

CITY OF TUSCOLA  
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
March 25, 2013  
Tuscola City Hall

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

### Consent Agenda

Administrator Hoel went over the items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the March 11, 2013 meeting
- Financial report for February 2013
- Payment of bills totaling \$124,545.90

Hoey moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA\* Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt. Henderson moved to approve the consent agenda for March 25, 2013. Maxey seconded. VOTE YEA\* Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

### Mayor

Mayor Kleiss submitted the names of Brad Bennett and Brett Adkisson to serve on the Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Sign Board of Appeals. These two individuals were suggested by Building Inspector Hettinger. Hettinger pointed out the appointees will sit on all three boards. Maxey moved to approve the appointments of Brad Bennett and Brett Adkisson to the Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Sign Board of Appeals. Slaughter seconded. VOTE YEA\* Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Mayor Kleiss informed council he received another letter from Lee York, resident of the City of Tuscola. Mr. York is concerned about the dilapidated properties in town and believes the Mayor has not discussed this with council or responded to his letters. Kleiss answered Mr. York and wanted to make council aware of this. Kleiss went on to say Chief Hettinger and Chief Hastings should report any concerns they have with dilapidated properties. We may possibly be able to cite them for an ordinance violation. Administrator Hoel reported it is difficult and expensive to make someone clean up their property. The best way to accomplish this is by voluntary compliance, after Chief Hastings has made the property owners aware of the problem.

Kleiss thanked everyone involved in the latest weather crisis during the previous 48 hours. He reported Channel 3 news mentioned the stranded travelers that stayed at the Community Building might return home and tell everyone about their great experience in Tuscola.

City Clerk - Nothing

City Treasurer

Treasurer Long reported PMG Tuscola LLC, Jeff and Kristin Winans, Scott Kibler Agency, and Bruce and Andrea Robinson are delinquent on their TIF loans. The Robinson's are trying to catch up and have made some payments this month, Long added.

City Attorney - Absent

City Administrator - Nothing

Ordinances

Administrator Hoel discussed the surplus ordinance for the ladder truck. The truck has been advertised on the State Fire Marshal's web page, Hoel stated. By selling through this site, a statute is in place for transferring fire equipment with no liability to the city. Chief Hettinger reported the truck was advertised at 'best offer'. A number of offers to accept as a donation came in; one city offered \$500 for the ladder truck and \$500 for the engine; and Atwood offered \$1000 for the ladder truck. Hoel reported the recommendation is to sell the ladder truck to Atwood for \$1000 and to not sell the engine for \$500. Instead, Hettinger recommends re-advertising the engine, this time with a price. Both Hettinger and Hoel pointed out that by selling the ladder truck to Atwood, it will be close and we can count on it for mutual aid. Shoemaker asked about the weight of these two items. He suggests checking the scrap price to use when setting a price for the equipment. Administrator Hoel pointed out it's hard to set a value on having the ladder truck nine miles away and available should we need it. After some discussion, council decided to go ahead and sell the ladder truck to Atwood and check scrap prices in the future before advertising and selling equipment. Henderson moved to approve ordinance 2013-0-1, an ordinance declaring a ladder truck surplus property and authorizing the sale of same. Hoey seconded. Hoey added he would like to follow Shoemaker's suggestion on checking scrap prices in the future. VOTE YEA\* Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Other

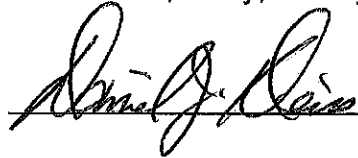
Treasurer Long reported the Cashford account will have \$3200 in interest funds available April 30, 2013. After advertising, six requests for funds were submitted. The committee met and has made the following recommendations for Cashford disbursements in FY 2014: Tuscola Soccer - \$500; Nunn Scout Building - \$1450; Douglas County Museum - \$750; and Tuscola JFL - \$500. Maxey moved to approve the disbursement FY 2014 Cashford funds, as presented and recommended by the Finance Committee. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA\* Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Administrator Hoel reported the proposed plans for the South Washington Street pavement repair is about to be put out for bids. Several other needed projects will be included in the bid proposal, Hoel stated. Those projects are: the South Main street pavement repairs needed from the recent water main break; a north driveway approach at the East Prairie school; and striping on North Progress Boulevard. Hoey asked about the patch on South Washington. Hoel reported it will be concrete up to 3" from the surface, with asphalt on top. The same will be done on Main Street. Maxey asked about the driveway at East Prairie. Hoel explained the additional driveway will allow for two ways out of the school – a right and left turn out. This should greatly improve traffic flow at that intersection, Hoel added.

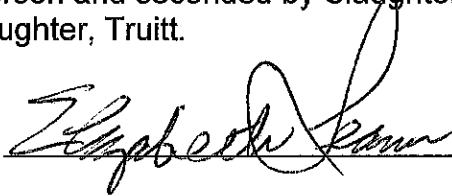
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Truitt asked if the people abusing the recycle bins can be charged with a nuisance violation. She would be willing to go through their garbage to find a name if this could be done. People are leaving trash outside the bins when they are full; throwing away cardboard (not allowed); and using the recycle bins as their garbage cans, Truitt stated.

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



Mayor



City Clerk