

CITY OF TUSCOLA  
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
Tuscola City Hall  
August 23, 2010

In the absence of Mayor Kleiss, Clerk Leamon asked for an appointment of Mayor Pro-Tem for the regular council meeting. Hoey moved and Cleland seconded to appoint Alderman Henderson as Mayor Pro-Tem for the August 23 meeting. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt. Alderman Henderson abstained. Motion carried. Mayor Pro-Tem Henderson called the meeting to order with Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, and Truitt present. Mayor Kleiss was absent. Maxey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Consent Agenda

Administrator Hoel went over the items on the consent agenda:

1. The minutes of the August 9, 2010 meeting
2. The financial report for July 2010
3. Payment of bills totaling \$312,792.98
4. Pay requests-Howell Paving on the MFT project - \$365,813.79; James Crane Engineering - \$8,071.98; and Douglas County Highway Dept. - \$2,425.00.
5. Fundraising request from the Lion's Club for their Walk for Sight on June 5, 2011.

Seip moved to approve the reading of the consent agenda. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt. Hoey moved to approve the consent agenda for August 23, 2010, as read. Cleland seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

#### Time on the Agenda

Mr. & Mrs. Jim Brannon and Verlee Karn, all residents of the Meadowview subdivision, were present to speak to council about a nuisance property in their neighborhood. The unoccupied property is located at 809 Pleasantview. Administrator Hoel discussed the issue and informed the citizens that this particular property is scheduled for ordinance court on Tuesday, August 31, 2010. Hoel went on to say, it is extremely difficult to get satisfactory resolution in these cases. The best case would be voluntary compliance on the part of the property owners.

Dave Slaughter introduced Pastor Jason Bratten, new pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church. Council welcomed Bratten to Tuscola.

Mayor – Nothing

City Clerk – Nothing

City Treasurer

Treasurer Long announced Scott Kibler Insurance and PMG Tuscola are delinquent on their TIF loans.

City Administrator – Nothing

Contracts and Agreements

Administrator Hoel reported he has the first draft of the map showing storm sewers and sanitary sewers. The manholes and catch basins will be field located and then drawn into the plans, Hoel stated. There are 84 manholes that cannot be found and the city does not have connectivity plans on a lot of the catch basins. The EIU lab doing our mapping work suggests hiring TeleScan to locate the manholes and determine connectivity for manholes and catch basins not on our existing maps. Hoel stated this could probably be done by TeleScan in about a week and it would take the city crews six months to complete. Hoel went on to say the committee recommends hiring TeleScan for this part of the mapping project. The estimated cost is \$3200. Cleland moved to approve a contract with TeleScan, Decatur, IL, to field locate 84 manholes and determine connectivity for the manholes and catch basins at a cost not to exceed \$5000. Seip seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

### Tabled Topics

Hoel reported the pool contractor has been to the site, completed shop fabrication, and contacted the sub-contractors. He expects work to begin on the pool this week.

### Other

Hoel discussed the \$263,000 DCEO wind turbine grant and possible changes to our project. The matching grant money we were hoping for fell through, Hoel stated; however, DCEO has said we can have an additional \$145,000 for the project. This would make the total grant award for the project \$408,000. Hoel believes the original project numbers may be higher than actual cost and estimates the City's total investment at \$100,000 - \$120,000. Hoel would like permission to proceed with the revised grant documents and begin the process of bidding to find out what the total cost would be. Truitt moved to modify the scope and budget of the wind turbine grant agreement with DCEO. Cleland seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Truitt. VOTE NAY\* Slaughter. Motion carried.

Several local organizations and Churches have begun a community wide 9/11 Project for cleaning up and improving community facilities at the parks, schools, downtown. Hoel reported the organizers have more than 130 volunteers signed up to do community work on September 11, 2010. The organizers have asked the City to provide funding for the supplies, estimated at \$1200. Henderson moved to approve the expenditure of \$1200 for 9/11 Project supplies. Seip seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Hoel discussed the actual MFT maintenance costs for materials and engineering on oil and chip vs. the appropriated estimated maintenance costs. The project came in a little under budget, Hoel stated, and the unspent surplus will be returned. Cleland moved to approve the MFT Municipal Maintenance Expenditure Statement returning \$3,672.01 in maintenance costs and \$110.16 in engineering costs to MFT. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

### New Business

TEDI Director Brian Moody reported the owner of Woody's (old Dixie Property) has given permission for property inspection and equipment removal. Moody stated we should start seeing some action on that property in the next few days.

Moody then discussed FutureGen 2.0 by saying not much has changed as far as the City's position is concerned. The FutureGen Alliance has all their components together except for the sequestration site, which was what Mattoon was offered. Moody estimates the Alliance will have

