

CITY OF TUSCOLA  
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
Tuscola City Hall  
September 14, 2015

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order with Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, and Mayor Kleiss in attendance. Alderwoman Truitt and Clerk Leamon were absent. Paul Wisovaty led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Consent Agenda

Mayor Kleiss went over the items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the August 24, 2015 meeting
- Payment of bills totaling \$196,382.66
- Fundraising request from the Tuscola VFW, represented by Paul Wisovaty and Jim Harbaugh, to hold poppy sales on October 31, 2015, from 8:00 am to noon
- Community Building lease request from Becky's Buddies for a trivia night fundraiser on October 3, 2015; from Alan Shoemaker for the all school reunion on October 9, 2015; and from Dan Kleiss for a class reunion on October 10, 2015
- Request from Cindy Little for permission to hold a craft market on Festival Corner on Saturday, September 26, 2015
- Request for approval of the TCHS Homecoming parade route
- SAM's food pantry pick-up on October 10, and permission to place a sign announcing the food drive on Festival Corner one week prior to the pick-up

Hoey moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Henderson seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Slaughter. Alderman Shoemaker abstained. Motion carried. Cleland moved to approve the consent agenda for September 14, 2015. Maxey seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Slaughter. Alderman Shoemaker abstained. Motion carried.

### Time on the Agenda

Jim Harbaugh, representing the Tuscola Lions Club, addressed council to ask permission for the club's candy days collection October 9-10, 2015. Harbaugh told council the funds they raise from the candy sales go to purchase glasses for children and adults and support Camp Lions for sight and hearing impaired children. Funds also help bring the diabetic retinopathy van and the hearing van to town

Paul Wisovaty addressed council to ask permission to hold the third annual Veteran's Day Parade November 11, beginning at 10:00 AM. The parade will begin at Ervin Park and travel to the courthouse. A brief ceremony will be conducted on the courthouse lawn. Wisovaty also asked council's permission for the VFW poppy day sales October 31. This was approved with the consent agenda items.

### Mayor

Mayor Kleiss set Trick or Treat for Saturday, October 31, from 5:30 – 7:30 pm.

### City Clerk - Nothing

City Treasurer

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

City Attorney – Nothing

City Administrator

Administrator Hoel announced he received a pay request from Owen Tucker for work approved in the subdivision redevelopment agreement. Hoel added the City Engineer had the pay request but did not get it submitted in time to put on the bills for this meeting. If council is agreeable, Hoel will see that a check in the amount of \$29,504.48 is cut for Tucker on Tuesday (9/15) and list the expense on next meeting's bills.

Ordinances

Mayor Kleiss opened discussion on an ordinance regulating public comment at public meetings. The ordinance sets forth rules and procedures for a public comment period to be held during every open meeting of the city council and all city committees and boards. The city council comment period will be right after the Pledge of Allegiance and not more than 30 minutes in length, Kleiss stated. Henderson moved to approve ordinance 2015-0-8, an ordinance regulating public comment at public meetings in the City of Tuscola. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter.

Contracts and Agreements

Treasurer Long discussed the policy renewal terms for all city employee's life and disability insurance. The cost increase for employee life insurance will be \$65 per month, effective December 1, 2015. The city has been with Lincoln Financial since 2010, Long stated, with no increase in life premiums. The disability premiums have gone up a few times, but we have used the disability policy. Long added our agent prices other companies when we get an increase, and the agent feels Lincoln Financial still offers the best price. Hoey moved to approve the renewal of the city's short term disability and life insurance with Lincoln Financial Group. Maxey seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter.

Administrator Hoel discussed a roofing change order for the old water treatment building next to the water tower. The building is currently the bulk water building and is also used for storage. The roof on this building cannot be replaced because the parapet is rotten, Hoel stated, and new roofing cannot be attached. The architect looked at some options and advises bringing the parapet down to roof level, reinforcing, and adding gutters and a new transition to the roof edges. Hoel went on to say the estimated cost is \$17,540. Hoel believes this will not be covered by insurance, even though the cost of the actual roof is covered. This option is the lesser of all evils, Hoel added. Even though the building is not worth much, it is still in use. Day moved to approve the change order for the roof at the bulk water building in the amount of \$17,540.00. Cleland seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter.

Administrator Hoel went over the memo outlining TIF funding requests to be rescinded. These are unexpended funds from completed projects, projects never started, or remaining amounts of approved projects. Slaughter moved to approve the rescission of unexpended TIF awards in the following amounts: Lynnita Brown/Aldridges - \$1155.00; Boyd/Hemmer -

\$6930.00; Puddicombe - \$1475.00; Tuscola Properties, LLC - \$106,989.40; Rachel Puckett - \$3489.87 (loan) and \$5874.47 (grant). Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter.

Henderson moved to approve a six month time extension on the Tuscola Journal's TIF award. Day seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter.

