

CITY OF TUSCOLA
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
STATE OF ILLINOIS
December 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. Mayor Kleiss led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

Administrator Hoel went over the items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the November 26, 2012 meeting
- Payment of bills totaling \$677,674.97, which includes the annual Tanger payment approved a few meetings ago
- Pay request of \$157,500, from Hanfland Painting for the water tower project
- Pay request from Owen Tucker in the amount of \$32,600, for Barker/Prairie TIF drainage improvements

Hoey moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Slaughter seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt. Truitt moved to approve the consent agenda for December 10, 2012. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Mayor - Nothing

City Clerk

Clerk Leamon announced Monday, December 17, is the first day for filing nominating petitions. Mayor Kleiss added the office will not be open on December 24, as previously planned; December 26 will be the last day for filing petitions for the April 9, 2013 consolidated election.

City Treasurer

Treasurer Long reported PMG Tuscola LLC is delinquent on their TIF loan.

City Attorney - Nothing

City Administrator - Nothing

Ordinances

Administrator Hoel discussed an ordinance to amend the Hotel/Motel tax ordinance. This ordinance updates the notice provisions for meetings of the Tourism Committee in order to be compliant with the IL Open Meetings Act. Truitt moved to approve ordinance 2012-0-17, an ordinance to amend the City Hotel/Motel tax ordinance in Title IX, Business Regulations, Chapter 122 of the City's code of ordinances. Henderson seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

The second ordinance presented by Hoel amends the terms of the electric franchise agreement with Ameren. The current franchise agreement provides for free electricity to some public accounts (donated services). Now that our electricity will be coming from somewhere else, Ameren has supplied options to replace the donated services. Hoel recommends council choose the option in the presented amendment, which states Ameren will pay the City \$1800 annually for the value of the former donated services. Cleland moved to approve ordinance 2012-0-18, an ordinance amending the terms of an electric franchise agreement with Ameren Illinois. Maxey seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

The final ordinance to be considered was the annual levy ordinance. Truitt moved to approve ordinance 2012-0-19, an ordinance for the levy and assessment of taxes for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2012, and ending April 30, 2013 of the City of Tuscola. Seip seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Maxey moved council go into executive session for review of prior executive session minutes and land acquisition. The time was 7:40 P.M. Seip seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt. The meeting was called back to order at 8:30 P.M. with Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, and Mayor Kleiss present.

Resolutions


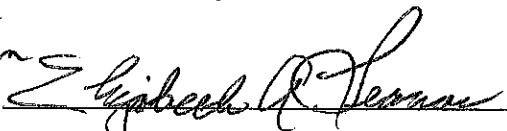
Hoey moved to approve Resolution 2012-R-7, a resolution concerning the review and release of executive session minutes and the destruction of executive session audio recordings. Seip seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Other

Foreman Cruzan reported the water tower is filled. The pool joints have been resealed; however, one of the joints is still leaking. Mayor Kleiss reported the tower had been filled once, but there was a leak in the bottom hatch. This was repaired and the tower is filling again. Maxey asked when the tower project will be finished. Administrator Hoel answered this will be done next spring. All that remains is the final surface coat, which should take no more than two weeks. Mayor Kleiss asked if council would be open to a different 'T' design for the tower. A student has suggested the City sponsor a contest to determine what font style to use. Administrator Hoel is not sure what type of artistic options the contractor will have for this. Mayor Kleiss plans to look into changing the font and sponsoring a contest. He will report back to council.

Mayor Kleiss wished everyone a Safe and Joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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

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Mayor  _____ City Clerk