

CITY OF TUSCOLA
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
STATE OF ILLINOIS
August 22, 2011
Tuscola City Hall

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order with Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, and Mayor Kleiss present. Alderman Seip was absent. Kyle Bunch, Tuscola Boy Scout, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Kleiss went over the items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the August 8 meeting
- The financial report for July 2011
- Payment of bills totaling \$174,981.65
- Pay request from Midwest Underground Technology in the amount of \$75,234.27 for wind turbine installation

Hoey moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt. Cleland moved to approve the consent agenda for August 22, 2011. Henderson seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Time on the Agenda

Kyle Bunch, local Boy Scout, addressed council about his fundraising efforts for the school district digital sign project. Kyle has raised \$1200 so far; \$100 from the Hillard Agency; \$100 from First Mid Illinois Bank & Trust; and \$1000 from Phil and Carolyn Morris. Kyle stated he has an offer to help contact alumni from Mrs. Shoemaker @ TCHS. Also, other community members have given him some leads for possible donations. Kyle went on to say the new sign will be placed in front of East Prairie between the pillars of the existing sign. Kyle will report back to council in one month, after he has had a chance to do some more fundraising.

Mayor

Mayor Kleiss offered the City's condolences to the family of Gene Williams, former City Superintendent. Williams passed away last week. Kleiss also extended sympathies to Mark Maxey and family on the death of Mark's nephew, Corey Bradford.

City Clerk - Nothing

City Treasurer

Treasurer Long reported PMG Tuscola LLC is the only TIF delinquency. .

City Attorney - Absent

City Administrator - Nothing

Ordinances

Administrator Hoel informed council there are some minor language questions in the ordinances concerning the Barker/Prairie TIF redevelopment project area. Hoel would like to table these until he has had a chance to speak with Mike Weber, PGAV TIF consultant.

Hoel reported the environmental mitigation is going on now at the Dixie property and the digging should be finished by the end of the week. After a question from Hoey, Administrator Hoel stated samples are being taken to Springfield for analysis throughout the process. The plan is to remove the heaviest concentrations of contaminants, Hoel stated, so the source that is leeching out into the groundwater is diminished.

Contracts and Agreements

Hoel reported five bids were submitted for the Tuscola Boulevard resurfacing. The engineer's estimate for asphalt was \$630,143.30; their estimate for concrete was \$651,806.00. The lowest of the five bids was submitted by G.M. Snipes Construction, Rushville, IL. Their low bid of \$524,568.72 is for a concrete surface, Hoel stated, which is preferable to the city. Cleland moved to award the concrete resurfacing bid of \$524,568.72 for Tuscola Boulevard to G.M. Snipes Construction. Shoemaker seconded. Mayor Kleiss suggests staying in contact with the mall manager, as well as the businesses at the mall. Slaughter asked if any local contractors submitted bids. Hoel stated Beniach Construction, Tuscola; Feutz from Paris; Open Road Paving, Champaign; and Howell, Mattoon all submitted. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt. Administrator Hoel reported they have been in close coordination with Tanger on the project traffic control so access to the mall will be maintained at all times. Hoel asked for council action authorizing execution of the contract documents. The contractor plans to begin the project immediately after Labor Day, with completion well before the Christmas shopping season begins. Henderson moved to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the contract documents with G.M. Snipes for resurfacing of Tuscola Boulevard. Cleland seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Requests for TIF Assistance

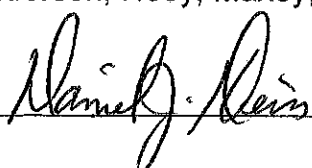
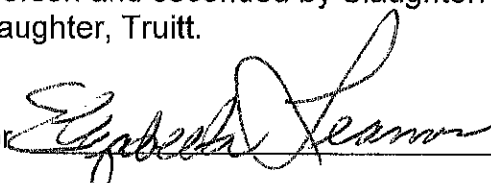
The funding for a school district digital sign was tabled until council has a chance to hear the final results of Kyle Bunch's fundraising efforts.

Other

▪ Truitt moved council go into executive session to discuss pending litigation. The time was 7:44 P.M. Hoey seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt. The meeting was called back to order at 7:50 P.M. with Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, and Mayor Kleiss present. Alderman Seip was absent.

▪ Kleiss announced WCIA is featuring Tuscola in their 'Our Town' segments this week. Each day, someone will be highlighted on the news. Mediacom will film the Warrior game to be shown later and the channel 3 'Friday Night Football Frenzy' will be broadcast from TCHS. ▪ Truitt has had citizens ask her about the white stuff in the air and across the road near Cargill. They are concerned it might be harmful. Mayor Kleiss stated Cargill has been hauling corn out and this is the chaff off the corn.

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

 Mayor  City Clerk