

CITY OF TUSCOLA
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
STATE OF ILLINOIS
April 8, 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

Mayor Kleiss went over the items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the March 25, 2013 meeting
- Payment of bills totaling \$135,551.62
- Pay request in the amount of \$12,000, from Owen Tucker for the Barker/Prairie TIF Project
- A request from the Tuscola United Methodist Church to hold a Bike-a-Thon around the old North Ward property
- Community Building lease request from Bruce and Deanna Rogers for a wedding reception May 4, 2013

Hoey moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Maxey seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt. Shoemaker moved to approve the consent agenda for April 8, 2013. Henderson seconded. Rodney Zimmer was present and informed council the Bike-a-Thon would be held May 18, 2013. He would like barricades to close the three streets surrounding the old North Ward property. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Mayor

Mayor Kleiss has received another letter from Mr. York about the dilapidated properties in town. Kleiss informed council he responded today to Mr. York's letter. Mayor Kleiss wished Alderman Slaughter a Happy Birthday!

City Clerk - Nothing

City Treasurer

Treasurer Long reported PMG Tuscola LLC, Jeff and Kristin Winans, Scott Kibler Agency, and Bruce and Andrea Robinson are all delinquent on their TIF loans. Kibler made a payment this last week, Long stated. Two or three budget items have been changed from the draft submitted last meeting, Long reported, and the library budget has been submitted. The final budget will be prepared for the next council meeting. Any questions or comments should be directed to Treasurer Long.

City Attorney - Absent

City Administrator - Absent

Ordinances

Cleland moved to approve ordinance 2013-0-2, an ordinance authorizing the ceding of private activity bonding authority. This ordinance allows the city to transfer its portion of the home rule bonding authority to the Eastern Illinois Economic Development Authority. Truitt seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Contracts and Agreements

Mayor Kleiss presented a change order from Cross Construction for council consideration. The change order is for the costs associated with installing a new fire hydrant on the joint Tuscola/Arcola pipeline on route 45. Henderson moved to approve a change order with Cross Construction in the amount of \$6,608, for a new hydrant at route 45 and Northline Road. Cleland seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Requests for TIF Assistance

Two TIF committee recommendations were presented for council approval.

The committee recommends a 50% grant, up to \$24,500, to AIMS Sandwiches, LLC, (DQ) for exterior renovations at 1100 E. Southline Road. Seip moved to approve the TIF committee's recommendation of a 50% grant, up to \$24,500, to AIMS Sandwiches. Truitt seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

The second committee recommendation is for a 50% grant, up to \$30,665 and a 40% loan, up to \$24,532, to Greco Enterprises, for roof replacement and ADA compliant restrooms at Dollar General, 101 East Sale. Truitt moved to approve the TIF committee's recommendation to Greco Enterprises, LLC, for a 50% grant and 40% loan for roof and ADA compliant restrooms at 101 East Sale. Maxey seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

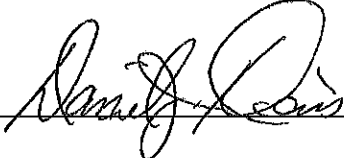
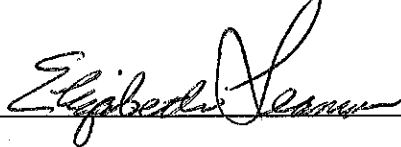
Other

Treasurer Long has composed a letter to the IDOT auditors in response to their recent audit findings. The IDOT auditors have reported the City as "non-compliant" with an IDOT regulation that requires not more than 50% of the annual MFT allotment used on bond and interest repayment.

Henderson moved council go into executive session to discuss personnel and land acquisition. The time was 7:42 PM. Seip seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt. The meeting was called back to order at 8:02 PM with Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt and Mayor Kleiss in attendance. Mayor Kleiss reported he has a notice from Mediacom stating our cable bills will be going up. Mediacom is adding a surcharge to all bills and raising the family cable rate.

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Some discussion was held on the April 9 election and the vote to raise sales tax by 1%.
The motion to adjourn was made by Henderson and seconded by Maxey. VOTE YEA*
Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

 _____ Mayor  _____ City Clerk