

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

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order with Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Slaughter, Truitt, and Mayor Kleiss in attendance. Alderman Shoemaker was absent. 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 November 23, 2015 meeting
- Payment of bills totaling \$223,030.78
- Approval of Cub Scouts' use of Wimple Park July 15-16, 2016

Henderson moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Truitt seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Slaughter, Truitt. Maxey moved to approve the consent agenda for December 14, 2015. Cleland seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Slaughter, Truitt.

Requested Time on the Agenda - None

Mayor – No Report

City Clerk – No Report

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

Administrator Hoel reported Officer Todd Thomas was involved in a high speed pursuit assisting the state police this past weekend and crashed the squad car he was driving. Officer Thomas is fine. He was not injured and is working this week. Hoel is working with the body shop and insurance to determine whether the car is repairable or a total loss.

Ordinances

Mayor Kleiss asked for action on the ordinance for the levy and assessment of taxes. This ordinance has been discussed the last two council meetings. Truitt moved to approve Ordinance 2015-0-10, an ordinance for the levy and assessment of taxes for the fiscal year

beginning May 1, 2015 and ending April 30, 2016, for the City of Tuscola. Hoey seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Slaughter, Truitt.

Resolutions

Administrator Hoel discussed the resolution concerning our electric aggregate agreement. The citizens of Tuscola authorized municipal aggregation for electricity, Hoel stated, and the city acts as the broker. The city uses a consultant that participates in the bidding for us. The agreements are signed within a few hours of the bids, Hoel added, and this resolution will authorize him to execute the agreement on the city's behalf as long as the bid is better than we can get through the market rate. Hoel added everyone in Tuscola has the option to opt out of this agreement. Henderson asked how the prices were going. Hoel answered prices have been going up. There is still a gap between the aggregate prices and market prices, but not as large as it was when we first joined the consortium. Henderson moved to approve resolution 2015-0-4, a resolution authorizing the execution of a service agreement for the supply of electricity for residential and small commercial retail customers who do not opt out of the electric aggregation program. Slaughter seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Slaughter, Truitt.

Contracts and Agreements

Hoey moved to extend the existing Professional Services Agreement with Good Energy, L.P. to perform electricity consulting services and procurement for the city's residential and small commercial customers on an opt-out basis. Day seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Slaughter, Truitt.

Administrator Hoel discussed a Professional Services Agreement with Francis and Associates for engineering services to negotiate for a permit for a new entrance on route 36 across from the west on-off ramp to I-57. If approved and permitted, the intersection will become a four way, with a road extending to the north and then turning west to meet Apgar Avenue. Hoel went on to say, Francis and Associates has experience designing, negotiating, and permitting this type of entrance/intersection. Cleland moved to approve a Professional Services Agreement with Francis and Associates for drawings and cost estimates for the proposed route 36 entrance, at an estimated cost of \$2500. Truitt seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Slaughter, Truitt.

Requests for TIF Assistance

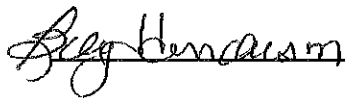
Administrator Hoel stated he and Attorney Bequette are not clear whether the new mall owners (ADCO) or the previous owners (Tanger) are to receive the redevelopment reimbursement this year. They have notified both parties they need to know who receives the funds. Once this happens, a check will be sent to the correct party. Hoel added he believes the reimbursement amount is justified and the documentation is in order. Truitt moved to approve payment of \$233,052.90, as part of the mall redevelopment agreement reimbursement, once the former and current owners have let the city know who will receive the funds, and subject to approval by Attorney Bequette and Administrator Hoel. Day seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Slaughter, Truitt.

Other

1. John Best was in the audience representing the Cultural Arts Alliance and spoke briefly to council about the alliance's plans for sidewalk sculptures. Best stated the alliance considers the use of sculptures as beautification. They also provide a sense of vitality to the downtown area. Administrator Hoel passed around pictures of example sculptures that are currently on display at the intersection of Main and West North Central. The alliance has several other locations in mind for displaying the sculptures, Best added; the two downtown are the first step. Hoel pointed out there is no cost to the city for the sculpture displays other than city crews securing the sculptures and the city insuring them. The next sculpture displays will be placed on the northwest corner of Main and Sale and the southwest corner of Main and Pembroke.
2. Maxey moved to approve resolution 2015-R-5, a resolution concerning the review and release of executive session minutes and the destruction of executive session audio recordings. Hoey seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Slaughter, Truitt.

Mayor Kleiss stated this seemed like a quick meeting with not much on the agenda; however, the \$2500 fee for Francis and Associates could turn out to be one of the bigger things we do in our development world here, if we can figure out how to open up the area to the north of the I-57 on off ramp. It may seem minor right now, but Kleiss hopes it turns into something major for the city. Thanks to the council for their approval.

Henderson moved to adjourn the meeting and wished everyone a Merry Christmas. Maxey seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Slaughter, Truitt.



Mayor



City Clerk