

CITY OF TUSCOLA
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
STATE OF ILLINOIS
TUSCOLA CITY HALL
March 13, 2017

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order with Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop, and Mayor Kleiss in attendance. Mayor Kleiss led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment - None

Consent Agenda

Mayor Kleiss went over the items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the February 27, 2017 meeting
- Payment of bills totaling \$64,215.97
- Request from the Mothers of Preschoolers to use the Wimple Pond on April 7, 2017
- Request from the Tuscola Cub Scouts to hold a day camp at Wimple Park June 16-17, 2017

Truitt moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop. Henderson moved to approve the consent agenda for March 13, 2017. Day seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.

Requested Time on the Agenda

Paul Wisovaty, representing the Polish Legion Post 215, addressed council about the Legion's fundraising plans on April 1, 2017. The Legion will collect funds from 9:00 am to noon at the mall exits and at Main and Sale downtown. Funds collected will be added to those already collected in the past year and be awarded as scholarships for the children and grandchildren of veterans. Wisovaty added the Legion's fundraising efforts have paid off well this year and he believes they will be able to award four \$400 scholarships.

Mayor – No Report

City Clerk – No Report

City Treasurer

Treasurer Long reported the TIF delinquencies are Eddie Boutilier, Red Barn Vet Services, and Racheal Puckett.

City Attorney – Nothing

City Administrator

Administrator Hoel reminded council of several upcoming budget meetings: Public Safety – March 15 @ 10:00 am; Public Works – March 15 @ 4:00 pm; and Finance and Administration – March 22 @ 4:00 pm. Hoel noted this will be the end of budget committee meetings and a draft budget will be ready before the next council meeting. A study session will be held before the meeting to go over the budget numbers.

Ordinances

Mayor Kleiss opened discussion on an ordinance to cede private activity bonding authority. This ordinance transfers our unused bonding authority to the Eastern Illinois Economic Authority. The authority allows Home Rule units of government to allocate tax exempt bonding authority to projects within their jurisdiction. If the authority is not used, it automatically transfers back to the state. Cleland moved to approve ordinance 2017-O-4, an ordinance authorizing the ceding of private activity bonding authority. Slaughter seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.

Contracts and Agreements

Administrator Hoel discussed the lease with Bend in the River, Inc., approved at the last council meeting on the property at 100 North Main. At that time, Hoel informed council the lessee was interested in assuming the existing redevelopment agreement on the property, which would allow the lessee to resume the purchase payments on the property. Truitt moved to approve the lease option with Bend in the River, Inc., on the property at 100 North Main, allowing Bend in the River to assume the existing redevelopment agreement on that property. Waldrop seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.

Requests for TIF Assistance

1. The Tuscola Masonic Lodge, 107 North Main, has requested a TIF grant in the amount of \$750, in order to make repairs to their awning. Henderson moved to approve the TIF committee's recommendation and grant \$750 in TIF funds to the Tuscola Masonic Lodge. Truitt seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.
2. Richard and Donna Kidwell have some unused TIF funds that were awarded for their property at 601 South Main. Shoemaker moved to rescind Kidwell's unused TIF grant funds in the amount of \$2,243.39, on their 601 South Main property. Hoey seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.

Other

Hoey asked if the city had plans to do anything to the side of the Senior Citizen's Building. Administrator Hoel reported we were going to put drivet on the side of the building but we ran into roof repairs and the project got put on the back burner. Council discussed completely redoing the siding, applying drivet to the building, or replacing the siding that is currently damaged. Administrator Hoel will look into further and report back.

Mayor Kleiss asked for an update on the ball diamonds. Hoel reported everything looks great and is close to completion. The goal is to have everything completed by April 1, so grass can be seeded and up by the first game on May 1.

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

Samuel J. Rowe 3/27/17 Mayor Mary E. Jordan City Clerk