

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

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

#### Public Comment

Lowell Lamb was in attendance and addressed council about the amendments to the nuisance and parking ordinances. Lamb stated he appreciates council's patience and deliberation when working on these ordinances. Lamb also appreciates council's appreciation for different perspectives. Lamb went on to say he does not like the three day (72 hour) time-line for moving a vehicle parked on the right of way; this is overly arbitrary, Lamb stated. Lamb would like council to think about whether or not three days is enough to establish a nuisance. We have many retired people who may only use their cars once a week. Lamb realizes these situations are not the intent, but we should remember what we put in the law becomes the intent. Lamb has no problem dealing with the nuisance, even if he has to go out and rotate his cars every three days. Lamb advises council to be sure we are actually dealing with a nuisance and not a difference of sensitivities.

#### Consent Agenda

Mayor Kleiss went over the items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the January 23, 2017 meeting
- Payment of bills totaling \$95,392.63
- Pay request from Building Systems of Illinois in the amount of \$10,000 for the final payment on the Community Building renovations
- Community Building lease request with alcohol from Pheasants Forever for their annual banquet on March 11, 2017

Henderson moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Waldrop seconded. Henderson asked if we had been able to locate casters for the table and chair carts that did not mar the new floor at the Community Building. Administrator Hoel answered we finally were able to find some that are satisfactory. He has passed the information on to the contractor and they will make arrangements for payment of the casters. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop. Cleland moved to approve the consent agenda for February 13, 2017. Day seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.

#### Requested Time on the Agenda

Richard Bean and Gunner Taylor, both members of the Wheels Car Club, spoke to council about their Spring Fling Car Show and requested permission to close some of the streets downtown to accommodate the attendees. The event date is June 3, 2017. Bean stated he believes this is the 29<sup>th</sup> annual show. The club would like to close the same downtown streets as they have in the past from 4:30 – 10:00 pm. The reminder notices used last year a few days before the event cut down on the amount of people trying to drive and park on the designated car show streets, Bean added. The car club will work with the city crews to get barricades they can move as needed. Slaughter reminded Bean to be conscious of the library parking and their closing time.

Mayor - No Report

City Clerk – No Report

City Treasurer

Treasurer Long reported the TIF delinquencies are Eddie Boutilier, Red Barn Vet Services, and Rachel Puckett. Long pointed out council should all have a chart showing the annual hotel/motel taxes in their financial statement.

City Attorney – Absent

City Administrator

Administrator Hoel reported the nuisance property at 606 East Houghton has been demolished by the owner. This is the fourth house we have taken legal action against.

Ordinances

Mayor Kleiss presented a surplus property ordinance for disposal of a 2008 Ford F250 truck. Shoemaker moved to approve ordinance 2017-0-2, an ordinance declaring a 2008 Ford F250 truck as surplus property and authorizing the sale of same. Cleland seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.

Contracts and Agreements.

Administrator Hoel presented a contract in the amount of \$5000, with Fishbuilt Productions for a Lumberjack Show to be held during our Sparks in the Park celebration. Hoel added this could be the main attraction, but the staff is still working to find a music headliner. Treasurer Long added the contract includes a Lumberjack Camp for kids, which would be held earlier in the day. Truitt moved to enter into a contract with Fishbuilt Productions for the Lumberjack Show during Sparks in the Park at a cost of \$5000. Waldrop seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.

DPS Equipment Services has submitted an estimate for repairs to one of the clarifiers at the south sewer plant. Administrator Hoel reported the clarifier has been in use since the plant was constructed in 2001. DPS submitted the lowest of the three quotes solicited, Hoel added. Henderson moved to enter into a contract with DPS Equipment Services, Inc., for repairs to a clarifier gear box at the south wastewater treatment plant, at a cost of \$16,750. Day seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.

Administrator Hoel discussed needed fence work at the Little League Diamond at Ervin Park. S&K Fence has submitted a quote for installation of new fencing in front of the dugouts, the dugout walk gates, fence fabric around the dugouts, and tying in the outfield fences. Waldrop moved to approve a contract with S&K Fence for the Little League Diamond fencing at a cost of \$6850. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.

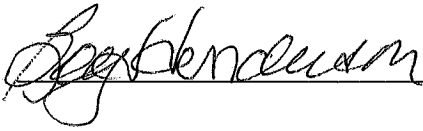
Requests for TIF Assistance

Mayor Kleiss reported a group, Bend in the River, Inc., has stepped forward and proposed a one-year lease of The Vault at 100 North Main. John McDevitt, current owner, has indicated he plans to close the business February 28, 2017. Bend in the River hopes to move in and take over at the end of the month and hopefully keep the current tenants. Mayor Kleiss pointed out the city will get the building back and lease it to Bend in the River, Inc., at \$100 per month for 12 months. Administrator Hoel clarified the building was sold on contract to John McDevitt; he was making payments to the city. Since McDevitt is not completing his contract, the city retains the building. Truitt moved to approve a

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one year lease with Bend in the River, Inc., beginning March 1, 2017, on the property at 100 North Main for \$100 per month. Slaughter seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.

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



Mayor

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City Clerk