

CITY OF TUSCOLA  
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
June 24, 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 June 10, 2013 meeting
- Financial report for May 2013
- Payment of bills totaling \$502,021.82

Hoey moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Slaughter seconded. VOTE YEA\*  
Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt. Cleland moved to  
approve the consent agenda for June 24, 2013. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA\*  
Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Mayor - Nothing

City Clerk - Nothing

City Treasurer

Administrator Hoel reported Treasurer Long is in Springfield attending the annual meeting of the Illinois Municipal Treasurer's Association. TIF delinquencies are PMG Tuscola; Jeff Winans and Kristin Winans; Bruce and Andrea Robinson.

City Attorney - Nothing

City Administrator - Nothing

Ordinances

Hoel announced the 2014 appropriation ordinance is available for review at City Hall. The public hearing for comments concerning the ordinance will be held before the July 8 council meeting.

## Resolutions

Hoel discussed an IDOT resolution appropriating \$79,250 for the annual MFT oil and chip projects. Based on the recent audit of MFT funds, the city may need to use some general funds in order to complete these projects, Hoel added. Cleland moved to approve the Illinois Department of Transportation resolution for maintenance of streets and highways appropriating \$79,250 of motor fuel tax funds for the annual oil and chip projects. Henderson seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

## Contracts and Agreements

Several finalized easement agreements and engineering contracts were presented for council approval. These agreements and contracts are necessary for Hayes Branch and Scattering Forks channel improvements. Administrator Hoel pointed out all easement agreements are based on \$13,250 per acre.

- I. Henderson moved to approve the 2.11 acre easement agreement with the Hill family for channel improvements to the Hayes Branch. Truitt seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.
- II. Truitt moved to approve the 2.33 acre easement agreement with the Rice Family Trust for channel improvements to the Scattering Forks. Seip seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.
- III. Hoey moved to approve the 1.317 acre easement agreement with Tuscola National Bank for Scattering Forks channel improvements. Seip seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.
- IV. The city is purchasing 2.05 acres (@ \$13,250/ac) from the Church of the Nazarene for the Scattering Forks improvements, Hoel reported. Truitt moved to approve the real estate contract with the Church of the Nazarene for the purchase of 2.05 acres for channel improvements to the Scattering Forks. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.
- V. Hoey moved to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Clark Dietz for engineering services on the Scattering Forks channel improvements @ \$39,250. Cleland seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.
- VI. Henderson moved to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Clark Dietz for engineering services on the Hayes Branch channel improvements @ \$36,790. Seip seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.
- VII. Hoel discussed the bids received for the Scattering Forks channel improvements. Clark Dietz has recommended the city reject the low bid submitted by Meuser Construction based on prior performance as well as errors in their bid submittal. The engineers recommend going with the second low bid, submitted by Stark Excavating. After discussion on the bid ranges and engineer's estimates, Truitt moved to reject the low bid of \$392,515.66, submitted by Meuser Construction and Excavating and award

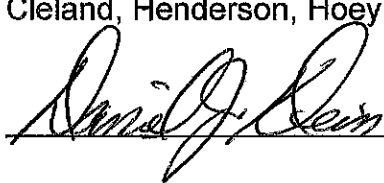
the bid of \$635,699, for the Scattering Forks channel improvements to Stark Excavating, Inc. Seip seconded. Shoemaker asked if the \$50,000 contingency is included in this award. Hoel answered it is not. If there are any contingencies, they come before council for approval. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt. Hoey asked for an estimate of the total costs of these channel improvements. Administrator Hoel estimates \$785,000 for the Scattering Forks, using the \$250,000 grant and sales tax TIF. The Hayes Branch improvements are estimated at \$900,000 and will be funded by the Barker/Prairie TIF, once homes are built in the area and tax revenues come into the city. Until that time we are borrowing from other funds, Hoel stated. Also, ½ of the construction work will be paid up front; the other ½ is paid at the end of the project. Mayor Kleiss pointed out these two projects are a win for everyone and would not be possible without TIF and the grant funds.

Administrator Hoel gave an update on the Amishland platting issue we have been trying to resolve for 18 months or more. Some parts of this property have never been platted, Hoel reported; this is a problem when trying to build infrastructure and develop the property. Hoel went on to say all the various landowners are interested in finding a way for the existing TIF district to build a road there; however, this will require the city to get 10 acres of the ground in exchange for building the road. Currently, there are two banks and one private landowner involved. Hoel added we have a final plat and agreement; terms have been discussed with the landowners. Hoel estimates a cost of \$500,000, to build the road, using Amishland TIF funds. Mayor Kleiss pointed out we have recouped our money on the Red Barn parcel. This proposed road would be a good project that would benefit everyone.

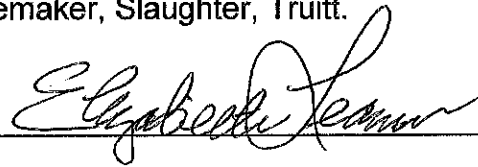
Other

'Sparks in the Park', scheduled for July 5&6, looks to be a great event, Kleiss stated. Administrator Hoel added Treasurer Long and Anna Marx have been working hard on this event. Hoel reported the Henningsen's will be performing the evening of the 6<sup>th</sup>. Hoel gave the parade and 5K routes, which will require closing Northline right in front of the park. Henderson moved to approve the 'Sparks in the Park' parade route, 5K route, and the closing of Northline between Main and Parke. Maxey seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt. Maxey moved to approve the fireworks display permit with Jamaica Pyrotechnics for the community fireworks on July 6. Cleland seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt. Truitt asked about the parking situation in Ironhorse during the fireworks display. Hoel answered the police department posts signs. This works for the most part.

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



Mayor



City Clerk