

CITY OF TUSCOLA
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
STATE OF ILLINOIS
August 26, 2013
Tuscola City Hall

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 August 12, 2013 meeting
- Financial report for July 2013
- Payment of bills totaling \$156,045.77
- Pay request of \$23,000 from Owen Tucker for Barker/Prairie drainage improvements
- Request to hold a 5K on September 14 to benefit Can-Do for Classrooms

Hoey moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Cleland seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Slaughter, Truitt. Maxey moved to approve the consent agenda for August 26, 2013. Seip seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Slaughter, Truitt.

Requested Time on the Agenda

The Tuscola United Methodist Church would like permission to hold a Bike-a-Thon and fundraising event at the old North Ward site on September 14. No one was present to speak to council. Administrator Hoel stated even though this event is being held on the same date and time as the 5K, there should be no conflicts. Council gave their permission for the Bike-a-Thon. Hoel presented the requested Homecoming parade route for September 13, 2013. The parade will begin at the park, go north on Main to Daggy, then east to the High School parking lot. Council gave their permission for this route.

Mayor

Mayor Kleiss offered the City's condolences to Alderman Slaughter and family on the passing of his mother.

City Clerk - Nothing

City Treasurer

Treasurer Long reported TIF delinquencies over 60 days are PMG Tuscola; Jeff Winans and Kristin Winans; Eddie Bouttilier; and Bruce and Andrea Robinson. Hoey asked where we stand on some of these. He's noticed a for sale sign in the window of one of the properties.

Administrator Hoel answered Robinson is trying to sell his property, but will stay in business and operate out of his father's garage. The Winans loan is nearly paid off, but tied up in divorce proceedings. The PMG Tuscola delinquency is pending the development of the truck stop, and Bouttilier is a new one on the delinquency. Hoel stated he contacted Bouttilier last week for status but has not heard back.

City Attorney - Nothing

City Administrator - Nothing

Ordinances

Alderman Shoemaker arrived at 7:37 PM. Mayor Kleiss presented an ordinance amending the City's code to allow for a caterer's liquor license. This amendment allows a caterer or an existing license holder to serve/sell alcohol at a location other than the licensed premises for a specific event. Henderson asked who would provide the dram shop insurance. Administrator Hoel reported whoever is serving the alcohol would carry the insurance. If the alcohol is being served by a caterer, the caterer would provide; if an individual is giving the alcohol to guests, he would provide the insurance. Seip moved to approve ordinance 2013-0-7, an ordinance amending Chapter 111 of the City's code of ordinances to provide for a caterer's liquor license. Henderson seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Administrator Hoel presented an ordinance that will extend the Ameren franchise agreement allowing operation of a natural gas utility in the City of Tuscola. Hoel added the first franchise agreement was signed in 1938. Truitt moved to approve ordinance 2013-0-8, extending the authorization to Ameren Illinois, its successors and assigns, to construct, operate and maintain a gas utility system in the City of Tuscola. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Resolutions

Administrator Hoel discussed a resolution concerning municipal electric aggregation bids and stated market conditions are such that it would be advantageous to bid now instead of waiting for our current contract's June 30, 2014, end date. Hoel added we can bid the supply starting July 1, 2014; this is what the large group of municipalities that participated last time is doing. The resolution will authorize Hoel to execute and deliver a service agreement with the lowest bidder for the supply of electricity for residential and small business customers. Hoey moved to approve resolution 2013-R-3, a resolution authorizing execution of a service agreement with the lowest responsible bidder for the supply of electricity for residential and small commercial retail customers who do not opt out of such a program. Slaughter seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Contracts and Agreements

- Administrator Hoel discussed the renewal of the Intergovernmental agreement with Douglas County for GIS services. The agreement will automatically renew on April 1 of each year. Either party can terminate the agreement by providing written notification at least 60 days prior to the end of the fiscal year. Henderson moved to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for GIS Survey Services between Douglas

County and the City of Tuscola. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

