

CITY OF TUSCOLA
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
STATE OF ILLINOIS
Tuscola City Hall
March 14, 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 February 22, 2016 meeting
- Payment of bills totaling \$322,168.68
- Pay request (included in bill total) from Building Systems of Illinois in the amount of \$263,378.70, for Community Building renovations

Hoey moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Maxey seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt. Cleland moved to approve the consent agenda for March 14, 2016. Henderson seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Requested Time on the Agenda

Paul Wisovaty addressed council to ask permission for a fund raising event the Polish Legion American Veterans is planning. Wisovaty told council the Polish Legion has three active members and each year they try to raise scholarship funds for children or grandchildren of Veterans. The Polish Legion would like to sell poppies at the corner of Main and Sale on April 9, 2016. Wisovaty stated the Polish Legion should be able to award a \$1000 scholarship with funds raised during the poppy sales and other events held throughout the year.

Mayor

Mayor Kleiss congratulated St. Joe and Leroy on their recent championships in the IHSA State Basketball Tournament.

City Clerk - Nothing

City Treasurer

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

City Attorney – No Report

City Administrator - No Report

Contracts and Agreements

Treasurer Long announced Kemper CPA Group recently bought out Bray, Drake, Liles, and Richardson. Our auditor, Kirk Liles, is now on staff at Kemper. Long went on to say we will pay an additional \$600 this year for our audit. The audit includes the health reimbursement audit, regular audit, and a one-time fee for some added government accounting standards with new rules requiring new formatting. Maxey moved to approve the audit engagement letter with Kemper CPA Group in the amount of \$13,250. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Requests for TIF Assistance

Administrator Hoel addressed council about several TIF items for clean-up and action.

- 1) Henderson moved to approve a one year time extension for the Tuscola Moose Lodge Redevelopment Agreement. Slaughter seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt. Hoel reported the committee does not wish to drag this project out for too long, but felt a one year extension would provide enough time for the Moose Lodge to finish their project.
- 2) Hoel reported the Kelsey Furniture warehouse project is complete and asked for action to rescind the unused TIF funds. Cleland moved to rescind Kelsey Furniture's outstanding amount of \$1305.79, on their warehouse project. Day seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.
- 3) Hoel discussed a new TIF grant request from Kelsey Furniture. Kelsey's is planning to replace both their exterior doors and this grant would cover the cost of replacing the exterior door on the alley. Henderson moved to approve the TIF committee's recommendation of a \$6000 grant to Kelsey Furniture for exterior door replacement. Hoey seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.
- 4) Because of changes to their development plan, Lighthouse Insurance has requested a modification to their TIF awards already approved, Hoel stated. Lighthouse Insurance now plans to construct two buildings on the site @ 200-202 East Southline Road instead of only one. Because of the modification, the TIF committee recommends approval of property tax rebates up to \$50,000 instead of \$30,000 for 50% of the site development costs; a 30% interest subsidy on commercial financing; and for the remaining life of the TIF – December 31, 2021. Truitt moved to accept the TIF Committee's recommendation for the Lighthouse Insurance Agency increasing the property tax rebate up to \$50,000 for 50% of the site development costs; a 30% interest subsidy on commercial financing through December 31, 2021. Day seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Other

Administrator Hoel reported on the recent electric aggregation bids, stating we went into the process expecting an increase to 6 cents per KWH or somewhere in that range. Our current rate is 4.48 cents and we were able to lock in 5.85 cents for three years. Hoel went on to say this is a pretty good deal considering the Ameren current default rate is 6.7 cents per KWH and our residents will still have the opt out option.

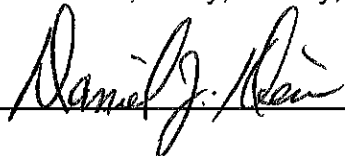
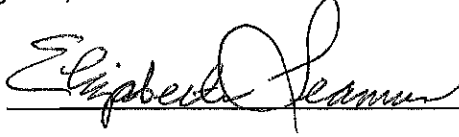
Hoel then discussed a request from TCHS to use promotional banners at Ervin Park during the girls' softball and boy's baseball invitational tournaments this spring. The banners will promote Jimmy John's, a supporter of both teams. Council briefly discussed the request and decided to allow the banners during both tournaments.

Hoel reported Natara, the pool contractor, has provided a sketch of what they propose to do in order to repair the leaks at the pool. Natara may begin work on the pool as early as late this week, Hoel added. The contractor has confirmed this is warranty work and will not be charged to the city. Hoel went on to say the contractor plans to tear out and replace the liner in the diving area. Ground water gets under the liner in this area and doesn't get pumped out fast enough to keep the liner from tearing. The relief ports in this area are inadequate, Hoel added. Natara plans to adhere a new liner to the concrete walls in most places. They plan to leave part unattached to create a channel for the water to flow. Natara will also add some more relief valves in this area to help control the ground water.

Hoel reported all budget meetings have been scheduled and thanked council for getting back to him to get these on the calendar. Council will have a study session prior to the April 11 council meeting to go over the draft budget. If no changes are needed, action can be taken at the April 25 meeting.

Hoey moved council go into executive session to discuss possible land acquisition. Shoemaker seconded. The time was 7:50 PM. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt. The meeting was called back to order at 7:58 PM with Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, and Mayor Kleiss in attendance.

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

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