025 be adopted. Seconded by Councilman Bishop. Mayor Hughes explained the request. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Oros, Venier, Bishop and Mayor Hughes. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

APPROVAL TO ORDERING AND PURCHASE OF NEW AMBULANCE

Councilman Venier moved to approve the purchase of a 2025/26 Ford E450 on a Horton 553 all aluminum box ambulance from Foster Coach Sales, Inc. for \$322,774.00. Seconded by Councilman Bishop. Fire Chief Buskohl explained the request, discussion ensued. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Oros, Venier, Bishop and Mayor Hughes. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

APPROVAL OF A CONTRIBUTION TO LCIDA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000

Councilman Bishop moved to approve the contribution to LCIDA in the amount of \$50,000. Seconded by Councilman Venier. City Manager Langloss explained the request, discussion ensued. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Oros, Venier, Bishop and Mayor Hughes. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

APPROVAL OF AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT WITH
SYNCONN SOLUTIONS FOR GRANT WRITING

Councilman Oros moved to approve an Independent Contractor Agreement between the City of Dixon and SynConn Solutions with respect to Grant Writing. Seconded by Councilman Considine. City Manager Langloss explained the request, discussion ensued. Voting Yea: Councilman Considine, Oros, Venier, Bishop and Mayor Hughes. Voting Nay: None. **Motion Carried**

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:25pm.

CITY CLERK