

CITY OF TUSCOLA
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
STATE OF ILLINOIS
Tuscola City Hall
April 25, 2016

In the absence of Mayor Kleiss, Truitt moved and Hoey seconded Boyd Henderson act as Mayor Pro-Tem for the April 25 council meeting. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt. Alderman Henderson abstained. Motion carried. Mayor Pro-Tem Henderson called the meeting to order with Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, and Truitt in attendance. Mayor Kleiss was absent. Henderson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment - None

Consent Agenda

Administrator Hoel went over the items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the April 11, 2016 meeting
- Financial reports for March 2016
- Payment of bills totaling \$300,232.22
- Pay request from Building Systems of Illinois in the amount of \$206,526.60, for Community Building renovations (included in the bills)
- Change order from Building Systems of Illinois in the amount of \$836.00.
- Request from BETHS Place for permission to conduct fundraising on May 28, 2016

Cleland moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt. Hoey moved to approve the consent agenda for April 25, 2016. Day seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Mayor

Mayor Pro-Tem Henderson extended council's condolences to the family of Patti Phillips. Patti, a lifelong resident and business person in Tuscola, passed away this past Saturday.

City Clerk – No Report.

City Treasurer

Treasurer Long reported Eddie Boutilier, Red Barn Vet Service, and Rachel Puckett are delinquent on their TIF loans.

City Attorney – No Report

City Administrator - No Report

Ordinances

Henderson presented an ordinance approving transfer of appropriations within the general fund. Administrator Hoel added this is an end of the fiscal year clean-up and is related to the new playground at the park. Treasurer Long stated there is no increase in the actual appropriation amount, just a transfer of appropriation from park landscape maintenance to the park capital outlay line item. This is to cover the amount paid for the new playground, even though the city was reimbursed by private donations. Truitt moved to approve ordinance 2016-0-5, an ordinance of the City of Tuscola, to make transfers of appropriation within the general fund of appropriation ordinance 2015-0-7. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Resolutions

Treasurer Long discussed a resolution to establish new water and sewer rates for 2016. Long stated she has not received any comments after the rate discussion at the last council meeting. The rate schedule included in the resolution calls for a net 0% increase in sewer rates and a 7.5% increase in water rates. Cleland moved to approve resolution 2016-R-1, a resolution adopting the 2016 water and sewer rate schedule. Day seconded. Hoey asked what this means dollar wise for customers. Long stated it depends on the customer usage. The average customer, using 4100 gallons per month, will see their bill increase by \$2+. Roll was then taken on the motion to approve the water sewer rate resolution. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Contracts and Agreements

Administrator Hoel reported Josh and Paylee Ochs have asked to lease the concession stand area at the pool for the Tropical Sno stand under the same terms as last year's lease. Hoey moved to approve the commercial real estate lease with Josh and Paylee Ochs for swimming pool concessions. Maxey seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Mayor Pro-Tem Henderson asked for approval of quotes solicited for sewer and water repairs. Day moved to approve the quotes from A&R Services, Urbana, IL, as follows: \$5230 for repairs at the north lift station and \$3555, to remove a valve and cap the lines on the joint water agency line. Cleland seconded. The \$3555 will be paid out of the joint water agency funds, Hoel stated. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Other

Administrator Hoel pointed out there were some minor changes and updates to the 2017 draft budget discussed at the last meeting. The main items are the salary and wage proposal, IMRF contribution rates, and the reduced state replacement tax. Truitt moved to adopt the budget for FY 17. Maxey seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Administrator Hoel reported he worked closely with Mayor Kleiss on the wage and salary proposal for FY 17, adding this is the Mayor's recommendation. The proposal calls for a 2% across-the-board increase for all full-time employees and one part-time police clerical who is on full-time pay scale. There will be no increase for part-time and seasonal employees; library wages will be as recommended by the library board; firefighter meeting and call pay will be rounded up to the next whole dollar; fire chief and assistance fire chief will be rounded up to the next whole hundred dollar; and part-time patrol officer pay will increase from \$14.49 to \$16.50. Maxey moved to approve the wage and salary proposal for FY 17. Day seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

