

CITY OF TUSCOLA
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
STATE OF ILLINOIS
Tuscola City Hall
May 12, 2014

The pre-council study session began at 7:00 PM. The purpose of the session was to discuss needed renovations and possible upgrades to the Community Building. Council is considering making necessary renovations (HVAC and electrical) to the building as well as extensive renovations and a possible addition that would make the building useable for a variety of events and meetings. Council also discussed ARTCO's use of the building for their theatre productions and ARTCO's suggestion that we consider a permanent place for their group. Hoey stated he feels the ARTCO productions make it impossible to rent the building for receptions several times throughout the year. Discussion was held on ways to continue allowing ARTCO to use the building and not have to turn away receptions. Mayor Kleiss suggested we look into getting an energy audit on the building to find out options and costs. Kleiss would like council to consider geo-thermal for the HVAC if that is an option. Administrator Hoel will contact agencies for an estimate on suggested options for the building,

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

Consent Agenda

Mayor Kleiss went over the items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the April 28, 2014 meeting
- Payment of bills totaling \$489,002.36

Hoey moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Henderson seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Slaughter, Truitt. Maxey moved to approve the consent agenda for May 12, 2014. Truitt seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Slaughter, Truitt.

Time on the Agenda

Fred Heilich thanked council and the city staff for their assistance with the Tuscola Train Days event held this past Saturday. Heilich added the event drew 300 people and the feedback has been good. Mayor Kleiss thinks this might be a good event to build on and thanked Heilich for his hard work.

Mayor - Nothing

City Clerk – Nothing

City Treasurer

Treasurer Long reported the following TIF delinquencies: PMG Tuscola; and Bruce and Andrea Robinson.

City Attorney – Nothing

City Administrator - Nothing

Ordinances

Mayor Kleiss presented an ordinance regarding firefighter compensation while deployed outside our response area. Administrator Hoel added this ordinance states the Tuscola firefighters could be deployed in the event of a Federal or State emergency. The City would be responsible for their compensation; however, in some instances we might be eligible for reimbursement of the wages paid to deployed firefighters. Seip moved to approve ordinance 2014-O-5, an ordinance concerning compensation of firefighters while deployed outside the City of Tuscola response area. Henderson seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Slaughter, Truitt.

Contracts and Agreements

- Administrator Hoel discussed a redevelopment agreement with Owen Tucker for the Barker/Prairie Street TIF and Doris Subdivision. Approval of this agreement will open up the area south of Barker Street (old sewer plant site) for development, Hoel stated, adding 19 lots. Hoel outlined the points of the agreement, stating Tucker would be responsible for construction of roads and sidewalks, installation of storm and sanitary sewers, site grading, and installation of other utilities (except water). Tucker will also build one home each year, beginning in 2015. This is in addition to the two homes per year already agreed upon. The price of these improvements is \$381,000, about 75% of the estimated cost, Hoel added. The agreement reimburses as improvements are made. Hoey moved to approve the redevelopment agreement between the City of Tuscola and Owen Tucker for the Barker/Prairie TIF and Doris Subdivision. Seip seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Slaughter, Truitt.
- Mayor Kleiss asked for approval of an additional \$5,124.50 to the cost of the police department remodeling project. The funds will be used for new HVAC. Henderson moved to approve the additional amount of \$5,124.50, to the Tuscola Home Center for remodeling of the police department. Slaughter seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Slaughter, Truitt.
- Cleland moved to approve a Professional Services Agreement in the amount of \$4500, with Farnsworth Group for preparation of technical specifications and contract documents, and oversight on the repainting of the City's 75 streetlights. Truitt seconded. Administrator Hoel stated he feels the cost estimate for repainting is fair. The project has to be done correctly and he believes it is important to have an engineer for oversight. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Truitt. VOTE NAY* Slaughter. Motion carried.
- Henderson moved to waive formal bidding on the streetlight painting project. Truitt seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Slaughter, Truitt.
- Seip moved to approve a contract with Hanfland Painting, LLC, for repainting the City streetlights, at a cost not to exceed \$37,500. Maxey seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Truitt. VOTE NAY* Slaughter. Motion carried.

Requests for TIF Assistance

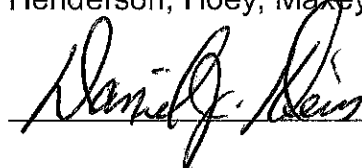
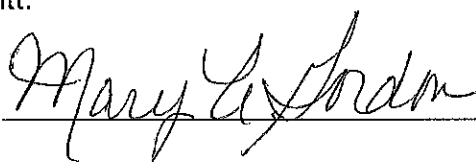
Drs. Boyd and Hemmer have requested TIF assistance for roof replacement on their building located at 902 South Court. Cleland moved to approve the TIF committee's recommendation of a TIF grant of up to \$6,930, to Dr. Boyd and Dr. Hemmer for their roof replacement. This grant represents 50% of the estimated project cost. Truitt seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Slaughter, Truitt.

Other

- 1) Administrator Hoel reported the pool will open on Monday, May 26. Pool staff will work the 24th and 25th to get the pool ready to open. Hours will be 4:00 – 7:30 PM until school lets out for the summer.
- 2) Hoel informed council the City's ISO rating has dropped from five to four, adding this is something we should be very proud of. Hoel went on to say out of the 49,010 fire departments in the country that were rated; only 3200 have a higher ISO rating than Tuscola. We are in the top 17% of fire departments rated. The ISO rating is the primary factor in setting insurance rates.
- 3) Hoey moved to approve the promotion of Officer Cliff Ponder to Patrol Officer II. Slaughter seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Slaughter, Truitt. VOTE NAY* Henderson. Motion carried.
- 4) Truitt moved to approve the promotion of Officer Mark Payne to Sergeant. Maxey seconded. VOTE YEA* Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Truitt. VOTE NAY* Cleland, Henderson, Slaughter. Motion carried.

Mayor Kleiss reminded council the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 27, because of the Memorial Day holiday.

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

 _____ Mayor  _____ Deputy
City Clerk