

CITY OF TUSCOLA
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
STATE OF ILLINOIS
Tuscola City Hall
March 28, 2016

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 14, 2016 meeting
- Financial report for February 2016
- Payment of bills totaling \$159,805.00
- Pay request (included in bill total) from Building Systems of Illinois in the amount of \$88,710.30, for Community Building renovations
- Change order in the amount of \$4803.00, from Building Systems of Illinois for additional work required on the Community Building renovations
- Request from the Tuscola Kiwanis Club to hold a paper shredding event at Ervin Park on June 18, 2016

Truitt moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Hoey seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt. Henderson moved to approve the consent agenda for March 28, 2016. Maxey seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Mayor

Mayor Kleiss reported he went to the park this evening and noticed some fence damage on the first curve. Foreman Cruzan and Administrator Hoel stated this happened last winter. Kleiss mentioned he spoke with the pool repairman and learned he hopes to finish the repairs on Tuesday, March 15. Administrator Hoel added what the pool contractor is doing seems to make sense. He is hopeful this will help with the groundwater problems. Also, the committee met and discussed the possibility of purchasing a cover for the pool so it will not have to be drained completely each year. This should also help keep the groundwater out.

City Clerk - Nothing

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

Administrator Hoel reported the pool contractor's repairman complimented him on our park. He said this is one of the nicest parks he's been in. Mayor Kleiss added the repairman told him the same thing, adding they visit a lot of parks.

Ordinances

Brief discussion was held on the assignment of the City's portion of the State's private activity bonding authority. Private activity bonding is allowed for home rule communities at a rate of \$100 multiplied by the municipalities' population, and can either be utilized or reallocated to a state agency. As has been done in the past, the city will cede its portion to the Eastern Illinois Economic Development Authority for project support that will create jobs and expand the city's tax base. Hoey moved to approve ordinance 2016-0-3, an ordinance authorizing the ceding of private activity bonding authority. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Contracts and Agreements

Henderson moved to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Farnsworth Group for architectural design services for the proposed public restrooms in the former Mulligan Insurance office on Sale Street at a cost not to exceed \$13,000. Truitt seconded. Hoey asked what the ballpark number is on the cost of the actual restrooms. Hoel answered close to \$120,000. Shoemaker asked about the exclusion of HVAC. Hoel pointed out the agreement lists HVAC (mechanical and plumbing) in the scope of design services. The exclusion portion relates to any necessary upgrades outside the restroom space. Hoel will clarify this point with Farnsworth. Shoemaker asked where the electrical will be located. Hoel answered it will come off the existing electrical service; there cannot be two electrical services in one building. Roll was then taken on the motion to accept the PSA with Farnsworth Group. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Administrator Hoel reported to council the 2016 Ford F 450 approved for purchase in August is not in route to us. Ford of Tuscola indicated there was an issue ordering, a pricing change, and they have had difficulty finding the vehicle. At the time the purchase was approved, Ford of Tuscola matched the state bid price, which did not include some of the options. Hoel went on to say we can order a state bid vehicle but we would have a 3-4 month waiting period. Morrow Brothers Ford in Greenfield has a F 450, similarly equipped, and available for delivery but with a higher price tag. The Morrow Brothers Ford base truck is at state bid price but also includes a dealer installed dump bed and hydraulics that are not part of the state bid. The truck can be purchased for \$61,455 and does not include a snow plow or salt spreader. Installation of these additional items would be approximately \$10,000, making the purchase from Morrow Brothers \$7500 more than the original truck we ordered. Hoey asked how we are with funds. Treasurer Long reported this is accommodated in the capital replacement fund. Administrator Hoel added the price quoted includes Morrow Brothers installing the hydraulics which is within \$500 of the Ford of Tuscola quote. Cleland moved to approve the purchase of a 2016 F450 from Morrow Brothers Ford in the amount of \$61,455, instead of purchasing the truck approved in August 2015 from Ford of Tuscola. Maxey seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Other

Mayor Kleiss opened discussion on the Planning Commission recommendation for BETHS Place at 600 East Wilson. Sharon Jarboe, BETHS Place Director, addressed council about their plans for the special use permit. Jarboe began by saying BETHS Place is funded by the State of Illinois and

has not received any funding from the state for quite some time. The board at BETHS Place formed a not for profit group called Creative Blessings and More for the purpose of selling hand-made and re-purposed items at local events. This helped with some of the expenses not being covered by the state. Jarboe went on to say the board would prefer to open a small shop in an unused room in BETHS Place for the sale of these items. The women living in the shelter would be responsible for manning the shop, eliminating the need for her to travel to events to sell items. Henderson moved to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation for approval of a special use permit for BETHS Place, 600 East Wilson, to open a retail shop selling hand-made and re-purposed items for fundraising. Hoey seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Mayor Kleiss informed council our Police Department received high praise from a school bus company in Paris, Illinois, that had a bus break down on the way to a tournament in Auburn, Illinois. Rich Lamb and Heath Thurston were extremely helpful and stayed with the bus until they were able to go on their way. Mayor Kleiss thanked the officers, adding their efforts were appreciated.

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

Samuel J. Klein Mayor Elizabeth Johnson City Clerk