

CITY OF TUSCOLA
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
STATE OF ILLINOIS
October 28, 2013
Tuscola City Hall

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

Consent Agenda

Mayor Kleiss went over the items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the October 14, 2013 meeting
- Financial reports for September 2013
- Payment of bills totaling \$366,635.89
- Pay request in the amount of \$29,250, from Stark Excavating for work on the Scattering Forks project
- Pay request in the amount of \$6500, from Owen Tucker for the Barker/Prairie drainage improvements
- Change order request of \$10,000, from Owen Tucker for tree removal

Hoey moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Henderson seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt. Seip moved to approve the consent agenda for October 28, 2013. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Mayor

Mayor Kleiss mentioned the city received a note of thanks from the family of Wayne Seip. The thank you was for a donation to the Tuscola Scouts, made in honor of Mr. Seip.

City Clerk - Nothing

City Treasurer

Treasurer Long reported PMG Tuscola LLC and Bruce and Andrea Robinson are delinquent on their TIF loans. The Winans TIF loan has been paid in full.

City Attorney - Nothing

City Administrator - Nothing

Resolutions

Treasurer Long presented two resolutions for council action. These concern the cafeteria plan and HRA for city employees. Long added the only reason for these resolutions is to amend the benefit plans to be current with the IRS. Seip moved to approve resolution 2013-R-4, a resolution adopting the amended and restated cafeteria plan for the City of Tuscola. Cleland seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt. Truitt moved to approve resolution 2013-R-5, a resolution adopting the amended and restated health reimbursement arrangement plan for the City of Tuscola. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Contracts and Agreements

Discussion was held on the professional services agreement with Gorski Reifsteck for the EIFS (stucco) on the west wall of the Senior Citizens Center. Seip asked why we need to hire architects to design this when we already have had it done. Administrator Hoel answered the stucco needs to be fit to the wall and investigation needs to be done on how the wall is attached and flashed. Also, Hoel is not sure it would be fair to take the architect's construction documents from the last time and re-use them. This project is not a one size fits all, Hoel stated. Unless we can define the scope of work and say exactly what we want, it is best to get an architect involved to design the project. Administrator Hoel added we do have a standard specification that was used on the Dotson Building. It would be possible to go to a contractor and say we want the same thing on the Senior Center wall. Discussion was held on whether or not to spend \$9000 for a design. Seip stated he understands the need to determine if the masonry and tuck pointing is good. Hoel added the proposal from Gorski Reifsteck includes construction documents and bidding, working with the contractor, inspection/observation, and close out. Seip moved to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Gorski Reifsteck Architects for design, bid, inspection, observation and close out on the EIFS for the west wall at the Senior Citizens Center at a cost of \$9000. Henderson seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Requests for TIF Assistance

Hoel pointed out the Boutelier's have asked for a one year time extension on the TIF agreement for the property at 132-134 West Sale, in the name of Red Barn Veterinary Services, LLC. Truitt moved to approve the one year extension to the TIF agreement with Red Barn Veterinary Services, 132-134 West Sale. Shoemaker seconded. Henderson asked if there was any way we could get them to put the windows in the front of the building. Hoey asked what the plan was for this property. TEDI Director Moody reported the Boutelier's plan to use it as a showroom for their Hotwires business. Administrator Hoel added we are granting the extension; we can stipulate a portion of the project (windows) be done by a certain date. Attorney Bequette agreed this could be done. Truitt amended her motion to state a one year extension will be granted to Red Barn Veterinary Services LLC, beginning January 1, 2014, provided the building at 132-134 West Sale is secured by December 31, 2013. Shoemaker amended his second. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

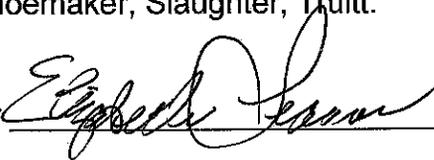
Other

1. Mayor Kleiss stated he prefers to keep the FY 2014 levy at or near where we are now. Administrator Hoel reported the past few years the city has only passed on a small inflationary increase in the levy. This is just enough to keep up with the EAV.
2. Kleiss opened discussion on the firefighter's annual pay, which is typically made in November of each year. Kleiss stated he, Treasurer Long, and Administrator Hoel discussed their pay and possible increase that was discussed in March or April. Kleiss went on to say he remembered it was to be a 3% increase; he would like a re-affirmation of this. Truitt asked if we voted to do this or bring it up for discussion. Mayor Kleiss stated he is trying to remember if that is what we said we would do. Now we are at the point where we need to act. Treasurer Long and Administrator Hoel want to be sure they are correct on council's direction, Kleiss added. Hoel stated the 3% increase was not included in the original vote on the roster this past spring. Mayor Kleiss called council's attention to the document prepared by Long showing a one time lump sum bonus (3%) for all firefighters. Henderson moved to approve the 3% lump sum bonus for the firefighters, as presented. Seip seconded. Truitt commented after looking at the numbers we need to rethink whether or not we have a volunteer fire department. We have a great department and Truitt is proud of them; she thinks the city takes good care of them. Truitt went on to say she knows volunteers around town and they get paid nothing. Truitt thinks we should stop calling them volunteer fire fighters. Administrator Hoel and Maxey pointed out they are not volunteer firefighters, they are paid on call. Mayor Kleiss added he is in favor of the one time lump sum payment to the firefighters. He would not be in favor of increasing a meeting or fire payment. Roll was then taken on the vote to approve the lump sum bonus for firefighters. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt. Alderman Maxey abstained. Motion carried.
3. Mayor Kleiss noted that due to the Veteran's Day holiday on November 11, the next council meeting will be held Tuesday, November 12. Truitt asked if council planned to follow up with Paul Wisovaty's suggestion to take part in the Veteran's Day parade. Kleiss told council and staff to think about it. He's sure we can come up with a truck and sign for the parade. Several council members felt they could walk the parade.

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



Mayor



City Clerk