

CITY OF TUSCOLA
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
STATE OF ILLINOIS
May 14, 2012
Tuscola City Hall

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

Consent Agenda

Mayor Kleiss went over the items on the consent agenda for May 14, 2012

- Minutes of the April 23, 2012 meeting
- Payment of bills totaling \$547,247.09
- Pay request of \$28,929, from Mid-States General & Mechanical for work on the south lift station
- A change order reduction in the amount of \$3,024.72, from Howell Paving on the South Main resurfacing
- Pay request in the amount of \$271,941.42, from Howell paving for the South Main resurfacing
- Pay request of \$7,051.60, from Natara Corporation for pool renovations

Hoey moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Truitt seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Slaughter, Truitt. Cleland moved to approve the consent agenda for May 14, 2012. Seip seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Slaughter, Truitt.

Time on the Agenda

Amber Seip and Ali Ray addressed council about an event they plan to host on June 9, 2012. The event is the inaugural 'High Heel Run', honoring Marilyn Davidson, longtime Tuscola resident who passed away last year. The girls asked permission to close Main Street from City Hall to Festival Corner during the hours of 7:00 – 9:00 A.M. on June 9, leaving Sale Street open. Council gave their permission for the event.

Mayor

Truitt moved to approve the annual appointment of officers, board members, and temporary summer employees, as presented. Maxey seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Slaughter, Truitt. Copy attached, making them part of the minutes. Mayor Kleiss announced the Tuscola ABATE organization has submitted a proclamation declaring the month of May as 'Motorcycle Awareness Month'.

City Clerk - Nothing

City Treasurer

Treasurer Long reported PMG Tuscola LLC, Jeff and Kristin Winans, and Darrel and Susan Latch are delinquent on their TIF loans. Treasurer long called council's attention to the end of the year financial statement analysis for FY 2012.

City Attorney - Nothing

City Administrator

Administrator Hoel reported the South Main and Progress Boulevard projects are complete, with the exception of detector loops on Progress Boulevard. Hoel noted this is done way ahead of schedule and should come in under budget.

Interviews are being conducted for the two posted openings. Hoel hopes to have hiring recommendations at the next council meeting. Hoel plans to renew the Tropical Sno lease for the concession stand at the pool.

Mayor Kleiss offered the City's condolences to TEDI Director, Brian Moody, on the passing of his father.

Ordinances

Hoey moved to approve ordinance 2012-0-7, an ordinance enacting and adopting a supplement to the Code of Ordinances for the City. Henderson seconded. This supplement contains all ordinances adopted by the City during calendar year 2011. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Slaughter, Truitt.

Truitt moved to approve ordinance 2012-0-8, an ordinance declaring a squad car surplus property and authorizing sale of the same. Slaughter seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Slaughter, Truitt.

Seip moved to approve ordinance 2012-0-9, an ordinance amending Chapter 111: Alcoholic beverages of the City of Tuscola. This ordinance addresses hours for the sale of liquor – proposed 6:00 A.M. to 1:00 A.M. every day – and clarifies that video gaming devices licensed under the state do not violate the 'no gambling' provision of the ordinance. Maxey seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Slaughter, Truitt.

Contracts and Agreements

1. Administrator Hoel opened discussion on a request from a company interested in installing fiber optic cable on the existing right of way on the north side of Pheasant Run road from Prairie to the west corporate limits. Council's discussion was about proper depths for burying the cable so farmers working the ground in the area would not cause problems. Cleland moved to approve the easement for right of way occupancy on the north side of Pheasant Run Road from Prairie to the west corporate limits for Metro Communications. Truitt seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Slaughter, Truitt.
2. Hoel reported we have exceeded the original amount specified in the engineering contract with Clark Dietz for construction management and observation on the water main project. This is due to additional time required since the contract completion date and reviewing defective work at the casing sites. Hoel went on to say, we think we are

entitled to recover the additional costs; however, while we are still in dispute with the contractor, we need to keep paying the engineers. The original contract amount is approximately \$94,000; Hoel is requesting authorization of up to \$150,000 for engineering services on the project. Attorney Bequette stated almost everything the contractor sends the city; we refer to Clark Dietz for their opinion. Bequette added that under the agreement with the contractor, these costs are recoverable. Henderson moved to increase the contract with Clark Dietz for construction management and observation on the water main project to \$150,000. Maxey seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Slaughter, Truitt.

