

CITY OF TUSCOLA
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
STATE OF ILLINOIS
Tuscola City Hall
May 26, 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.

Consent Agenda

Kleiss went over the items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the May 11, 2015 meeting
- Financial report for April 2015
- Payment of bills totaling \$77,040.95

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 May 26, 2015. Truitt seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Mayor

Mayor Kleiss submitted the following to serve on the Tuscola Tourism Board for this fiscal year: Randy Hastings, Drew Hoel, Ashley Swinford, Donna Kidwell, Phyllis Truitt, Karen Dukeman, Devon Flesor Story, and Allen Schwass. Cleland moved to approve these appointments to the Tuscola Tourism Board. Day seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

City Clerk – Nothing

City Treasurer

Long announced the only TIF delinquency is Eddie Boutilier. Long pointed out this month's issue of the Illinois Municipal Review has a good article for newly elected officials.

City Attorney – Nothing

City Administrator

Administrator Hoel announced Ameren is doing some tree trimming around power lines this summer and plans to remove 18 trees along Niles Street. They have suggested a grant program for replanting appropriate trees in the proper locations. Homeowners will be notified if trees on their property are to be trimmed or taken down.

Hoel stated the pool is up and running. The contractor has been responsive recently to our requests and Hoel thinks we are headed in the right direction. Truitt asked if they were able to fix the tears that were found. Hoel answered the tears were partially fixed and he thinks they are holding for now. The pool hasn't been open long enough to see if there are leaks; Hoel would like to wait two weeks before assessing the leakage.

Contracts and Agreements

Mayor Kleiss opened discussion on the solid waste contract by saying he did not think there were any huge issues that need to be changed. He would suggest Administrator Hoel and Attorney Bequette draft a contract extension with Advanced Disposal. Once the extension is in place, we can discuss and decide which option offered by Advanced is the best for the city.

Requests for TIF Assistance

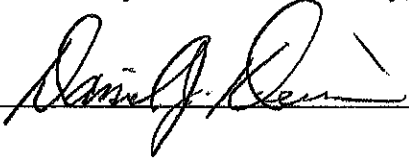
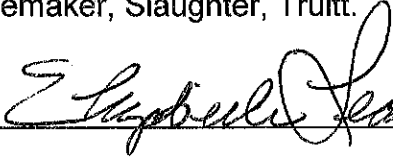
1. The Tuscola Moose Lodge has requested a six month time extension on their TIF agreement in order to complete the parking lot extension. Hoey moved to approve the six month time extension on the Tuscola Moose TIF assistance. Henderson seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.
2. Racheal Pucket has requested a time extension on her TIF redevelopment agreement to complete the installation of signage. Day moved to approve the time extension on Racheal Pucket's TIF agreement to September 15, 2015. Truitt seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.
3. Henderson asked about progress on the old SavMor property downtown. Administrator Hoel answered the project is impressive and moving along nicely. All the mechanical and electrical work is done and they are down to drywall and finish work.

Other

1. The Planning Commission recommends approval of a special use permit for a home based hair salon at 605 E. Daggy. Michelle Wilson, permit requestor, was in attendance to answer questions. Wilson worked outside the home for many years, but would like to be able to be at home with her children. Hoey asked if Wilson's neighbors had any objection to the home based business. Wilson stated she contacted all her neighbors and they signed a petition in her favor. Henderson moved to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to allow a special use permit for a home based hair salon at 605 E. Daggy, with the stipulation of an expanded driveway to accommodate increased parking. Shoemaker seconded. Wilson asked how long a time frame she had for expanding the driveway. After discussion, Henderson amended his motion to include a six month time frame for completion of the driveway expansion. Shoemaker amended his second. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.
2. Mayor Kleiss presented the name of Caylen Moyer as a part time pool employee. Truitt moved to approve the appointment of Caylen Moyer as a part time cashier at the pool. Cleland seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.
3. Council discussed the possibility of hiring a part time secretary to help out in the Police Department since our current secretary, Joyce Ragle, is only able to work limited hours. An additional employee could help with the workload and the office could be kept open all day. The new hire would be trained by Joyce in order to learn all aspects of the job. Administrator Hoel and Chief Hastings will advertise the position and conduct interviews before asking council approval of the hire.

4. Truitt reminded council of the Cultural Arts Alliance membership drive on Wednesday evening from 5-7 pm at The Vault.
5. Maxey asked about the posting requirements for the council agenda. The agenda is posted on the website and in the City Hall foyer the Friday before council meetings.

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

 Mayor  City Clerk