

CITY OF TUSCOLA  
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
September 26, 2011  
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 present. Retired Douglas County Judge, Frank Lincoln, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

Administrator Hoel went over the items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the September 12, 2011 meeting
- The financial report for August 2011
- Payment of bills totaling \$265,502.78
- Pay request in the amount of \$90,281.11, from Midwest Underground Technologies for the wind turbine
- Community Building lease request w/alcohol from Laura Vargas for November 26

Seip moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Hoey seconded. Truitt asked if the Community Building lease request with Vargas was for a 15 year old's birthday party. She was told it was. Attorney Bequette pointed out this vote was to approve the items on the consent agendas; any no votes will require each agenda item to be voted on separately. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Henderson, Seip, Shoemaker. VOTE NAY\* Hoey, Maxey, Slaughter, Truitt. No consent agenda; each item will be voted on one at a time.

1. Hoey moved to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2011 meeting. Henderson seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.
2. Truitt moved to approve the financial reports for August 2011. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.
3. Truitt moved to approve payment of the bills of September 26 totaling \$265,502.78. Slaughter seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.
4. Slaughter moved to approve a pay request of \$90,281.11, from Midwest Underground Technologies, Inc., for the wind turbine. Maxey seconded. Treasurer Long reported the last payment of this grant has already been reimbursed by the state. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.
5. Truitt moved to approve the Community Building lease w/alcohol for Laura Vargas on November 26, 2011. Henderson seconded. Mayor Kleiss opened discussion on the rental. Several council members do not agree with leasing the building for a 15 year old's birthday party. Seip asked if there was something different about this request when compared with the other requests with alcohol. The difference is the other requests just say birthday party; they do not state a party for a 15 year old. Hoey asked Administrator Hoel if this is typical. Hoel stated he does not recall how they have been

filled out; the forms have probably just said birthday party before. Hoey stated he's been to a lot of graduation parties at the Community Building with no alcohol. Truitt does not recall a lease ever saying they were requesting the lease with alcohol for a 15 year old's party. Maxey asked about the City's liability should something happen. Long answered this is why we request the insurance certificate. Attorney Bequette stated we are as protected with this as with any other event where we allow alcohol at the Community Building. Shoemaker pointed out we have all been to birthday parties for underage people when the adults drink. They still have to comply with the law; the responsibility is still theirs. Roll was then taken on the motion to approve the lease with Vargas. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Henderson, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker. VOTE NAY\* Hoey, Slaughter, Truitt. Motion carried.

#### Time on the Agenda

Judge Lincoln was present to ask permission for a fundraiser for the Tri-County Shrine Club on October 22. Their funds go to the Shriner's Hospitals for crippled children. Administrator Hoel pointed out there could be some construction on Tuscola Boulevard during the collection time.

Truitt reported Barb Lake had contacted her on behalf of BETH's Place. They would like to hold a candle light vigil at Festival Plaza in October. The date will be determined and checked for availability.

The Tuscola Lion's Club requested permission to hold a fundraising event on October 14 & 15.

#### Mayor

Mayor Kleiss reported he and Administrator Hoel have met with Superintendent Smith about working together on a school funding proposal. Kleiss appointed Tim Seip and Tim Hoey to represent the city. Superintendent Smith will most likely appoint a committee at the school board meeting tonight, Kleiss stated. Kleiss went on to say the News Gazette had an article about how the Unity school district is using their sales tax to benefit the district. Truitt asked if this would be something for us to do through 'Home Rule' as opposed to a county tax. Kleiss stated he wants discussion about if the city invokes a sales tax increase of ¼, ½, or 1 per cent what that would look like, as well as where the funds would go. Long offered her assistance to the committee if they need any write-ups or analysis.

#### City Clerk - Nothing

#### City Treasurer

Treasurer Long reported PMG Tuscola LLC is the only TIF delinquency. The Annual Treasurer's Report will be printed in the Tuscola Journal in the next few weeks. All council should have a copy in their packets.

#### City Attorney - Nothing

#### City Administrator

Administrator Hoel reported the contractor for the Tuscola Boulevard project plans to have traffic control in place by the end of this week and milling will begin next Monday. The actual contract end date is Thanksgiving.

Contracts and Agreements

▪ Administrator Hoel discussed the required asbestos abatement on the Dotson and Hill Buildings downtown. Hoel stated there have been several asbestos reports on the Dotson Building over the years for different purposes. He has combined those and solicited informal quotes for both buildings, based on the scope of work. The asbestos abatement must be completed before the buildings can be demolished. Henderson moved to waive formal bidding on the asbestos abatement on the Dotson and Hill Buildings at 126, 128, and 130 West Sale. Truitt seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt. Hoey moved to approve the asbestos abatement services agreement with KAM Services, Inc., in the amount of \$46,844.00, for asbestos removal at 126, 128, and 130 West Sale St. Cleland seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

▪ Hoel discussed the IEPA loan agreements for the water tower and sewer projects and stated both loan agreements have the same terms: a 25% principal forgiveness and 1.25% interest on the loan for 20 years. Cleland moved to approve the \$603,560.00, loan agreement with IEPA for the water tower resurfacing project. Seip seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt. Henderson moved to approve the IEPA loan agreement for \$239,945.00, to be used for sewer system improvements. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Other

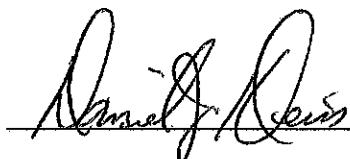
Administrator Hoel asked for council authorization to release the annual intergovernmental agreement payment to the Tuscola school district. This will be the third of nine annual payments. Hoel stated there was confusion about when the payments were to begin and the city actually made two payments last year. Truitt moved to approve the release of the third annual payment of \$150,000.00, to the Tuscola CUSD #301, per the 2003 Intergovernmental Agreement. Cleland seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Seip moved to approve a wage step increase to Clerical -Technical II for Angie Gordon, based on her evaluation and recommendations by City Administrator and City Treasurer. Maxey seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

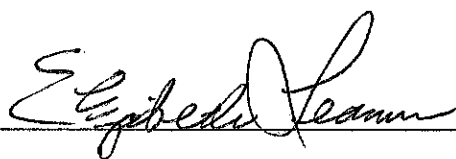
Seip moved council go into executive session to discuss personnel. The time was 8:00 P.M. Maxey seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt. The meeting was called back to order at 9:30 P.M. with Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, and Mayor Kleiss present.

Mayor Kleiss noted the City received a thank you from the North Ward PTO for allowing the use of the Community Building for their 'taco night' fundraiser. The PTO raised about \$3000 for the school. The next CIMOA meeting will be October 20 in Monticello. Our TEDI personnel, Brian Moody and Carly McCrory, will speak at this meeting.

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



Mayor



City Clerk