- Hoel gave an update on the route 36 sidewalk proposal and presented a revised bid with no landscaping portion. Beniach has agreed to complete the route 36 project at the price originally bid, less landscaping. Hoel added Beniach plans to hydro seed all the areas where landscaping was originally proposed. This will double the seeding cost in the original proposal. Truitt moved to accept the proposal in the amount of \$538,267.85, from Beniach Construction for the route 36 sidewalk project. Funds for the project will come from the sales tax TIF. Maxey seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

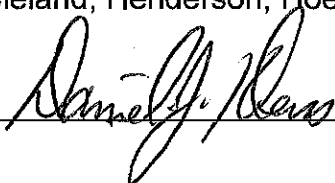
Requests for TIF Assistance

- Administrator Hoel stated the redevelopment agreement with At Home Tuscola was tabled at the last meeting to allow for developer's comments. They were few and inconsequential, Hoel added. Hoey asked what all would be done for the \$660,000. Hoel reported a big piece is structural – about \$130,000. Also, the roof on the building needs to be redone. This is estimated at \$80,000. The interior remodeling will also take a large portion of the funding. Hoel went on to say the first floor of the buildings will be a home goods store (no café, as previously discussed) and the upstairs will be three apartments. Seip moved to approve the redevelopment agreement with At Home Tuscola. Truitt seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt. VOTE NAY* Hoey. Motion carried.
- Treasurer Long pointed out several approved TIF projects have balances left on them. These projects are either complete with funds remaining or were never started. Long would like to clean up these accounts and get them off the books. Administrator Hoel reported M Five Foods, The Pantry, contacted him to say they would like their project to remain active. Cleland moved to rescind the TIF balances on items one through four and item six on Treasurer Long's memo (attached). Henderson seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

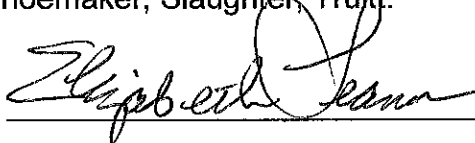
Mayor Kleiss read a note from Richard and Donna Kidwell thanking the City for the TIF grant awarded them at the last meeting.

Alderman Maxey reported he received a phone call from John Brookins. Brookins was voicing his disappointment that he can no longer let his dog run on the ball diamonds at the park. Brookins asked if there would be anything the city could do to provide a fenced area where dogs can run. Maxey added Brookins is probably one of the few who cleans up after his dog. Council discussed the matter but did not reach a resolution.

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



Mayor



City Clerk

Memo

To: Mayor Kleiss, City Council
From: Alta Long
Date: 8/21/2013
Re: Request to rescind TIF funding

In order to "clean up" our outstanding TIF project listing, we need to formally rescind some approved incentive packages. Most of these are projects that are complete or never started and just have some small amount remaining on the approved list. I have contacted the recipients and given them the opportunity to request extensions if they still have an active project. We will ask you to rescind these amounts at the August 26, 2013 meeting.

1. Kris Clodfelder- Grant for demo and property remediation at 900 Meadowview- \$44,800 grant, \$43,140 drawn to date, project complete, rescind remaining \$1,652.
2. ARTCO- 100,102,104 W Sale architectural services- \$3,500 grant, \$2,337.56 drawn to date; no additional expenses anticipated by the applicant on this project; rescind \$1,162.44.
3. ATL, LLC- 100,102,104 W Sale architectural services- \$6,400 grant, \$4,777.80 drawn to date; no additional expenses anticipated by the applicant on this project; rescind \$1,622.20.
4. Rick Marsh- 110 E Sale roof repair- \$5,000 grant, \$4,975 drawn to date; project complete; rescind \$25.
5. M Five Foods- The Pantry renovations- \$22,000 grant, \$4,999.41 drawn to date; draw period ended August 2012; rescind \$17,000.60.
6. Greg Bates- Greg Bates automotive renovations- \$25,000 grant, project not started, owner does not intend to access any grant funds; rescind \$25,000

As always, please let Drew or me know if you have any questions!