

CITY OF TUSCOLA
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
STATE OF ILLINOIS
Tuscola City Hall
August 25, 2014

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order with Cleland, 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 August 11, 2014 meeting
- Financial report for July 2014
- Payment of bills totaling \$\$245,087.02
- Pay request from Otto Baum in the amount of \$241,295.49 for the Tuscola Boulevard extension

Hoey moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Henderson seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt. Maxey moved to approve the consent agenda for August 25, 2014. Cleland seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Requested Time on the Agenda

Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Cramer and their attorney, Jim Lee, addressed council about ongoing issues they have with Cramer's neighbor, Jim Patton. The Cramer's (700 North Parke) and Patton's (south of Cramer's) share an alley right of way at 200 West Barker to access their homes and garages. Cramer's would like council to vacate the right of way so they can construct their own driveway from Parke Street. Attorney Lee addressed council and gave the history between the Cramer's and Patton's including Cramer's first request to have the right of way vacated. According to Lee and the Cramer's, council's suggestion that both parties use the graveled alleyway to access their garages and driveways is not working out. The Cramer's would like to have all or a portion of the right of way vacated so they can build a driveway, put their house on the market, and not have to deal with the conflict any longer. Council asked questions of the Cramer's and Jim Patton, who was also in attendance. After much discussion and many accusations, council asked Attorney Bequette to look into the rules regarding vacating this right of way. Bequette will report back to council at the next meeting.

Mayor

Kleiss announced Dwayne Van Cleave has been nominated for The Outstanding Operator of the Year award by the Illinois EPA Division of Water Pollution Control, Field Operations Section. Van Cleave is one of four nominees for this award. The winner will be announced at the Illinois Association of Water Pollution Control Operators annual conference April 13-15, 2015.

City Clerk – Nothing

City Treasurer

Treasurer Long reported the following TIF delinquencies: Eddie Boutilier and Bruce and Andrea Robinson. Administrator Hoel asked Attorney Bequette about the foreclosure on the Robinson property. Bequette responded he has heard nothing about this.

City Attorney – Nothing

City Administrator

Administrator Hoel announced oil and chip will begin tomorrow (8/26), weather permitting.

Ordinances

Hoey moved to approve ordinance 2014-O-13, an ordinance authorizing an addendum to the mutual aid alarm box system to reflect current reimbursement policies for federal disaster aid. Cleland seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Contracts and Agreements

Attorney Bequette discussed an amendment to the intergovernmental agreement for Arcola/Tuscola Joint Water Agency. Bequette started by saying we are all hopeful Cronus is going to come. Like all potential projects, they will need a water supply. Cronus is looking to do financing in the near future and want to be sure they will have adequate water. Under the current agreement, we have some businesses that are using water from the joint agency. Cronus would like the joint agreement amended to say we would be working with them, also. Bequette went on to say we do not have the hardware necessary for Cronus, but Cronus would run another pipeline south from Champaign to Lyondell. Another line would then run to the Cronus property so they would have the water they need. Bequette stated there are many good points to this for Tuscola. With the second pipeline, we would have redundancies. We would also have a lower rate than the current rate, and both Arcola and Tuscola would have additional capacity. Once the second pipeline is up and running, Arcola and Tuscola would have the administrative costs of operating the pipeline. Under the proposed agreement, Cronus and the water company will be paying for the new line. Bequette believes this is an extremely good deal. If Cronus does not come to Tuscola, this will not happen, Bequette added. Administrator Hoel pointed out if one of Cronus' other strategies works out, the provisions will not kick in either. After a question from Shoemaker about landowner issues, TEDI Director Moody stated we will have the same landowner issues no matter what route Cronus takes; however, people can't say no to the joint water agency. Council will act on the amendment at the next council meeting.

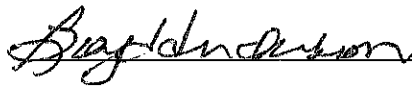
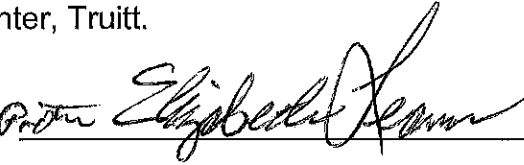
Other

1. Mayor Kleiss announced action will not be taken on the Verizon Special Use Permit for a cell tower. Verizon asked council to table until they have a chance to address questions that came up during the hearing.
2. Fred McDonald, Tuscola Rotary, was present to answer questions about the Rotary's plan to build a toddler playground in the north end of Ervin Park. Administrator Hoel stated he has worked with several members of the Rotary on the playground plans. Rotary has received a \$4000 grant from Rotary Int'l and will match the grant with \$4000 local funds, and conduct local fundraising, according to Hoel. A middle of the road estimate for the playground is \$65,000. Best case scenario in terms of private fundraising would be a \$45,000 city budget item. Hoel went on to say the committee is agreeable to this as a

budget item for next year. Cleland asked about space. McDonald answered the playground will be about 75x45. There is one light in the chosen location; no additional lights have been included in the plans. The playground cost will be added to the budget for next year.

3. Chief Hettinger announced his son-in-law will be deployed overseas soon. He and his family would like to host a wiener roast for him before he leaves. Hettinger would like permission to build a fire at one of the pavilions in Ervin Park. Council okayed Hettinger's request.

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

 : _____ Mayor  _____ City Clerk