

CITY OF TUSCOLA
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
STATE OF ILLINOIS
December 9, 2013
Tuscola City Hall

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order with Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, and Mayor Kleiss in attendance. Mayor Kleiss led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

Administrator Hoel went over the items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the November 25, 2013 meeting
- Payment of bills totaling \$361,549.79
- Pay request of \$158,183.47, from Beniach Construction for the route 36 sidewalk project
- Tuscola Cub Scout Pack 80 request for the use of Wimple Park for an overnight camp May 17-18, 2014

Hoey moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Henderson seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt. Maxey moved to approve the consent agenda for December 9, 2013. Cleland seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Requested Time on the Agenda

Tuscola Schools Supt. Michael Smith was present to thank council for the sales tax the schools have been receiving since the City raised the sales tax. Smith stated they are thrilled with the support of the City. The funds have been used for a few small projects, Smith added. For example, the second floor windows at the High School have been replaced with good quality useable windows. The other windows at the High School will be replaced in the near future. The first major project scheduled using sales tax funds is the roof on the East Prairie building. One half of the roof will be done this summer and the other half next summer. Hoey asked Smith what he expects in the way of sales tax revenue once the county takes over. Smith stated he felt Tuscola would receive as much and possibly a little more than they are currently receiving through the City.

Mayor - Nothing

City Clerk - Nothing

City Treasurer

Treasurer Long reported Jeannine Garrett, PMG Tuscola LLC and Bruce and Andrea Robinson are delinquent on their TIF loans.

City Attorney - Nothing

City Administrator

Administrator Hoel asked council for approval of a pay request that was submitted late last Friday. Stark Excavating has forwarded a change order of -\$7200 for quantities adjustment plus charges of \$82,000 for the additional dredging and bridge clean-out on the Scattering Forks project. The change order for this project is a net plus \$74,800, Hoel stated. Seip moved to approve the pay request from Stark Excavating in the amount of \$52,807.92, for the Scattering Forks project. Henderson seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Hoey asked if there had been any word on the downtown building that is to be shored up before the end of the year. Treasurer Long stated that as of this past Friday, the owners plan to have the work done by the end of the year.

Ordinances

Hoel reported there have been no comments on the proposed levy ordinance. The EAV is still not known, Hoel stated, but he anticipates it will be less than one. Truitt moved to approve ordinance 2013-0-11, an ordinance for the levy and assessment of taxes for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2013 and ending April 30, 2014 for the City of Tuscola. Cleland seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Resolutions

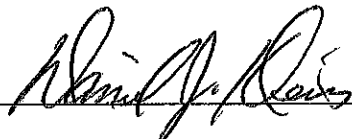
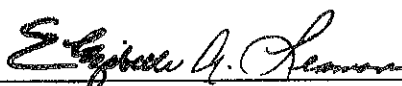
Hoey moved to approve resolution 2013-R-7, a resolution concerning the review and release of executive session minutes and the destruction of executive session recordings from the past six months. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Requests for TIF Assistance

Mayor Kleiss announced the Tuscola Moose Lodge has requested TIF assistance for the purchase of some adjoining properties on the west side of their building and for paving of the area. The TIF committee recommends a grant of one half the total project cost. Truitt moved to approve the TIF committee's recommendation of a TIF grant of \$80,000 to the Tuscola Moose Lodge for property acquisition and updates. Seip seconded. Seip asked if this would help deplete the sales tax. Hoel answered it depends on when we close. Maxey asked if the Moose pays sales tax. Hoel answered they do pay sales tax. The Moose also pays some property taxes. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Administrator Hoel reported the tourism committee plans to make the part-time marketing position full-time. He is working on the position description and will be sending it out to council soon.

The motion to adjourn was made by Henderson and seconded by Shoemaker. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

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