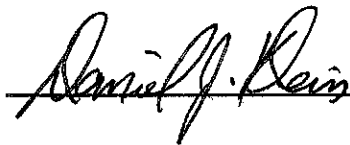
Hoel stated he had a gentleman inquiring about the family pool pass policy. His family is legitimately impacted by the new policy, Hoel added. The reason for the new policy and setting a number limit for a family pass was because of the 'families' that have abused the previous policy. Maxey added he has also spoken with this gentleman; he and his wife have seven children. Maxey suggests families over six would be required to show legitimate proof (tax form) of the size of their family. Maxey also suggests the following for adding additional members to a pool pass: \$10 per child and \$20 for 18 years and older. Attorney Bequette recommends going with the six person limit or two adults and whoever was listed as dependents on the 2015 tax form. Bequette added he does not want tax forms left at City Hall. Maxey stated he does not think there will be lines of people showing up at City Hall with their tax forms. Hoel agreed adding last year there were 15 – 20 families with more than six on their pass. Of the 15 – 20, there are probably three to four who are not abusing the system and would respond to a request to show their tax form. Shoemaker asked if it would be helpful to define family. Attorney Bequette does not see any benefit to the city to define family. Shoemaker asked if it would be helpful operationally to define an adult vs a child. Bequette thinks we can define who is eligible for the pass and under what terms. Hoel added what we are not saying is any six people you want to put on the pass. It is six people residing in the same household. Treasurer Long added the stipulations say now 'under the same roof and can be on the same tax return'. Long added the staff does not look at tax returns, they just ask the applicants to be honest. Long suggests advertising a waiver to justify family size for those with more than six members, and going with the new rates as advertised, and leaving the family size at six. Going forward, Administrator Hoel will make the decision on granting waivers to families with more than six members and he and Attorney Bequette will get this in writing and bring it back to council at the next meeting.

Administrator Hoel opened discussion about food vendors in the park. He and Chief Moody have been approached by interested vendors. The ordinances are contradictory, Hoel stated. One says the park is not to be used for commercial purposes and another says they are allowed with his permission. One of the issues raised by allowing food vendors in the park is competing with the Little League concessions, Tropical Sno, and 4th of July vendors who pay a fee to be in the park. Hoel went on to say these can probably be managed so there would be no conflicts. Hoel would like to know if council is okay with food vendors in the park; should we manage the conflicts or create a free for all. Other than insurance naming the city as additional insured, Hoel did not know of any other documents that would be needed.

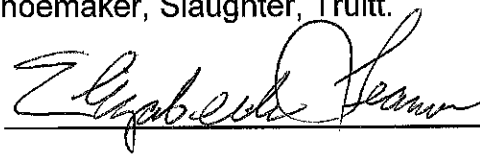
After a question from Bequette, Hoel stated the vendors would be able to choose their own spot as long as they were away from the Tropical Sno and not competing with the Little League or High School concession stands. Shoemaker suggests requiring a damage deposit from vendors. This could be returned at the end of the summer, as long as there was no damage. Attorney Bequette feels damage would be covered by the vendors insurance. Shoemaker thinks we should consider what our other food vendors in town will think about food vendors in the park. Day stated he did not think this would be an issue with the people on route 36 that are selling food. Day added food vendors will enhance the experience at the park. After some discussion about the possibility of more food vendor interest, Attorney Bequette suggests Administrator Hoel tell the vendors they have current permission to sell in the park, but this is subject to revocation at another time.

Administrator Hoel noted we have received tentative approval from FEMA on our Scattering Forks floodplain remapping. After a public comment period, the new maps will go into effect mid-August of this year, Hoel stated.

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



Mayor



City Clerk