

CITY OF TUSCOLA
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
STATE OF ILLINOIS
Tuscola City Hall
November 9, 2015

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 October 26, 2015 meeting
- Payment of bills totaling \$717,096.54
- Pay request from Owen Tucker in the amount of \$73,365.35, for Doris Subdivision infrastructure
- Pay request from Adkisson Construction in the amount of \$115,249.76, for roof replacements
- Pay request from Adkisson Construction in the amount of \$96,194.38, for the City Hall roof

Hoey moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Henderson seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt. Henderson moved to approve the consent agenda for November 9, 2015. Truitt seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Requested Time on the Agenda - None

Mayor

Mayor Kleiss announced a surprise for tonight's meeting and introduced Jeff Wagner, CSX Industrial Development. Jeff gave council some history of his job, stating it is much like Brian Moody's job. Wagner works to bring investments into the railroad system and helps develop industrial sites to market to customers. This is done in partnership with a lot of communities across the CSX system, Wagner added. For the past 25 years, CSX has given a partnership award to key individuals in these communities in recognition of their partnering with CSX and helping out as professional economic developers. Wagner introduced Jonathan Gamut, a representative from an independent consulting firm, who works with CSX on their 'select site' and also puts companies together with facilities and sites. Wagner went on to say he and Jonathan have worked with Brian on Future Gen and the fertilizer facility. Brian is always dependable and persistent. Wagner presented the CSX Partnership Award to Brian Moody as a small token of their appreciation for everything Brian has done with CSX and for CSX.

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 – Absent

Foreman Cruzan reported work is scheduled to begin on the Community Building remodel Monday, November 16.

Ordinances

- Treasurer Long discussed the property tax levy estimate for FY 2016. Long updated the slides to show a 3% increase in the levy. This was the amount suggested at the last council meeting. Long reminded council last year we did an even levy in hopes the rate would stay the same. As it turned out, the EAV went down so the rate increased. Long showed council slides showing what a 3% levy increase would mean if the EAV stayed the same as last year. Long went on to say, over the last several years, the EAV has typically climbed. In the past 10 years, the growth has been 2.11%. Using the 3% levy estimate and 2% increase in EAV, the increased tax on an average size home would be about \$2.84. Long reminded council they levy for the City and Library only, showing a pie chart with percentages for each taxing body. Mayor Kleiss pointed out that about 70% of our taxes go to education. Long then discussed the history of the City's tax levies stating we have been consistent, keeping the rate at about eighty cents per \$100. Long added property tax makes up roughly 15% of our general fund. Truitt moved to approve the tax levy estimate of 3% as presented. Maxey seconded. Shoemaker asked when we would have the EAV estimate. Long answered we usually have it by now. We need to submit our levy estimate now but can change before passing, if needed. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.
- Treasurer Long discussed the IMLRMA min/max insurance renewal for next year. The increase to the premium is 5.7%, Long stated. She felt this was a favorable increase considering our large claims from the 2013 hail damage. This is the first year we've had anything over the minimum, and the min/max is still a good deal for the City, Long added. Hoey moved to approve ordinance 2015-0-9, an ordinance authorizing the execution of the IMLRMA minimum maximum contribution agreement. Cleland seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Contracts and Agreement

Henderson moved to purchase a 2015 Impala squad car from Miles Chevrolet in the amount of \$22,074, through the state bid. Slaughter seconded. Shoemaker asked how many quotes we received. Chief Hastings answered the squad car would be either Chevrolet or Ford, and Chevrolet got the state bid for Illinois. We could buy a Ford, Hastings added, but their prices have not been competitive. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Treasurer Long discussed roofing change orders with Adkisson Construction. Most of the amounts listed on the agenda have already been approved, Long stated. Approval is needed

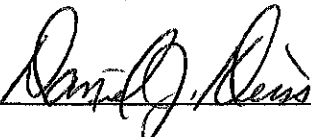
for only a few minor items. Bid package B has additional expenses of \$2725; and bid package A has additional expenses of \$3025. Day moved to approve the additional change orders totaling \$5750, on the City's roofing projects. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

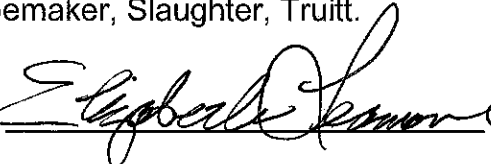
Other

Henderson moved to approve Holiday bonuses of \$125 to each City employee. Truitt seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Hoey asked where we are with the dilapidated properties around town. Attorney Bequette answered one person is working to improve his property (and has been given several continuances); two or three of the owners are just gone. Bequette stated he could take the lawsuits further, but we would most likely have to spend City money to clean up the properties. Bequette went on to say he has a private investigator working to find these absent property owners.

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



Mayor  City Clerk