

CITY OF TUSCOLA  
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
September 10, 2012  
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 present. Judy Landeck led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Consent Agenda

Administrator Hoel went over the items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the August 27, 2012 meeting
- Payment of bills totaling \$193,855.96
- Pay request of \$12,125.00, from Owen Tucker for the Barker/Prairie detention basin
- A change order in the amount of \$15,870, to Mid States General and Mechanical for sewer improvements
- Request from the Kiwanis Club to hold their annual 'Peanut Days' fundraiser November 9 and 10, 2012
- A change to the TCHS Homecoming parade route
- Request to use South Fire Station lot for overflow parking during the Rural Life Antique Show on November 9 and 10, 2012.

Judy Landeck, representing the Kiwanis Club, informed council the club will sell peanuts at Progress and Tuscola Boulevards; Main and Sale Streets; Tuscola IGA; and ShopKo. Hoey moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Maxey seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt. Henderson moved to approve the consent agenda for September 10, 2012. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

### Mayor

Mayor Kleiss announced Trick -or-Treat hours will be 5:30-7:30 P.M. on Wednesday, October 31.

### City Clerk

Clerk Leamon reported nominating petitions may be circulated beginning September 25, 2012 for the April 9, 2013 consolidated election. The Mayor, Clerk, and one seat from each of the four wards will be elected.

### City Treasurer

In Treasurer Long's absence, Administrator Hoel reported the TIF delinquencies are PMG Tuscola and Jeff and Kristin Winans.

### City Attorney - Nothing

### City Administrator

Administrator Hoel reported the tourism committee recommends not re-scheduling the postponed fireworks display this year. Instead, they would like to contribute additional funds next year and make the 2013 fireworks display bigger. Maxey asked about losing the deposit. Carly McCrory stated we would lose the deposit of \$3750. Also, the tourism committee voted to spend an additional \$5000 next year and have a \$20,000 display. Administrator Hoel pointed out the deposit is lost anyway. It will cost another \$11,250 not to lose the \$3750. If we spend the additional \$11,250, we'll get \$15,000 worth of fireworks. McCrory added the tourism board discussed the possibility of having the fireworks during homecoming but that did not work out. Also, the board did not want to create an event just to have the fireworks. Seip asked what dates were planned for 2013. McCrory stated the 'Sparks in the Park' will be July 5 & 6; the fireworks are planned for Friday, July 5; however, this has not been finalized. Seip questioned if Saturday, July 6, would be a better date for the fireworks. He stated several vendors have mentioned to him the Saturday evening after the 4<sup>th</sup> is pretty slow. Shoemaker asked if the committee had ever considered taking insurance on the fireworks. McCrory and Hoel were not sure this was available.

Mayor Kleiss congratulated Foreman Denny Cruzan and thanked him for his 40 years of service to the City of Tuscola.

### Contracts and Agreements

Mayor Kleiss presented a Professional Services Agreement with Peckham, Guyton, Albers & Viets, Inc. (PGAV), a TIF, economic development, and urban planning firm from St. Louis. The city has used PGAV many times in the past, Kleiss stated. The gazebo and downtown streetscape were planned by PGAV. Mayor Kleiss would like PGAV to study and provide options for our Community Building, properties to the east, and the bank building on the corner. Kleiss went on to say this is something he's been interested in for quite some time and we have held off on some major renovations to the Community Building until we knew what we wanted there. Shoemaker and Truitt were also in attendance at the meeting with PGAV. Mayor Kleiss asked for their comments. Shoemaker felt PGAV could provide ideas to rejuvenate the downtown. Truitt added we have a track record with PGAV; they've done anything we've asked for; we trust them, and they helped write the TIF statutes. Shoemaker added PGAV is doing the same type of thing in a lot of other towns. Truitt moved to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Peckham, Guyton, Albers, & Viets, in the amount of \$38,000, for design services to study the potential of a special events venue. Henderson seconded. Administrator Hoel added this is a project we've talked about specifically for the Community Building. There is a need for remodeling there, as well as new HVAC. It is hard to do this without knowing what the overall use of the building will be. Hoel added what we will be getting out of the plan from PGAV is consensus building. Part of their process is to facilitate decisions, based on concepts they have put together. PGAV will make presentations of options to council, Hoel stated. They will get our input, make revisions, and come back to council. Shoemaker stated he is hopeful some of the items PGAV has done in other towns can be done here. Kleiss added the city has been talking about doing something with the Community Building for at least five and maybe 10 years. Shoemaker pointed out we have funding for this type of project. Kleiss agreed. Truitt stated the project discussed with PGAV would open up the Community Building area and tie it in with the downtown.



Administrator Hoel reported this is a component of the Downtown Master Plan that was developed years ago. Many of the items in the master plan have been accomplished, Hoel stated. Roll was then taken on the motion to enter into the PSA with PGAV. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Other

Administrator Hoel updated council on the swimming pool leak. The plugs that were ordered for the main drain came in; the diver went down today and discovered the main drain has 8" pipes instead of 10", as called for in all the drawings. The 8" plugs should come within a few days and we will try to test the pool by the end of the week, Hoel stated. We are to the point where the pool leak is one of two things, and we are about to eliminate one. Hoel has not had a chance to speak with the contractor about why 8" pipes were installed instead of 10".

Mayor Kleiss announced the CIMOA meeting will be September 20 in Arthur. Anyone interested in attending, should contact the city staff by September 17.

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

 \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  \_\_\_\_\_ City Clerk