#### Other

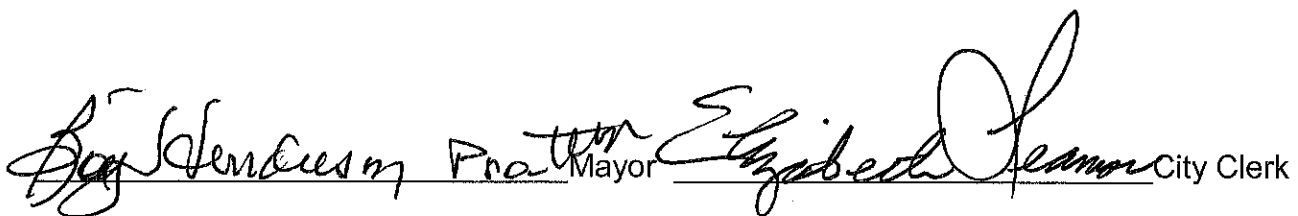
1. Administrator Hoel called council's attention to some handouts with proposals for using the surplus Imagination Station playground funds amounting to \$13,476.11. Hoel stated the project has a surplus because Rotary raised more funds for the project than originally anticipated and the city and volunteers provided labor. Fred McDonald, Rotarian in charge of the project, thanked council and the staff for their generosity. McDonald pointed out there are two proposals on the handouts. He suggests not considering proposal #2 because the club does not have enough funding for the partial rubber surface. Proposal #2, with all wood surfaces, would add a lion water fountain, an expression swing, installation of a climber that was sent in error, and a maintenance fund for future needs. Maxey commented the playground gets a lot of use.
2. Hoel discussed bids received on the Community Building renovation project and asked council to look them over during the next two weeks. This will give the architect time to check references on the low bidder and allow us to look for changes that might save money. One of the possible money saving changes could be going to a conventional forced air furnace and AC instead of the boiler/chiller option we chose. Hoel went on to say this could save around \$100,000, but he would like the architects to evaluate the conventional system to be sure it is properly sized and will do an adequate job. Shoemaker pointed out the operating costs of the systems should be taken into consideration. Hoel agreed, adding he did not want a contractor or HVAC salesman selling the system. He wants a mechanical engineer who understands building and occupant loads to advise us. Shoemaker would like references on the contractors and photographs of their work before the project begins.
3. Mayor Kleiss asked for discussion on future uses of the Community Building. Hoey stated he feels this is something we should have in place before the building renovation is complete. Kleiss added the policy Hoey was looking at was groups booking the building four or five week-ends in a row and asked if we have this type of request. Treasurer Long pointed out the policy for ARTCO is they use two weeks for their major production. During this time, ARTCO uses the building Monday through Thursday for free and pay for using the building on the week-end for performances. If another group wants to use the building for an event during those two weeks and is unable to because of ARTCO's production, ARTCO would be required to pay the usual building use fee for that day (s). Long went on to say ARTCO's summer theatre camp is held during the day and can usually be made available to other groups since ARTCO does not build sets during their camp. Hoey asked if we would continue to allow set building once the renovations are complete. Maxey asked if Tuscola residents pay the same fee as out of town users. Long answered out of town users pay a higher fee. Maxey asked how our charges compare to area rentals. Long answered we are low. We do not provide

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any services; however, if the renters want to purchase services such as cleaning up or alcohol rental, we are in the right neighborhood. Maxey stated he does not think we should offer the option for renters to clean the building themselves. He would rather increase the rental fee and have the building cleaned professionally. Administrator Hoel pointed out renters serving alcohol are required to pay for the professional cleaning. Hoey does not think it is fair to our citizens when one group has the building rented three week-ends in a row every June. Maxey added we will no longer be able to allow renters to drill holes in the wall or string wire across the room. Shoemaker asked if there would be a committee to determine guidelines and rules and make decisions about fees. Hoel answered there would be. Mayor Kleiss suggests we include specific guidelines about what can and cannot be used on the surfaces in the building. Maxey commented he does not think it is right for one group to be able to schedule the building three week-ends in a row every June. Shoemaker added people will understand we are making a huge investment and they are probably expecting new guidelines. He doesn't care who the business or group is, if they are booking and paying for the building it's a go. Hoey stated he does not think the Community Building is meant to be used as a theatre; it is for the citizens of Tuscola. Hoey added Chief Hettinger has had concerns about the electrical service ARTCO uses in the Community Building.

Henderson asked how much the 'fill the boot' campaign raised. Brian Moody answered \$3,554.00. Mayor Kleiss wished Alderman Hoey a *Happy Birthday*.

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

The image shows two handwritten signatures in cursive. The first signature is on the left, and the second is on the right. Below the second signature, the word "City Clerk" is printed. The word "Mayor" is printed between the two signatures, positioned under the second signature.

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Mayor \_\_\_\_\_ City Clerk