

CITY OF TUSCOLA
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
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May 13, 2013
Tuscola City Hall

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order with Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Slaughter, Truitt, and Mayor Kleiss in attendance. Alderman Shoemaker was absent. Mayor Kleiss led the Pledge of Allegiance. Kleiss noted Shoemaker had asked to be excused from the meeting.

Clerk Leamon gave the oath of office to Mayor Kleiss. Mayor Kleiss gave the oath to Clerk Leamon and then Aldermen Seip, Hoey, and Henderson.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Kleiss went over the items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the April 22, 2013 meeting
- Payment of bills totaling \$437,432.88
- Pay request from Owen Tucker in the amount of \$15,695, for the Barker/Prairie drainage improvements
- Fundraising request from the Erin Hettinger-Lindelof 5K committee. Donations will be collected on either June 22 or July 13 in the downtown area, at the mall and at the intersection of Northline and Prairie
- A community building lease request for an event with alcohol from Sandra Rivera on June 8, 2013
- A community building lease request for a wedding reception with alcohol from Hannah Brandenburg on June 15, 2013
- Request to close Main Street from Sale to Pembroke on June 22, 2013, for the second annual High Heel Dash

Hoey moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Truitt seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Slaughter, Truitt. Henderson moved to approve the consent agenda for May 13, 2013. Maxey seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Slaughter, Truitt.

Mayor

Mayor Kleiss announced we are lucky to have three young men who have volunteered to serve on the fire department. Seip moved to approve the appointments of Aaron Pierce, Elliot Harris, and Robert Ross as volunteer firefighters. Henderson seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Slaughter, Truitt. Chief Hettinger announced Jim Nees recently retired from the fire department, after serving 24 years. Mayor Kleiss thanked Nees for his service to the city.

City Clerk

Clerk Leamon asked for approval of the annual ordinance adopting the code of ordinances. Truitt moved to approve ordinance 2013-0-13, an ordinance enacting and adopting a supplement to the code of ordinances for the City of Tuscola. Seip seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Slaughter, Truitt.

City Treasurer

Treasurer Long reminded council the city ordinances can be viewed online. TIF delinquencies are PMG Tuscola, LLC; Jeff and Kristin Winans; and Bruce and Andrea Robinson. Based on the annual Berns, Clancy survey, our water/sewer rate comparisons with other communities have improved over last year, Long reported. The survey includes our recent rate increases. Tuscola is the member spotlight of the month in the Illinois Municipal League publication. Long reported calls from people wanting to visit have been coming in from all over the state. Truitt announced Dr. Hemmer and Bob's Super Service have both paid off their TIF loans. Mayor Kleiss noted we have had several large repayments of TIF loans; it is important to recognize those instead of always making note of the delinquent loans.

City Attorney - Nothing

City Administrator

Administrator Hoel reminded council to be sure and check out the new vector truck on display outside. Mayor Kleiss commented he is glad our community is able to afford the nice equipment we've been able to purchase the past few years. Kleiss thanked the employees, council, and community members for helping make these purchases possible.

Contracts and Agreements

1. Treasurer Long discussed the annual audit, stating we do not know yet if the state will require a single audit of grant funds in addition to the standard audit. The audit engagement letter from Bray, Drake, Liles, and Richardson includes both options. The fee for a standard audit is \$11,100; the single audit for grant funds in addition to the standard audit is \$13,700. Maxey moved to approve the audit engagement with Bray, Drake, Liles, and Richardson for a standard audit @ \$11,100, or the standard audit plus single audit of grant funds @ \$13,700, depending on the decision from the State of Illinois. Cleland seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Slaughter, Truitt.
2. Delta Dental has submitted a renewal for the city's dental insurance. There is no cost increase over last year. Maxey moved to approve the renewal of the city's dental insurance with Delta Dental. Hoey seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Slaughter, Truitt.
3. Jacob Scribner would like to operate his Tropical Sno concession in the pool area again this year, Hoel reported. The lease agreement with Scribner is a one time \$250 payment. Cleland moved to approve the lease with Jacob Scribner for summer pool concessions. Maxey seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Slaughter, Truitt.
4. The easement agreement for Hayes Branch was tabled until the next meeting.

Requests for TIF Assistance

- A TIF grant request from Raul Molina for remodeling at 105 West Southline Road was also tabled.
- Administrator Hoel discussed a memorandum of understanding enacted a couple of months ago for design engineering for an east west road on the Dixie property. Hoel reported the developer has another potential development for the property and would like the east west road completed from Prairie all the way to Progress Boulevard. The original memorandum of understanding provided for installation of the east west road only to the intersection with the proposed new north south road. Henderson moved to amend the memorandum of understanding with Tuscola Properties LLC, to install the east west road from Prairie Street to Progress Boulevard at an additional cost of \$9800. Slaughter seconded. Mayor Kleiss added the new road should alleviate some of the congestion at Prairie Street and route 36. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Slaughter, Truitt.

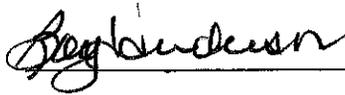
Other

Hoey moved to approve the following as summer employees for the city, effective as soon as possible: Jeff Broch, Brett Clifton, Brandon Evans on Street Department; Auste Shelmadine and Samantha Ledbetter at the park. Seip seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Slaughter, Truitt.

Administrator Hoel reported the estimated salvage value of Engine 91 is \$1700-\$2000. A bid of \$2864, is the only other option we have for disposal. Hoey asked Chief Hettinger about keeping the engine as long as we have a place to store it. Hettinger answered this would be okay as long as it does not cost us a lot of money; it will only get harder to dispose of. Hettinger stated he really does not need Engine 91. Henderson moved to approve the sale of Engine 91 to Kevin Breen for \$2,864.00. Hoey seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Slaughter, Truitt.

Administrator Hoel stated the pool is being prepared for opening on Saturday, May 25. Hours and rates will be the same as last year. When school resumes in August, the pool will be open on week-ends only from noon to 5:00 PM until the Labor Day closing.

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

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