

CITY OF TUSCOLA
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
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Tuscola City Hall
July 27, 2015

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

Consent Agenda

Mayor Kleiss went over the items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the July 13, 2015 meeting
- June 2015 financial reports
- Payment of bills totaling \$103,315.18
- Fundraising request from the Tuscola Kiwanis for their annual Peanut Days on November 13-14, 2015
- Community Building lease request from Aja Bozarth for the "Reach the Goal for Joel" fundraiser August 8, 2015
- Request to hold next year's Scribner 5K run on August 13, 2016
- Request to allow a carved pumpkin display at Festival Corner this October

Shoemaker moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Maxey seconded. VOTE YEA* Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt. Hoey moved to approve the consent agenda for July 27, 2015. Truitt seconded. VOTE YEA* Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Mayor

Mayor Kleiss thanked Henderson for acting as Mayor Pro Tem during the July 13 council meeting.

City Clerk – Nothing

City Treasurer

Treasurer Long reported Eddie Boutilier and the Red Barn Vet Service are delinquent on their TIF loans. Long announced council is invited to attend the dedication of the new playground at Ervin Park. The event will be held August 2, beginning at 2:00 pm. Mayor Kleiss will speak at the dedication.

City Attorney – Nothing

City Administrator

Administrator Hoel announced the oil and chip was completed today. Hoel commented the new playground is fantastic! We have already had vandalism there, though. Two of the little road signs have been ripped off, and one was accidentally hit by the contractor. Hoel thinks it would be best to remove the signs, take the posts out, and fill in the holes. Maxey thinks there should be a parental guidance only sign placed at the playground. On two separate

occasions he has seen 10 and 12 year olds in this playground throwing balls and jumping off the equipment. Hoel stated he feels the sign part is fairly easy to enforce. Day commented if someone wants to vandalize the park, there is nothing that will stop them. Hoel added if council can agree on what the rules should be, we can post signs. Henderson pointed out the playground is intended for 2-5 year olds; if they are over five, they have no business being in there. Maxey answered the sign does not state this, though. Administrator Hoel pointed out it would not be parental negligence to let a five year old play at the playground while the parents were watching a ball game, so he is hesitant to require parental supervision. Chief Hastings commented that regardless of age, if someone is acting up and the police get a call, they will run them out of the park. Hastings added he does not think we can do anything with age. Shoemaker added if we do have a sign listing restrictions, we could add the police phone number for anyone witnessing vandalism to call. Hoel suggests addressing conduct rather than age. This would be similar to what we have at the pool. Chief Hastings asked council to order signs for the main park if they order for the new playground. Hoel suggests looking into wireless security cameras at the park. This is what finally solved the problem at Festival Corner.

Contracts and Agreements

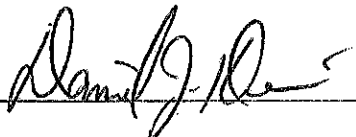
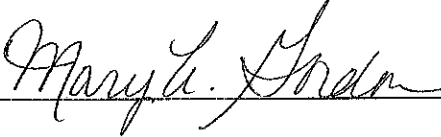
Administrator Hoel reported all bids for the South Court Street project came in below the engineer's estimate of \$268,169.50. Otto Baum, the contractor who did the Tuscola Boulevard extension past Amishland, submitted the low bid for this project. Henderson moved to issue a notice of award for the South Court Street project to Otto Baum, in the amount of \$189,429.31, and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the contract. Maxey seconded. VOTE YEA* Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Hoel discussed the right of way easement at 900 South Court for Carle Foundation. This easement will allow for additional parking on the east side of Court Street. Administrator Hoel reported the Carle Foundation representatives were very pleasant to work with. Truitt moved to approve the right of way easement with Carle Foundation to allow for an additional parking area at 900 South Court. Slaughter seconded. VOTE YEA* Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Other

Shoemaker asked for an update on the Sarah Bush Lincoln clinic plans. Hoel reported they have been going back and forth on design and driveway entrances. Sarah Bush is full steam ahead on the design and had intended to break ground in July. They are still working on the driveway entrances, but will not ask for any changes to the Tuscola Boulevard median.

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

 Mayor  Deputy City Clerk