

CITY OF TUSCOLA
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
STATE OF ILLINOIS
February 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. Alderwoman Truitt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

Administrator Hoel went over the items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the January 28, 2013 meeting
- Payment of bills totaling \$237,682.05
- Pay request of \$28,035 from Owen Tucker for Barker/Prairie drainage improvements
- Fundraising request June 1, 2013, submitted by Becky's Buddies Relay for Life Team
- Use of the South Fire Station lot for overflow parking on March 1-2, 2013

Hoey moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Maxey asked if council was prepared to allow every relay for life team to collect funds, if they requested permission. If we allow one team, Maxey added, we will have to allow any teams that come before council and ask permission. Mayor Kleiss felt this was not likely to happen. Kleiss went on to say we have quite a few collectors in the city now. Treasurer Long reported the city staff watches the calendar to be sure there is not an abundance of fundraising efforts going on at the same time. Seip added he felt collections at the mall should be done as cars are leaving the mall. Maxey seconded Hoey's motion to approve the items on the consent agenda. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt. Cleland moved to approve the consent agenda for February 11, 2013. Henderson seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Requested Time on the Agenda

Richard Bean addressed council on behalf of the 'Wheels Car Club' about the club's 25th annual car show. The club would like permission to close some streets for their event on the evening of June 1, 2013. Bean added the car show is growing; the club may need to look at more parking in the near future. Council gave their permission for the street closings on June 1. Foreman Cruzan will provide barricades for the club to use.

Mayor

Mayor Kleiss commented the November sales tax was very good; the city continues to grow and that's good to see.

City Clerk - Nothing

City Treasurer

Treasurer Long called council's attention to the annual hotel/motel report. Any questions should be directed to her. Long stated the TIF committee has asked her to begin reporting TIF delinquencies at 60 days instead of 90. The TIF delinquencies at 60 days are: PMG Tuscola LLC; Brett Adkisson; Jeff and Kristin Winans; Scott Kibler Agency; Bruce and Andrea Robinson.

City Attorney - Nothing

City Administrator

Administrator Hoel announced Stephen Bosch has resigned his position with the city effective February 22, 2013. Bosch has been a good employee and Hoel wishes him well.

Contracts and Agreements

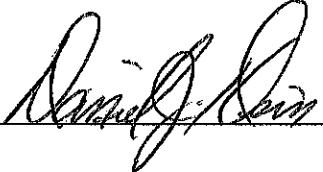
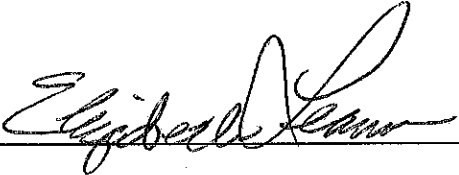
Administrator Hoel discussed the memorandum of understanding for infrastructure, site engineering, surveying, and platting at the old Dixie property. The developer plans to build a travel center on part of the property and sub-divide the remainder. Before the development can begin, engineering, surveying, platting, and intersection design has to be done. The total estimated cost of the due diligence is \$114,300, with the memorandum of understanding calling for a reimbursement of \$61,900 of these costs. Mayor Kleiss pointed out the entire project size is three to four million dollars. Henderson moved to approve the memorandum of understanding with Tuscola Properties, LLC and Tuscola Investments LLC, for infrastructure and site engineering, surveying and platting at 1000 East Southline Road, at a maximum cost to the city of \$61,900. Slaughter seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Other

1. Mayor Kleiss asked for discussion on the proposed water/sewer rates increase. Administrator Hoel pointed out the city generally does not do increases each year, even though our costs go up each year. The city raises rates every three to four years, with higher increases. The city is obligated to operate the water and sewer systems to break even, Hoel added. Hoey asked if it is absolutely critical to raise the rates 7%. Treasurer Long answered if we don't raise 7% now, we'll have to do another increase in the near future. Long went on to say we have had some steep increases that have not been passed on to the consumer.
2. Administrator Hoel reported the new fire truck will be delivered the week of February 25. We will need to dispose of the old ladder truck and the oldest of the three engines. Hoel reported there really is not much of a market for these old trucks. There is an exchange program through the State Fire Marshal's Office, Hoel stated, that helps municipalities get rid of older equipment. Hoel added there is a statute covering the liability. Hoel would like to offer the ladder truck and engine to other fire departments. Attorney Bequette felt we could list them; we don't have to take an offer if we don't want to. Administrator Hoel will prepare a surplus property ordinance for action at the next meeting.

3. Truitt moved council go into executive session for land acquisition and pending or imminent litigation. Shoemaker seconded. The time was 8:01 P.M. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt. The meeting was called back to order at 9:00 P.M. with Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, and Mayor Kleiss present. Truitt asked if anyone knows the whereabouts of the piano and organ from the Senior Center. Administrator Hoel reported the furnishings at the Senior Center do not belong to the city. We own the building, but the furnishings belong to the Senior Center. Hoel stated there is a private organization that takes care of issues with the center; however, the organization has not kept current. Hoel added he has been meeting with a small group of people about the remodeling changes the city will be making to the building.

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

 David J. Klein 2/25/13 Mayor  Elizabeth A. Lewis City Clerk