

CITY OF TUSCOLA
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
STATE OF ILLINOIS
October 22, 2012
Tuscola City Hall

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order with Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Truitt, and Mayor Kleiss present. Alderman Slaughter was absent. Shoemaker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

Administrator Hoel went over the items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the October 8, 2012 meeting
- Payment of bills totaling \$185,905.22
- Pay request in the amount of \$58,900, from Meuser Construction & Excavation for demo of the Dotson Building
- Pay request from Hanfland Painting in the amount of \$118,800, for the water tower project
- Fundraising request from the Villa Grove Jr, High to solicit donations at Tanger for a class trip to Washington, DC

Seip moved to remove the fundraising request from the consent agenda. Truitt seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Truitt. Maxey moved to approve the revised consent agenda, removing the fundraising request. Henderson seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Truitt. Maxey moved to approve the revised consent agenda for October 22, 2012. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Truitt. Seip moved to deny the fundraising request for December 8 & 9, submitted by the Villa Grove Jr. High. Shoemaker seconded. Truitt suggests council come up with some guidelines for fundraising. Seip suggests discussing this in committee. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Truitt.

Time on the Agenda

Administrator Hoel reported the two items for time on the agenda will take place before the next council meeting. He has spoken with one of the planners of the Robert Reese memorial. Treasurer Long reported she spoke with the American Legion requester. The Legion plans to hold a fundraising event on November 3 to help fund their scholarship program. Hoel added the group planning the memorial for Robert Reese will hold a zombie walk on the evening of November 3. The walk will end with a memorial at Festival Plaza. There were no objections to these requests.

Mayor

Mayor Kleiss announced he received a letter from MediaCom announcing current and new MediaCom customers can receive the NFL network by subscribing to either MediaCom's Sports and Informational Pac or HD Pac.

Ashley Hudson addressed council about her plans for the Robert Reese Memorial. The zombie walk is characteristic of Robert, Ashley stated. In the middle of the walk, a group of walkers will stop and flash mob to 'Thriller'. After the memorial, everyone will walk to the Douglas County Museum for an after party and more fund raising. Hudson reported 110 people have confirmed as of today.

City Clerk - Nothing

City Treasurer

Treasurer Long reported PMG Tuscola LLC and Jeff and Kristin Winans are delinquent on their TIF loans. Long called council's attention to their copies of the Annual Treasurer's Report and stated the report will be published in the Tuscola Journal this week.

City Attorney - Nothing

City Administrator - Nothing

Other

TEDI Director Moody passed out a printed report of TEDI activities and called council's attention to several new projects that have been consuming most of his time. Moody added he would be glad to speak to council about any of the items on the report.

Contracts and Agreements

1. Treasurer Long discussed the renewal of employee group life, short term disability, accidental death and dismemberment insurance with Lincoln Financial Group. Long stated rates were not raised at all last year; this year the disability went up slightly. Long added there were no other quotes close to these rates.
2. Hoel discussed bids received for the completion of the water main project. The project includes the Niles Street re-bore, several connections not completed, and site restoration. Of the three bids submitted, Cross Construction of Urbana, was the lowest bidder at \$215,971.00. Hoel called council's attention to a spreadsheet prepared by Treasurer Long that gives a rundown of where we are with the water main project. This includes what has been completed, costs to date, and what needs to be completed. Henderson moved to approve the contract for water main improvements with Cross Construction in the amount of \$215,971.00. The contract includes re-bore and completion of the Niles Street crossing, several connections, and site restoration. The contract does not include the asphalt restoration on South Washington Street. Seip seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Truitt.
3. Administrator Hoel discussed the construction engineering contract with Clark Dietz for the completion of the water main project. Hoel stated Clark Dietz has offered to perform construction engineering on the completion of the water main project at a flat fee of \$10,000. The Clark Dietz letter states the reason for this offer is because of the financial strain put on the city by the previous contractor. Cleland moved to approve the construction engineering contract with Clark Dietz for the remaining construction phase services of the Niles Street bore and site restorations on the water main project, at a cost of \$10,000. Seip seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey,

Seip, Shoemaker, Truitt. Mayor Kleiss stated he would like to figure out a way to pay for this project so the entire cost does not have to come out of the water or sewer funds. Administrator Hoel pointed out the proposed funding sources at the bottom of the spread sheet. There is still some revolving loan fund money left; \$150,000 in water funds; substantial amounts are eligible for TIF funding and the general fund reserves can also be used, Hoel stated.

Other

Foreman Cruzan and Administrator Hoel have determined the pool leaks are in the new penetrations made in the wet well in the filter room. Hoel will draft a letter to the pool contractor concerning resolution of the leaks.

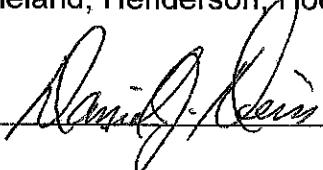
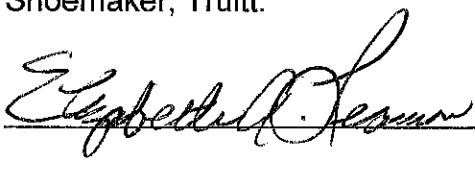
The 2013 property tax levy must be filed with the County Clerk by the last Tuesday in December. Treasurer Long reported she is assuming we do not want to raise the levy more than 5% over last year's extension. Mayor Kleiss answered that is correct. Long will get an estimate back to council at a later date.

Seip moved to approve employee holiday bonuses of \$125. Henderson seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Truitt .

The auto-read meter project is almost complete. Treasurer Long reported the three year project was a huge success. A number of leaks have been found before they became problems; the project came in right around budget; and the city has gotten almost \$12,000 out of the old meters. Administrator Hoel added the new system helps customers by detecting leaks and running stools up front. Also, customer complaints can be handled by showing them a print out of their water usage.

Truitt mentioned Foreman Cruzan and his crew did a great job on the brick street repairs. Mayor Kleiss would like to know the costs involved in these repairs. He thinks we'll find the cost was reasonable compared to other street projects we've done.

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

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