

CITY OF TUSCOLA

COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
STATE OF ILLINOIS
TUSCOLA CITY HALL
January 12, 2026

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order with Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop, and Mayor Kleiss in attendance. Alderwoman Brace was absent. Mayor Kleiss led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Kleiss went over the items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the December 22, 2025, meeting
- Payment of bills totaling \$516,551.34
- Pay request from Grunloh Building, Inc., in the amount of \$117,507.68, for the master meter station
- Pay request from AKRA Builders in the amount of \$92,189.70, for the pool house renovation
- Request to hold the Tuscola Farmers' Market on Kleiss Plaza from April to September

Hoey moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop. Rund moved to approve the consent agenda for January 12, 2026. Morris seconded. VOTE YEA* Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Mayor

Mayor Kleiss brought up the subject of dilapidated properties in town. There is one specific property in the 200 block (possibly 206 E) Houghton in horrible shape. Kleiss stated he has had many neighbors request the property be torn down. Kleiss went on to say, the city has tried for the past 3-4 years to contact the listed owners but the notices are always returned. Kleiss would like the city to get involved; this is a piece of property doomed to be demolished. Kleiss added we are getting some properties cleaned up in the community but he does not see that happening with this particular property. Administrator Hoel agreed, adding there are dozens of properties around town that get cleaned up and people don't talk about them. The owners of these properties comply because the city sends them a letter or the Chief of Police knocks on their door. Hoel went on to say the properties that nothing happens with is a long, long process. Once we go through the courts and if we ever get permission to demolish, it will most likely be at the city's expense. Kleiss stated again this has been going on for the last 3-4 years. Shoemaker stated if we have documentation, we've been trying to get the property cleaned up and nothing has happened, it's time to take the gloves off. Hoel added this is a situation where we have an owner we can't serve. That does not mean we can't take over the property and demolish, but it does add a few more steps to the process.

Mayor Kleiss congratulated Alta Long on her 25 years with the City of Tuscola. Kleiss added she has made many positive contributions to Tuscola; she's done a fantastic job and is much appreciated!

City Clerk – No Report

City Treasurer

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Treasurer Long thanked the Mayor and council for her recognition, adding she appreciated the opportunity 25 years ago and appreciates it every day since.

City Attorney- No Report

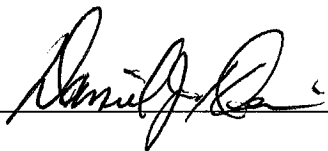
City Administrator

Administrator Hoel reported the joint water agency board will be meeting tomorrow to discuss the IDOT request to extend a water main from the joint pipeline just north of Pesotum. This main would serve the I-57 rest stop and would be paid for by the State. The Arcola/Tuscola Joint Waterline Agency would assume ownership and operational responsibilities for the extension, with the state paying normal charges for water purchased. Hoel estimates this could be ~ 10,000 gallons per day. If the joint water agency approves this request tomorrow, Hoel will bring the agreement back for council approval.

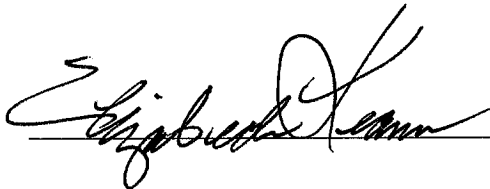
Contracts and Agreements

Administrator Hoel presented a quote and agreement for computer aided dispatch (CAD) for the Tuscola Fire Department. The quote is from Central Square for software and installation of CAD. Central Square is the dispatch system used by Douglas County 911, and the agreement will allow the TFD to obtain data from the software digitally. The quote includes an annual subscription fee of \$240.00. Slaughter moved to approve the Central Square quote for CAD software and installation in the amount of \$1800.00. Morris seconded. VOTE YEA* Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop. Hoey moved to approve the agreement to grant permission to allow access and use of the software agreement and system with the Douglas County Sheriff's Office and Central Square Technologies, LLC. Rund seconded. VOTE YEA* Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

The motion to adjourn was made by Slaughter and seconded by Waldrop. VOTE YEA* Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.



Mayor



City Clerk