

CITY OF TUSCOLA
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
STATE OF ILLINOIS
Tuscola City Hall
August 10, 2015

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

Consent Agenda

Mayor Kleiss went over the items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the July 27, 2015 meeting
- Payment of bills totaling \$288,494.06
- Pay request of \$122,578.34, from Adkisson Construction Contractors, Inc., for roof replacements
- Community Building lease request from Johanna Wienke for a wedding reception September 11-13, 2015

Hoey moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Henderson seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt. Shoemaker moved to approve the consent agenda for August 10, 2015. Cleland seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Mayor

Mayor Kleiss read a letter from Steve Hettinger, stating his intentions to retire as Building Inspector and Fire Chief, effective October 9, 2015. In his letter, Hettinger listed accomplishments during his 40+ years of service, adding he has enjoyed his time with the City and would be happy to assist with the new personnel any way he could. Slaughter moved to accept Hettinger's retirement, effective October 9, 2015. Henderson seconded. Mayor Kleiss stated he is happy Hettinger can retire and still have an active life. He will be tough to replace. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

City Clerk – Nothing

City Treasurer

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

City Attorney – Absent

City Administrator

Administrator Hoel discussed the Community Building renovation, adding Building Inspector Hettinger is going over the completed designs now. More information and renderings will be available before a final bid is approved. The renovation is an interior freshening, Hoel added, with very little change to the layout or use of the building. The mechanical system is being

replaced with a boiler/chiller system, so it will be adequate to serve the building. The electrical system will be upgraded. The floors will be replaced, and beams wrapped and painted with ceiling tiles in between and insulation above the tiles. The lights will be recessed, the concrete block walls will be fired out; insulated, and rigid panels on the lower eight feet added. There will also be a corkboard strip for hanging decorations and lights without damaging the walls. The doors will be replaced and portable risers will replace the built in stage. Mayor Kleiss asked what type of lighting will be used. Hoel answered they will be LED efficient. Maxey pointed out the front foyer will be remodeled. There will still be a front foyer, but the ticket booth area will be removed. The last event to be held in the Community Building will be an antique show and sale the second week-end in November. This timing should work well, Hoel added, if the bid is awarded the end of September. Generally contractors need 4-6 weeks to get their documents submitted and materials ordered. Maxey stated the Farnsworth Group was great to work with. Hoel agreed and added Farnsworth provided an entire team for our project. Council discussed updating the lights on the posts and sound system. Shoemaker suggests making sure there are plenty of outlets for AV, especially since the stage can be used anywhere in the building. Hoel will get the bid documents together for advertising and hopes to hold the bid opening on September 9, 2015. Hoey asked if we would continue to open the building each morning and close it in the evening, as we have been doing. Council felt we would, since it is a community building.

Contracts and Agreements

- Ameren has requested an easement for their electric line on the southeast corner of City Hall. The easement would allow them to set a utility pole and get their lines off the side of the building. Truitt moved to approve the electric line easement to Ameren IL for a utility pole on the south side of City Hall, 214 North Main. Henderson seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.
- Hoel discussed the modification agreement for a five year extension of solid waste services with Advanced Disposal Services Solid Waste Midwest, LLC. Council has already approved the extension; this is the written form. The five year residential rate is \$12.87 per month; commercial rates increased 3.5% with a 2-4% per year increase, based on CPI. Hoey moved to approve the modification agreement with Advanced Disposal Services Solid Waste Midwest, LLC, extending the contract an additional five years. Residential rates will increase to \$12.87 per month; commercial will increase 3.5% with a 2-4% per year increase, based on CPI. Cleland seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.
- Administrator Hoel discussed the Professional Services Agreement with Clark Dietz for the Doris Subdivision engineering services. Now that the redevelopment agreement for this project has been approved, an update to the engineering agreement is needed. The PSA will be amended to increase the contract by \$44,720. Truitt moved to approve the amendment to the PSA with Clark Dietz, Inc., to include an additional \$44,720, for engineering services for the Doris Subdivision. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

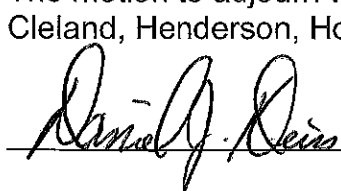
Other

1. Maxey moved to approve the purchase of a 2016 Ford F250 from Ford of Tuscola in the amount of \$18,490. Funds for this purchase will come from the sewer fund and

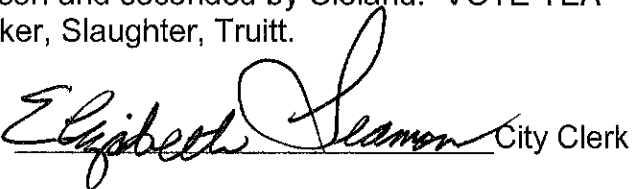
the vehicle will replace the S10 sewer pick-up. Hoey seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

2. Maxey moved to approve the purchase of a Ford F450 from Ford of Tuscola, in the amount of \$64,050. The payment will be made from the street department funds. Administrator Hoel added the dealer is going to spec a different dump body for this truck. There may be a slight increase in the final purchase price. Cleland seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.
3. Maxey moved to approve the purchase of a Case IH Farmall 40C tractor from FarmPride at a cost of \$22,000 with trade in of current New Holland tractor. Henderson seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.
4. Administrator Hoel discussed tree removal on east Niles Avenue. Ameren has identified many trees that are getting into the power lines and need to be removed or taken back. Hoel added Ameren is within their rights to do this; however, in the past they butchered the trees so bad, they had to be completely removed. He's not sure if there is a good answer. He's afraid if we don't give permission, we will have hacked up trees down Niles Avenue. Henderson feels if we allow them to remove the trees, they will replace them and we won't have to worry about them getting in the power lines for 20 years. Hoel agreed, adding Ameren will replace trees they remove with a variety that does not grow tall enough to get into the power lines. Foreman Cruzan reported he has checked the trees identified for removal, but only sees three or four that look like they are a problem. Foreman Cruzan will develop a list of trees he thinks need attention and Hoel will get back with Ameren.
5. Slaughter moved to approve the appointment of Cindy Stevens as part time police receptionist @ no more than 999 hours per year. Stevens will be Step 1 – Office General, with an effective start date of August 17, 2015. Maxey seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.
6. Maxey moved to approve the advancement of Todd Thomas to Patrol Officer 1. Thomas has satisfactorily completed his probationary period. Hoey seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.
7. Mayor Kleiss reminded everyone school is starting soon and to watch out for children. He hopes for a nice, safe school year for all.

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



Mayor

 City Clerk