

CITY OF TUSCOLA
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
STATE OF ILLINOIS
Tuscola City Hall
June 8, 2015 - Amended

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. After the pledge, Kleiss welcomed approximately 20 guests to the meeting.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Kleiss went over the items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the May 26, 2015 meeting
- Payment of bills totaling \$125,262.79
- Community Building lease request from Jon Lacine for a wedding reception with alcohol on June 20, 2015

Hoey moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt. Henderson moved to approve the consent agenda for June 8, 2015. Maxey seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Time on the Agenda

Jim Harbaugh addressed council on behalf of the Tuscola Lion's Club. The Lion's would like council permission to hold two events in downtown Tuscola. On Saturday, June 20, the diabetic retinopathy van will be at the corner of Main and Sale, directly across the street from Dollar General during the Saturday morning farmer's market. All citizens are invited to stop by for a free eye check. The Lion's Club will sponsor a hearing van September 12, also at Main and Sale. Free exams will be given to anyone who would like their hearing checked. Council gave their support to the Lion's Club. Harbaugh ended by thanking the City for working with them on their events.

Treasurer Long displayed the agenda for the 4th of July Sparks in the Park celebration to be held on Saturday, July 4, 2015. The 5K walk/run and parade routes will be the same as last year and a small section of North line between the park entrance and exit will be closed throughout the day, Long stated.

Mayor

Mayor Kleiss welcomed Mary Breen and asked her to come to the front of the council chambers. In honor of Mrs. Breen's 100th birthday, Mayor Kleiss read a proclamation giving a short bio and declaring June 11, 2015, *Mary Breen Day*. Mrs. Breen told the Mayor and council she was honored to receive this recognition. She is proud to tell people she is from Tuscola because the officials are always looking for expansion and development but still manage to keep the small town atmosphere. Treasurer Long took photos of Mrs. Breen and seven of her eight children.

Mayor Kleiss read a note of thanks from the 2015 Warrior Baseball Team for the upgrades to the ball diamond. Kleiss noted much of the work on the ball diamond, as well as the newly finished playground, was done with volunteer labor. An event is being planned for later in the summer to thank these volunteers.

City Clerk – Nothing

City Treasurer

Long announced the only TIF delinquency is Eddie Boutilier. Attorney Bequette is working on this, Mayor Kleiss added. .

City Attorney – Absent

City Administrator - Nothing

Ordinances

1. Mayor Kleiss presented the annual prevailing wage ordinance for council action. Truitt moved to approve ordinance 2015-0-5, an ordinance ascertaining the prevailing rate of wages for laborers, workmen, and mechanics employed in public works of the City of Tuscola. Cleland seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.
2. Administrator Hoel reported the state has changed the statute that allows us to have a golf carts on public streets to include non -highway vehicles. The four categories are golf carts, ATV's (three wheelers with handlebar or steering wheel), off road motorcycles, and UTV's such as gators, razor, mule. Hoel went on to say we get a lot of requests for permits for the UTV type vehicles. If it is equipped with headlights and turn signals, and a slow moving vehicle sign Hoel stated he does not see much difference. Hoel recommends including the UTV type vehicle in our ordinance allowing golf carts and asked council to let him know any concerns they may have. Maxey asked why not include all categories if the state is recommending them. Hoel answered the state is giving us the authority to permit and regulate these categories. Maxey pointed out our permitting process will only issue permits to the vehicles with headlights, turn signals, steering wheels, and slow moving vehicle signs. Day pointed out dirt bikes fall into one of the categories. Dirt bikes are loud and faster than golf carts. He does not want to see a dirt bike challenge up and down Main Street. After more discussion, Hoey moved to direct the City staff to draft an ordinance that includes 625 ILCS 5/1-168.8, in addition to our current ordinance allowing golf carts on city streets. Henderson seconded. These definitions do not include lawnmowers, Hoel added. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter. VOTE NAY* Truitt.

Resolutions

Administrator Hoel briefly discussed the two executive session minutes that were taken in the past six months. Hoel stated he did not feel an executive session was necessary to discuss these minutes. A resolution to approve the executive session minutes prior to June 8, 2015; release the executive session minutes, except those that are sensitive in nature and should remain confidential; and destruction of audio recordings prior to December 9, 2013, was presented for council action. Truitt moved to approve resolution 2015-R-2, a resolution

concerning the review and release of executive session minutes and the destruction of executive session audio recordings. Henderson seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Contracts and Agreements

1. Administrator Hoel discussed an issue our waste hauler has brought to his attention regarding the recycling portion of our contract. Advanced has gone upside down in the recycling market in the past months, Hoel stated. They have gone from getting \$12 a ton for recyclables to paying \$7 a ton, and to get it to the landfill is about \$45. Hoel went on to say Advanced is starting to get loads that may be rejected because they contain approximately 30% non-recyclable materials. There is a lot of e-waste showing up in the dumpsters. Advanced hopes part of the problem is education. They plan to have signs made that state what is and is not allowed in the dumpsters. Also, Advanced would like council to be aware of the problem and spread the word, Hoel added. The city will put the information on social media in an effort to educate the public. Advanced has raised this issue because their contract extension is just around the corner. They are considering whether or not they want to offer the recycling dumpsters free of charge in the new contract. Council discussed the recycling dumpsters and offenders. Truitt wonders about installing cameras to see who is violating the recycling rules. The curbside recycling, which costs extra, has been inconsistent; however, Advanced does plan to offer citizens the option to pay for curbside recycling in the new contract, Hoel stated.
2. Cleland moved to approve the purchase of a Toro model 74274, zero turn mower from Tuscola Home Center, at a cost of \$7551. This includes a trade in of the 2012 Toro model 74269, after repairs are made. Administrator Hoel pointed out it is the city's responsibility to pay for the estimated repairs of \$1000. Hoey seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Requests for TIF Assistance

Administrator Hoel reported on the roof replacement at City Hall. Adkisson Construction has the contract to replace the roof and has purchased the necessary materials, Hoel stated. Once tear off began, Adkisson discovered there was more roof than he or the insurance adjuster thought. Hoel reported the more appropriate way to replace the roof is with a TPO membrane over built up foam which is \$30,000 more than originally planned. The insurance adjuster agrees the more expensive roof is needed on City Hall, Hoel stated, but now Adkisson is now stuck with the \$29,000+ non-returnable material originally purchased for the City Hall roof repair. Adkisson would like to apply for a TIF grant for the cost of these materials, which he would then use on his new office building at 200 North Parke, Hoel reported. Also, Adkisson is in the process of refinancing his existing TIF loan on the Los Potros building. This loan has a balloon payment of \$160,000, due in November. If Adkisson pays his original TIF loan off with private financing, the \$160,000 would be put back in TIF and free up some cash for more TIF projects. Maxey moved to approve the TIF committee's recommendation of a \$29,200 TIF grant to Adkisson Construction, materials only, for spray foam roofing on his building at 200 North Parke. Administrator Hoel will get verification on the actual charges and invoice dates. Day seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Other

Truitt moved to approve the fireworks display permit for Jamaica Pyrotechnics for the July 4th Sparks in the Park. Henderson seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

The request for curb cut in the barrier median on South Progress Boulevard was tabled for more consideration.

Slaughter pointed out we have motorized bicycles and a motorized scooter in town. These are illegal on the city streets.

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

David J. Davis Mayor Mary E. Jordan Deputy City Clerk