

CITY OF TUSCOLA
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
STATE OF ILLINOIS
March 11, 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. Alderman Hoey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

Administrator Hoel went over the items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the February 25, 2013 meeting.
- Payment of bills totaling \$143,563.77.
- Pay request in the amount of \$15,986, from Owen Tucker for work on the Barker/Prairie drainage. Hoel noted he received a technical note on this today; he is asking for approval, but will hold payment until further review.
- A final pay request from Meuser Construction and Excavating in the amount of \$41,450.70 for demolition of the Dotson Building.
- Request from the Children's Advocacy Center to hold a 5K walk on April 20, 2013 (map provided).
- Community Building lease request from Sandra Cortez for a birthday party on March 31, 2013.

Hoey moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Henderson seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt. Shoemaker moved to approve the consent agenda for March 11, 2013. Seip seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Mayor

Mayor Kleiss read a proclamation declaring the month of March 2013 as American Red Cross Month. Kleiss thanked the city staff for their contributions repairing the broken water lines over the week-end.

City Clerk - Nothing

City Treasurer

Treasurer Long reported PMG Tuscola LLC; Scott Kibler Agency; Jeff and Kristin Winans; and Bruce and Andrea Robinson are delinquent on their TIF loans.

City Attorney - Nothing

City Administrator - Nothing

Resolutions

Cleland moved to approve resolution 2013-R-1, a resolution adopting the 2013 water and sewer rate schedule, as presented several weeks ago. Seip seconded. Treasurer Long announced the majority of the bills in the City will increase by 4.65%. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Administrator Hoel reported the city staff discovered the form used for the MFT resolution for the South Main and Tuscola Boulevard project was incorrect. In order to correct this before the audit, Hoel would like council to re-affirm the resolution, this time on the correct form. Cleland moved to re-affirm the MFT bond resolution in the amount of \$500,000, for the South Main and Tuscola Boulevard Project, which was completed last year. Slaughter seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Hoel reported we are getting ready to bid pavement patches on South Washington Street. If council has no objections, he would like to include the pavement repairs needed on South Main in this bid request.

Contracts and Agreements

Treasurer Long reported the City will get credit for the 2012 deposit made to Jamaica Pyrotechnics for the fireworks display that was cancelled due to rain. Maxey moved to approve the contract with Jamaica Pyrotechnics in the amount of \$20,000, for the fireworks display to be held July 6, 2013. Truitt seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

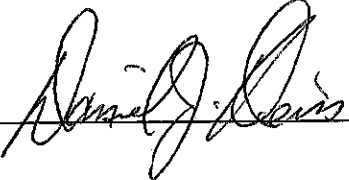
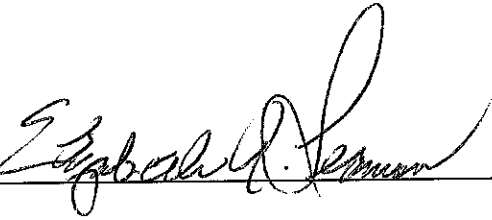
Other

1. Truitt moved to approve the appointment of Ann Carter to Clerical – General 1, effective March 13, 2013. Maxey seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.
2. Mayor Kleiss reported he has spoken with landowner Bob Hill about the easement for the Hayes Branch drainage improvements. Mr. Hill had a few concerns and the Mayor has forwarded them on to the engineers. Kleiss went on to say he felt this was a good discussion; the Hill's want to help the city with the drainage. Hill's only concern is he does not want any more debris on the property than they currently have during high water.
3. Hoey asked about the pool repairs. Administrator Hoel reported the contractor has been cooperative. Foreman Cruzan stated the problem is 90% fixed; there is still a bit of seepage, though. Hoey added the fire truck looks good and the fence at the park is nice.
4. Truitt asked why the wind turbine sometimes does not spin. Hoel informed council this is maintenance/monitoring issue. The turbine is under warranty and a representative will come to see what is needed to correct the problem.
5. Maxey moved council go into executive session to discuss land acquisition and pending or imminent litigation. The time was 7:50 P.M. Henderson seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt. The meeting was called back to order at 8:07 PM with Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, and Mayor Kleiss in attendance.

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Truitt wished Alderman Maxey good luck with the record he will be cutting this week during his trip to Oklahoma.

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

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