

CITY OF TUSCOLA
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
STATE OF ILLINOIS
December 26, 2012
Tuscola City Hall

In the absence of Mayor Kleiss, Seip moved and Maxey seconded Alderman Henderson act as Mayor Pro-Tem for the December 26 meeting. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Truitt. Alderman Henderson abstained. Motion carried. The meeting was called to order with Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, and Truitt present. Alderman Slaughter and Mayor Kleiss were absent. Alderwoman Truitt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

Administrator Hoel went over the items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the December 10, 2012 meeting
- Financial report for November 2012
- Payment of bills for December 26 totaling \$136,406.02

Hoey moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Cleland seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Truitt. Seip moved to approve the consent agenda for December 26, 2012. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Truitt.

Mayor - Nothing

City Clerk - Nothing

City Treasurer

Treasurer Long reported PMG Tuscola LLC; Jeff and Kristin Winans; Scott Kibler Agency; and Bruce and Andrea Robinson are all delinquent on their TIF loans.

City Attorney - Absent

City Administrator - Nothing

Contracts and Agreements

Administrator Hoel discussed termination of the agreement for tourism services with TEDI. The agreement allowed for an annual payment of \$30,000, from the City to TEDI for Carly McCrory's salary, Hoel stated. Now that McCrory is no longer with TEDI, the City will be hiring a full time person to handle the tourism duties and some of the administrative duties for the police department. Hoel added TEDI is in complete agreement with this termination. Truitt moved to approve the termination of agreement for tourism services with TEDI. Maxey seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Truitt.

Requests for TIF Assistance

- Administrator Hoel opened discussion on the recent TIF committee meeting and suggested actions. The first request was for a term extension for the Kibler Agency TIF loan. This extension was discussed in the TIF meeting held December 15, 2012; however, since that time Kibler has become delinquent (> 90 days) on his loan. Council discussed the possible reasons for this. The TIF committee felt Kibler understood fully that in order to be granted the term extension, he would have to be current on his loan. Shoemaker pointed out the committee crafted the extension a little differently than Kibler requested and wondered if Kibler had agreed to the terms. Hoel stated Kibler did not come in to go over the paperwork at the scheduled time so he does not know the exact terms of the agreement. Maxey moved to approve the term extension on the Scott Kibler Agency TIF loan to December 15, 2021. Seip seconded. VOTE YEA* None. VOTE NAY* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Truitt. Motion denied.
- The Spirits of Tuscola LLC TIF request is for an assignment of the TIF grant awarded them some time ago to the new owners, Tuscola Beverage Depot, Inc. The grant was awarded for outside improvements to the building and parking lot. Truitt moved to approve the assignment of TIF grant funds from Spirits of Tuscola LLC to Tuscola Beverage Depot, Inc. Henderson seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Truitt.
- Maruti Gagan Management LLC, owners of the Burger King, have requested a TIF grant for some of the outside renovations they are making to their building on route 36. The owners are doing a total renovation (inside and out) of the building, at approximately \$350,000. The committee recommends a TIF grant of \$47,500, representing ½ of the exterior work. Truitt moved to approve a TIF grant of \$47,500 to Maruti Gagan Management LLC for exterior improvements at the Burger King, 1004 East Southline. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Truitt.
- Kris Clodfelder has requested TIF assistance for demolition of the Tuscola Motor Sports Building on route 36, as well as site prep, sidewalks and parking lot. Clodfelder plans to construct a new building to house his insurance business on this lot. Cleland moved to approve a TIF grant of \$44,800 to Kris Clodfelder, Country Financial and Insurance, for building demolition, site prep, sidewalks, and parking lot at 900 Meadowview. Seip seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Truitt.
- The Tuscola Senior Center is planning some remodeling (fixtures, furniture, TV, etc.) at their building. Hoel reported the city cannot fund these improvements; however, we can take care of the painting and flooring. Based on a proposal from Tuscola Home Center, the TIF committee recommends approval of \$17,850 for the Senior Center remodeling. Maxey moved to approve the \$17,850 proposal from Tuscola Home Center for the Tuscola Senior Center remodeling. Truitt seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Truitt.

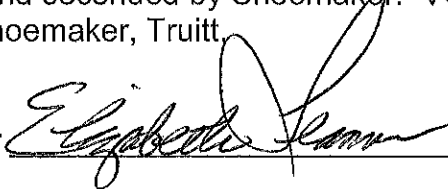
Other

Administrator Hoel opened discussion on the fire truck bids, which were opened on Friday, December 21. Two bids came in on a brand new truck; one was \$735,000, the other \$785,000. American La France (ALF) has contacted the city about a demo unit they have for sale, Hoel stated. This is a larger truck – 110' ladder and bigger pump – and the only truck he has seen so far that fits the dimensions of the opening at the fire house. The proposal for this truck is \$675,000. Hoel added the demo is not built to our specs, but is close to what we have been looking at. Hoel went on to say he would like council permission for the Fire Chief and another officer to take a trip to look at the unit. Chief Hettinger added he has spoken with the salesman about the demo unit and he has assured him the truck will fit in our building. Also, once he is able to look at the truck, it won't take long to determine how closely it fits our specs. At face value, it's not too far off, Hettinger added. Hettinger went on to say the catch is that ALF is also offering this to other departments. Truitt asked if we could give Chief Hettinger the authority to purchase the unit if he thinks it is suitable. Hoey asked if ALF can build a new unit for \$35,000 more, why not go that route. Hoel stated the main reason would be that we could purchase the demo unit in 30 days and a new truck will take at least a year to build. Hoey asked if ALF has been trying to sell this demo for 2 ½ years at this price. Hettinger answered he did not have the answer to that. So far, they have just submitted the proposal for the demo. With the holidays, Hettinger has not been able to contact them with questions. Council discussed options for authorizing purchase of the unit, if Chief Hettinger is satisfied once he sees the unit and has his questions answered. Shoemaker asked if it would be possible to put money down on the unit and ask ALF to hold it until we at least have a chance to go out and look at it. Hoel believes ALF will not hold the unit; however, if there is some way to do that, he will try. Hoey moved to waive formal bidding on the fire truck purchase. Henderson seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Truitt. Truitt moved to authorize Administrator Hoel to commit the city to the purchase of a fire truck from American La France, up to \$675,000, if Chief Hettinger recommends purchase and after getting the consent of the Mayor and Public Safety Committee. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Truitt.

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



Mayor



City Clerk