

CITY OF TUSCOLA
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
STATE OF ILLINOIS
Tuscola City Hall
April 11, 2016

Council met at 6:45 pm for a budget study session before the regular council meeting. Treasurer Long gave the FY 17 budget presentation and discussed with council the details of the proposed (\$40,694) general fund budget, explaining this is not a concern as the city always out performs the budget and we have a good reserve fund. Long discussed the remaining fund budgets for FY 17, pointing out the sewer fund is stable; no need for a rate change; and the possibility of lowering rates in the next 3-4 years once the bonds are paid off and the operating cash has reached \$500,000. Long went on to say the water fund is a different story. The city's water costs have gone from 19% in 2002 to 46% in 2017. This, plus the QIP payback to Illinois American of 5% of the city's total bill, necessitates a rate increase of 7.5% now, Long stated. If the ICC approves the rate hike requested by Illinois American, another rate hike will be necessary next year. Based on the average water user (4100 gallons), the rate hike will be an additional \$2.66 per month.

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order with Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, 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 March 28, 2016 meeting
- Payment of bills totaling \$392,862.76

Hoey moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Henderson seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt. Shoemaker moved to approve the consent agenda for April 11, 2016. Cleland seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Requested Time on the Agenda

Brian Cordes and Richard Bean, representing the Wheels Car Club, spoke to council about an event planned for July 30, 2016. The club was approached by Ford of Tuscola about having a car show on the dealership property July 30 from 11:00 am – 6:00 pm. Ford of Tuscola will provide food and a DJ and asked the car club to organize the car show portion. Cordes and Bean asked council permission to close Ficklin Street (north of the Ford dealership) between Niles and Ohio for overflow parking that day. Council agreed to this request.

Mayor

Mayor Kleiss stated he would like to become more aggressive with the dilapidated properties around town. Hoey asked why we don't take pictures of the properties and put them in the newspaper, asking the owners to clean them up. Other ideas, such as contacting bankruptcy trustees or putting the banks on notice, were discussed. Shoemaker pointed out these properties are more of a safety

issue than esthetics. Administrator Hoel added Attorney Bequette is well aware of the process and the procedures. If you are successful going through the legal process you can get a court order directing someone to tear a dilapidated property down. If they don't have the money to keep the property up, then they probably don't have the money to tear it down. You are then left with enforcing the court order and sending the property owners to jail. Physically making someone to make repairs or corrections to their property when they do not have the means to do it in the first place is unlikely, Hoel added. Mayor Kleiss pointed out the banks do have the means. Hoel went on to say you are prohibited from pursuing enforcement action on a property in bankruptcy. Attorney Bequette's advice is once we've gone through the process we can probably do something with these properties if the city is willing to spend money. Funds in the amount of \$25,000 have been budgeted for FY 17 for this, Hoel added.

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 – Absent

City Administrator - No Report

Ordinances

Mayor Kleiss presented a surplus property ordinance for council action. Maxey moved to approve ordinance 2016-0-4, an ordinance declaring a squad car surplus property and authorizing the sale of the 2011 Chevrolet Impala. Henderson seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Contracts and Agreements

Day moved to approve the contract with Jamaica Pyrotechnics, Inc., in the amount of \$25,000, for the annual fireworks display on July 9, 2016. Maxey seconded. Treasurer Long noted our goal is to get \$5000 in donations to help pay for the display. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Administrator Hoel reported the city has reserved the Ford F450 approved for purchase at the last meeting with Morrow Brothers Ford. Before taking delivery, a snow plow and salt spreader will be purchased and installed. Morrow Brothers was able to come within \$50 of the original quote for the snow plow and salt spreader, Hoel added. Day moved to approve the purchase and installation of a snow plow and salt spreader for the 2016 Ford F450 from Morrow Brothers Ford/Koenig Body & Equipment at a cost of \$10,262. Cleland seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

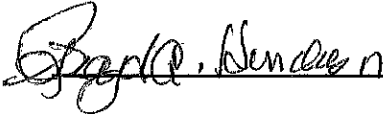
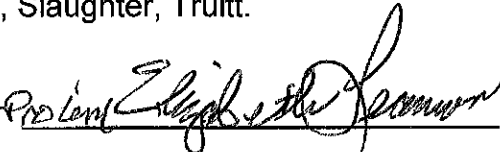
Administrator Hoel discussed the disbursement of the redevelopment agreement funds for the outlet mall. The total amount of \$233,052.90 to be dispersed was approved by council some time ago but COROC/Tuscola LLC (Tanger) and ADCO Tuscola LLC just recently agreed on the disbursement of the funds. Truitt moved to approve the split of the redevelopment agreement funds as follows: \$157,410.00 to COROC/Tuscola LLC and \$75,642.90 to ADCO Tuscola LLC. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Other

Mayor Kleiss asked for council approval of the submitted names as temporary summer employees for the pool, street and park. Cleland moved to approve the temporary summer employees, as presented. Truitt seconded. List attached, making it part of the minutes. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Administrator Hoel discussed a few changes to the pool season pass rates, as well as clarification on family passes. The cost for passes will go up \$10 this year for resident and non-resident. Family passes will include only six family members. Additional family members will be \$20 each and family passes are for members of one family who reside in the same residence. Babysitters are not allowed as a family member and grandchildren who do not live with or are not dependents of their grandparents are not allowed on the grandparent's pool pass. The pool will open on May 30, 2016 and remain open until August 14. After August 14, the pool will be open only on the week-end through Labor Day. Hoey moved to approve the pool pass rates, family pass changes, and pool dates, as presented.

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

 _____ Mayor  _____ City Clerk

Tuscola Swimming Pool 2016

Managers

Kathy Frye - \$500/week

Jean Holmes - \$10.00/hr

Alex Kemp - \$10.00/hr

Cashiers - \$8.25/hr

Logan Hale

Sophia Christy

Morgan Day

Life Guards to rehire - \$8.75/hr

Charles Campbell

Taylor Campbell

Madeline Clabaugh

Miah Holmes

Anna Kauffman

Nicholas Kemp

Kameryn Kresin

Nicole Mannen

Rachel Mannen

Hannah Scribner

Lexi Sluder

Kaleigh Smith

Sidney Stuart

Baylee Tackitt

Avery Tolliver

Ryce Ward

New Guards already certified - \$8.75/hr

Andrew Erickson

Michael Holmes

New Guards to hire after certified- \$8.75/hr

Faith Hardwick

Lucas Hortin

Zach McCallister

Noah Woods

**CITY OF TUSCOLA
SUMMER 2016
TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES**

STREET & PARK DEPARTMENTS - \$9.00/hr

Nick Henderson

Nicholas Kemp

Josh Knight

Samantha Ledbetter