

CITY OF TUSCOLA
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
STATE OF ILLINOIS
Tuscola City Hall
January 12, 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

Mayor Kleiss went over the items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the December 22, 2014 meeting
- Payment of bills totaling \$460,569.11
- Redevelopment agreement pay request of \$400,000.00 from COROC Tuscola, LLC
- Pay request in the amount of \$26,810.61 from Otto Baum Company for the final payment on the Tuscola Boulevard extension
- Community Building lease request from ArtCo for a Mardi Gras event on February 14, 2015
- Street closures for Relay for Life on June 6, 2015

Administrator Hoel pointed out the Otto Baum payment is not on this week's listing of bills. Hoey moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt. Truitt moved to approve the consent agenda for January 12, 2015. Maxey seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Mayor - Nothing

City Clerk – Nothing

City Treasurer

Long announced the only TIF delinquency is Eddie Boutilier.

City Attorney – Nothing

City Administrator - Nothing

Ordinances and Resolutions

Administrator Hoel presented an ordinance to declare a 1988 van as surplus property. Chief Hastings added we acquired the van when it was used in a heist at the mall. Henderson moved to approve ordinance 2015-O-1, an ordinance declaring a van as surplus property and authorizing the sale of the same. Slaughter seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Contracts and Agreements

Hoel reported he has solicited bids from several electric suppliers for the City's electricity needs. Hoel was able to lock in a three year rate of \$0.0536 per kWh with Integrys Energy Services, Inc. Hoel added this is a very good rate, as long-term electric rates are rising.

Requests for TIF Assistance

Kirby Foods, Inc., has requested a TIF grant in the amount of \$8000 for ADA restrooms and front door for their building adjacent to the IGA (old Ben Franklin). Kirby Foods is in the process of remodeling this building for their new tenant, Champion Fitness. Truitt moved to approve the TIF committee's recommendation of a TIF grant of \$8000 to Kirby Foods, Inc., for ADA restrooms and front door. Slaughter seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Tabled Discussion Topics

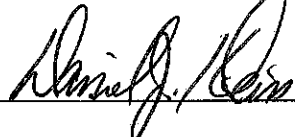
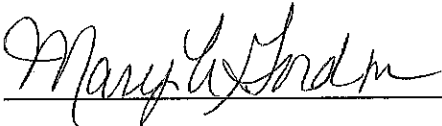
Mayor Kleiss opened discussion on the Rotary request for additional funding for their playground project. Administrator Hoel reported the Rotarians would like to pursue a better surface for the playground. The City originally pledged \$45,000 for the project, Hoel stated, and he believes the club's thought was if the city would pledge additional funds it would give the club leverage to go out and raise the balance with the community. Fred McDonald, president of Rotary, arrived during this discussion. An additional \$22,500 is the amount Rotary is requesting. Hoel pointed out the overall project cost has gone from \$67,000 (basic plan) to \$110,000 (with better surface). After more discussion about matching funds, Henderson moved to approve a matching grant of up to \$22,500, in addition to the \$45,000 already pledged by the city, to the Tuscola Rotary for a new playground area in the north end of Ervin Park. Truitt seconded. Hoey stated he felt this is quite a bit to ask in addition to the \$45,000. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt. VOTE NAY* Hoey. Motion carried.

Other

Mayor Kleiss opened discussion on the City Hall sign by stating he thinks he's ready to take it down. Several council members agreed with the Mayor. Options would be to leave the sign and get it in working order, remove the sign completely, or purchase a new sign. Several years ago council looked into having the sign repaired and found it would cost more than \$30,000 to get it in working order. Shoemaker thinks we should have a nice sign with messages that would support downtown merchants and events in the park. Kleiss asked council to think about this and be ready to discuss at a future meeting. Treasurer Long will research options and try to get an idea of cost.

Henderson moved council go into executive session to discuss personnel. The time was 7:50 PM. Day seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt. The meeting was called back to order at 8:05 PM with Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, and Mayor Kleiss present.

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

 Mayor  Deputy City Clerk