

CITY OF TUSCOLA
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
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Tuscola City Hall
October 14, 2013

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

Consent Agenda

Mayor Kleiss went over the items on the consent agenda, after removing a change order in the amount of \$82,000, to Stark Excavating for bridge clean-outs.

- Pay request of \$228,914.10, to Stark Excavating for work on the Scattering Forks project
- Change order decrease in the amount of \$5,000, from Stark Excavating to delete the stream crossings portion of the Scattering Forks project
- Pay request of \$23,000, to Owen Tucker for Barker/Prairie drainage improvements
- Change order of \$13,000, to Owen Tucker for the Prairie Street bridge clean-out
- Pay request in the amount of \$105,104.16, from Beniach Construction for the Route 36 sidewalk project

Hoey moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Maxey seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt. Maxey Moved to approve the consent agenda for October 14, 2013. Seip seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Time on the Agenda

Paul Wisovaty, representing the Salvation Army, was present to let council know the annual Kettle Drive will be conducted on weekends from November 30 through December 25 downtown and at the mall.

Mayor

1. Mayor Kleiss offered the City's congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Devin Black on the birth of their first child.

2. Mayor Kleiss read a proclamation declaring November 26, 2013, as First Christian Church Day. The church is celebrating their 150th anniversary on this date. Senior Minister Bob Williams and several parishioners were in attendance for the proclamation and photos with the Mayor.
3. Mayor Kleiss asked council to be thinking about the idea of allowing dog owners to run their dogs on the senior diamond at the park during the fall and winter months when no baseball is being played. More discussion will be held at the next meeting.

City Clerk – Nothing

City Treasurer

Treasurer Long reported the following TIF delinquencies: Bruce and Andrea Robinson; Jeff Winans and Kristin Winans; and PMG Tuscola, LLC. Long announced council has a copy of the FY13 Annual Treasurer's report. This report will be published next week. Any comments or questions should be directed to Treasurer Long.

City Attorney - Nothing

City Administrator

Administrator Hoel opened discussion on the \$82,000 change order to Stark Excavating that was removed from the consent agenda. Hoel stated this was for clean outs of the Route 36 and Washington Street bridges. Hoel reported Stark has already begun this portion of the project. They are doing the bridge clean outs at time and material and are at about \$25,000 less than the \$82,000, Hoel Stated. Stark should be finished with the clean outs tomorrow, weather permitting. Hoel went on to say he was at the site today speaking with the project manager and one of the Scattering Forks drainage commissioners (Kirk Little) about the elevation of the box culverts. These original culverts are now lower than the flow line of the channel. After the clean out, the bottom of the creek is higher. Hoel added this is not a big deal; water will still flow when it rises. The problem is during low flow the bridges are full of water. Hoel spoke with Little about cleaning out the channel between the two bridges and a bit downstream of the Route 36 bridge. The contractor has been given a "not to exceed" cost of \$49,500 to do this channel work. Hoel pointed out with the \$25,000 savings on the clean out, we should come in right around the \$82,000 originally planned, if the drainage district is agreeable to splitting the cost. Hoel asked if council agreed with this. Mayor Kleiss and several councilmen were in agreement. Hoel noted the bridge clean outs will make an enormous difference in the modeling for flood plain mapping. It will benefit the City when the floodplain is re-mapped. Seip moved to approve the change order to Stark Excavating for the clean out of the Route 36 and Washington Street bridges and the channel between the two bridges. Cost will be based on time and materials. Hoey seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Requests for TIF Assistance

Action was taken on several TIF committee recommendations for funding.

- a) Truitt moved to approve the TIF committee's recommendation for a 50% grant, up to \$3,530, for footing and masonry repair on the Boyd/Hemmer building at 902 S. Court. Cleland seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.
- b) Shoemaker moved to approve the TIF committee's recommendation of an additional \$4,750 grant and \$3,800 loan to TD Properties for window replacement at 101 W. South Central, bringing the new totals to a \$9,500 grant and \$7,400 loan. Hoey seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.
- c) Hoey moved to approve the TIF committee's recommendation of a \$28,977 grant to the Tuscola Cemetery for decorative gates on Prairie and Route 36. Truitt seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.
- d) Cleland moved to approve the TIF committee's recommendation of a 50% grant (\$4,300) for roof repairs on the Tuscola Journal building at 113-115 West Sale. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.
- e) Seip moved to approve the TIF committee's recommendation of a 50% grant (\$840) and additional principal of \$670 to the existing loan of Sandy Cruzan and Pam Dean for tuck pointing and masonry repairs at 107 West Sale. Slaughter seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.
- f) Cleland moved to approve the TIF committee's recommendation for a grant of \$4,850 to Jim and Kay Higgins for installation of a vinyl fence at the Wee Warriors Daycare. Maxey seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.
- g) Truitt moved to approve the TIF committee's recommendation for additional grant and loan funds to Richard and Donna Kidwell for their Winterberry roof and masonry repairs. The committee recommends additional grant funds of \$11,575 and an additional loan of \$9,260 for Kidwell's property at 114-116 West Sale. Maxey seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Mayor Kleiss thanked council for their show of support for these TIF projects.

Other

Hoey moved to approve a \$125 holiday bonus for city employees. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Administrator Hoel brought council up to date on the Winans TIF delinquency and stated he has discussed the matter with Both Jeff and Kristin. Hoel added Jeff promised he would come in on Thursday and pay the loan off. Even though the TIF committee recommended Attorney Bequette start foreclosure on the property, Hoel suggests waiting until Thursday before doing anything.

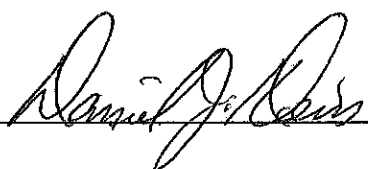
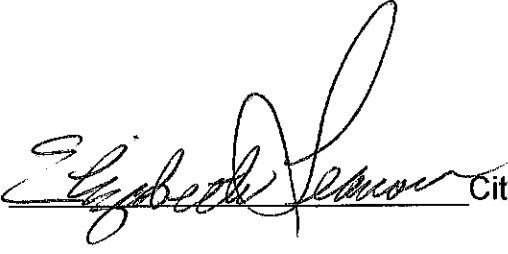
Hoey thanked council for their support on the Scattering Forks clean out. He and a lot of his neighbors are very happy about it.

Kleiss commented on the great sales tax report that came out today. We hope the trend continues!

Seip commented on the good ISO rating the City has and the lower insurance premiums for homeowners. Seip is not sure the citizens realize how much work the fire department and City put into the infrastructure so we can have the good ratings.

Shoemaker commented out of all the projects we have done over the years, he has gotten more positive feedback on the Route 36 sidewalk than any other.

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

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