

CITY OF TUSCOLA
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
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Tuscola City Hall
November 10, 2014

A council study session was held at 6:45 P.M., to hear representatives from Farnsworth and Associates speak about the Community Building remodeling study.

- Priority number one was to do a complete mechanical and electrical replacement in the building. Farnsworth has learned the electrical service is undersized; however, Farnsworth believes AMEREN will provide three phase power free of charge, once some items inside the building have been upgraded. Farnsworth looked at the mechanical portion of the building by first separating it into three different zones – main activity space; main entry, restrooms, and meeting room; and second floor. Farnsworth identified three mechanical systems that would work with the upgraded zones, and discussed price differences. Farnsworth also looked at lighting options, electrical device upgrades, and fire alarm upgrades.
- Priority number two was to look at thermal upgrades to the existing building and interior renovation of existing finishes. Farnsworth went with natural finishes and colors with bold highlights when looking at the interior renovations. They suggest carpet for the main entry floor; wood or vinyl tile in the main activity area; carpet in the office, and possibly the multi-purpose space upstairs. Farnsworth also laid out ideas for dressing up interior walls, accents, variable lighting, insulation, and acoustics.
- Priority number three looks at renovating the south side of the building and incorporating a stage (suggested at last study session). If this is something council wants, Farnsworth suggests entering the building from the west side, rather than coming in at the back side of the stage. Also, the restrooms and meeting room in the main entry would have to be rearranged with this option and there would be no upstairs meeting room. Farnsworth supplied two more options for priority number three; an addition to the west side of the building, and an addition to the east side, and discussed prices for each.

After going over the three priorities and costs associated with each, council asked questions about various options and offered suggestions.

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order with Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, and Mayor Kleiss in attendance. Alderman Maxey was absent. Mayor Kleiss led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Kleiss went over the items on the consent agenda:

1. Minutes of the October 27, 2014 meeting
2. Payment of bills totaling \$229,660.96
3. Christmas Town parade route and Santa Chase 5K route

Henderson moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Hoey seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt. Shoemaker moved to approve the consent agenda for November 10, 2014. Cleland seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Mayor

Mayor Kleiss asked council to review the information provided by Farnsworth. He hopes to have a plan in place in the next few months.

City Clerk – Absent

City Treasurer

Treasurer Long reported Eddie Boutilier is the only TIF delinquency.

City Attorney – Nothing

City Administrator - Absent

Ordinances

Treasurer Long reported the annual min/max contribution with the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association (IMLRMA) for December 31, 2014 – December 31, 2015, will increase 1.5%. The City has been the IMLRMA for insurance coverage the past eight or nine years and this past year is the only time our premiums have been increased. This was due to the hail storm in May and will show up on our 2016 statement, Long added. Hoey moved to approve ordinance 2014-O-15, an ordinance authorizing the execution of the IMLRMA min/max contribution agreement. Slaughter seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

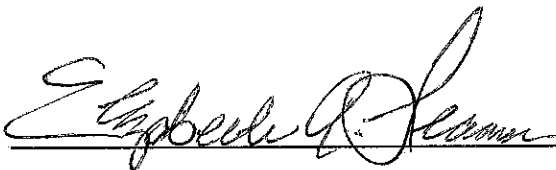
Other

Treasurer Long reported the preliminary EAV projection from the County shows a 4% decrease from last year; however, this does not include the state multiplier or actual exemption certificates. The assessor told Long and Administrator Hoel the decrease is due to actual home sales being less than their assessed value. Long went on to say, since the final EAV numbers could be different, she recommends a 0% increase (same as last year) to the levy. The flat levy will be on file at City Hall for public inspection.

Mayor Kleiss presented Colleen Lehmann with a key to the City. Lehmann has served as the local newspaper correspondent for many years and is moving to Columbia, Missouri. Lehmann's attitude, service to the community, participation, and writings have helped our community grow, Kleiss stated.

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



Mayor  _____ City Clerk