

CITY OF TUSCOLA
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
STATE OF ILLINOIS
January 23, 2012
Tuscola City Hall

In the absence of Mayor Kleiss, Truitt moved and Seip seconded Alderman Henderson act as Mayor Pro-Tem for the January 23 meeting. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt. Alderman Henderson abstained. Motion carried. Mayor Pro-Tem Henderson called the meeting to order with Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter and Truitt present. Mayor Kleiss was absent. Mike Damler, TEDI President, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

Administrator Hoel went over the items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the January 9, 2012 meeting
- The financial report for December 2011
- Payment of bills totaling \$233,450.68
- A pay request for \$98,649, from Mid-States General and Mechanical Contracting for work on the south lift station
- A pay request in the amount of \$43,147.80, from Central Subsurface Contracting, Inc. for the water main project
- Request from the TCHS Clickers for permission distribute fliers at Tanger Outlet on February 11 or 18, weather permitting
- Community Building lease with alcohol for the Tuscola Kiwanis and Women's Club to host an ARTCO fundraising dinner, February 19, 2012
- Community Building lease request from Paul Freebairn for a wedding reception with alcohol on February 25, 2012.

Seip moved to remove the pay request from Central Subsurface Contracting, Inc, in the amount of \$43,147.80, from the January 23, 2012 consent agenda. Truitt seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Administrator Hoel then read the revised consent agenda:

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Hoey moved to approve the items on the revised consent agenda. Maxey seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt. Maxey moved to approve the revised consent agenda for January 23, 2012, as read. Seip seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt. The Central Subsurface Contracting pay request was tabled until later in the meeting.

Mayor

On behalf of the City Council, Mayor Pro-Tem Henderson extended sympathy to the family of Julie Hoetker, former City Treasurer, who passed away last week-end.

City Clerk - Nothing

City Treasurer

Treasurer Long reported Darrel and Susan Latch, and PMG Tuscola are delinquent on their TIF loans.

City Attorney - Nothing

City Administrator

Administrator Hoel announced the demolition of the Dotson and Hill buildings will take place Wednesday morning, January 25. All downtown business owners have been made aware of this, Hoel stated, and the TPD will direct traffic.

The TCHS Clickers Club submitted a proclamation declaring February 12-18 as 'Clickers Week' in Tuscola. The purpose is to promote safe driving and raise public awareness about the serious issues facing teen drivers.

Contracts and Agreements

1) Administrator Hoel discussed the water tower painting project and stated the bids were opened for this project some time ago. The next step in the process is to issue the notice of award and execute the agreement, Hoel stated. Hoel went on to say he and Foreman Cruzan have concerns about the water tower being down. They think the pool water can be used for fire flow, if necessary, and have discussed installing another hydrant on the big main coming down from Champaign. The limiting factor is, without the water tower we only have 700 gallons per minute coming through our primary meter station. He and Cruzan have spoken with IL American Water to see if an emergency bypass is possible. Hoel is also concerned because the winning bidder has moved the start date from spring to summer. Hoel went on to say, we will have structural concerns if we don't get the tower painted. Without the water tower, there will be a definite impact on our supply and we may have to look at water restrictions. The tower is projected to be out of service six weeks and the contractor has a window start date rather than a definite start date. Hoel reported the contractor is aware of our concerns. Cleland moved to issue the notice of award and agreement for the water tower painting to Hanfland Painting in the amount of \$552,000. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

2) Hoel discussed replacement of variable frequency drives for the two pumps not being replaced in the south sewer lift station project. The maintenance contractor can not get parts for the repair of the drives, Hoel stated. Bodine Electric has submitted a proposal to replace these VFD's at a total cost of \$15,500. Seip moved to approve the contract with Bodine Electric for installation of variable frequency drives on two lift station pumps at a total cost of \$15,500. Cleland seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

3) Hoel presented a letter of understanding from The Stone River Group for electricity broker services. Stone River brokers with 30 + providers in the state and finalizes quotes. The city can then lock in rates for 2-3 years. Hoel reported with the current low electricity rates, we should save approximately 30% by purchasing our own electricity. Hoey moved to approve the letter of understanding with The Stone River Group for electricity rate broker services and authorize Administrator Hoel to execute documents for the best electric rates. Truitt seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

4) Chief Hastings has solicited quotes for a new squad car to replace the 2000 Blazer reserve squad car. Green Chevrolet, Jacksonville, has an Impala available through the state bid program, at a cost of \$20,778.00. Henderson moved to approve the purchase of a 2011 Chevy Impala squad car from Green Chevrolet, at the state bid program price of \$20,778.00. Maxey seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt. The Blazer will be sold as surplus once the new squad car is in place.

5) Administrator Hoel reported the architects recommend preserving the common walls with the adjacent buildings as part of the demo of the two buildings on Sale Street. The interior brick walls will be covered with insulation and a suitable exterior surface material, Hoel stated. In exchange for this, the property owners on either side will accept ownership of the walls. Cleland moved to approve the property owner's agreements for the common walls adjacent to the buildings being demolished on Sale Street and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the documents, subject to approval of Attorney Bequette. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Truitt moved council go into executive session to discuss probable or imminent litigation. The time was 8:10 P.M. Cleland seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt. The meeting was called back to order at 9:03 P.M. with Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, and Truitt present. Cleland moved to approve the pay request in the amount of \$43,147.80 to Central Subsurface Contracting, Inc., for the water main project. Seip seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

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

 Mayor  City Clerk