3. Hoel asked for the third and final extension of the option agreement on the property at 100 North Main. The option will expire June 20, 2012. Truitt moved to approve the third and final 30 day extension of the option agreement on the property at 100 North Main at a cost of \$2500. Seip seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Slaughter, Truitt.

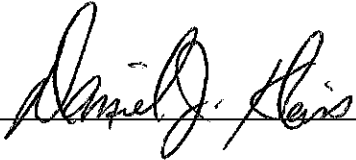
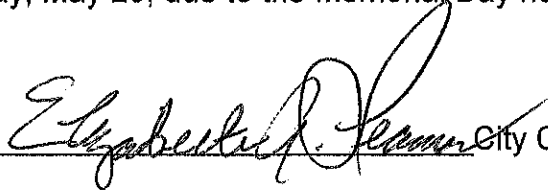
Tabled Discussion Topics/Other

- Cleland opened discussion on the possibility of putting stop signs at Embarras and Daggy and Ohio and Daggy. Chief Hastings pointed out this has been discussed by previous council's. Maxey is in favor of stop signs at Carico and Daggy and Carico and Van Allen, making four way stops coming from the schools. Maxey pointed out there have been several accidents at Daggy and Carico. After more discussion, council tabled the matter for more consideration and input from the police department.
- Truitt moved to approve the FY 2013 wage and salary schedule as presented, including the pool manager and assistant manager. Hoel pointed out the schedule is based on council's action at the last council meeting. Cleland seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Slaughter, Truitt. Copy attached, making this part of the minutes.
- Hoey moved to approve the temporary summer employee appointments as presented. Seip seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Slaughter, Truitt. Included on officers and board members sheet, making these part of the minutes.
- Cleland moved to approve the FY 2013 budget as presented. Slaughter seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Slaughter, Truitt.
- Alderman Henderson opened discussion on the fire truck purchase by stating the staff has been searching for a good used truck that fits our needs. So far, there has not been anything we can use in the condition we are looking for. Henderson suggests searching diligently for three months; if nothing is available he suggests going out for bids. Hoey suggests setting an amount we can spend. If there is a truck we can use in the right price range, Chief Hettinger and/or Administrator Hoel should go look at it. Hoey then asked if it was crazy to think we can find a good used truck. Hoel stated it is challenging, but there are some out there. Hoel believes it is worth looking. If the staff would happen to find one, a special meeting could be called in short order, Hoel added. Seip asked about adding onto one of the fire house bays to accommodate a larger truck. Hoel replied that is a consideration, if we can save enough on a used truck. Hoel added that in this situation, we are replacing three pieces of equipment

with one piece. Chief Hettinger pointed out one of the pieces he is replacing is an engine, and the new equipment has to be able to be used as an engine. Hettinger discussed sizing of the newer trucks and the problem fitting them into the fire house bays. Hoel discussed new vs. used and pointed out in the case of a used piece of equipment, there is a good chance we will be paying for some type of add-on we don't necessarily need. After more discussion about trucks, costs, and the condition of our current equipment, Hoel stated the committee would report back to council in August. He advises not putting off the purchase too long; the ladder truck is 40 years old and at some point it will no longer work or pass certification. Truitt feels the right thing to do is try and find a used truck that suits our purpose. Seip asked about the budgeted figure for the purchase. Treasurer Long reported we have set aside \$300,000 for each of the three vehicles, so \$900,000 is available. Chief Hettinger pointed out that because equipment is getting larger, a bigger fire house will be necessary at some point.

Maxey moved council go into executive session to discuss litigation that is imminent or pending. The time was 8:22 P.M. Seip seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Slaughter, Truitt. The meeting was called back to order at 9:05 P.M. with Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Slaughter, Truitt and Mayor Kleiss present. Shoemaker was absent.

The motion to adjourn was made by Henderson and seconded by Seip. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Slaughter, Truitt. Administrator Hoel reminded council the next meeting will be held Tuesday, May 29, due to the Memorial Day holiday.

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