

CITY OF TUSCOLA

COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
STATE OF ILLINOIS
TUSCOLA CITY HALL
January 26, 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 January 12, 2026, meeting
- Financial report for December 2025
- Payment of bills totaling \$99,817.75

Hoey moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Waldrop seconded. VOTE YEA* Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop. Day moved to approve the consent agenda for January 26, 2026. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Mayor

Mayor Kleiss thanked all city staff members who worked over the weekend. In addition to snow removal, there was a water issue, several fire calls, and stranded motorists.

City Clerk – No Report

City Treasurer

Treasurer Long called council's attention to the 2025 tourism report in their packets. Any questions can be directed to Stepheny McMahon or Treasurer Long.

City Attorney- No Report

City Administrator – No Report

Contracts and Agreements

- Mayor Kleiss asked for council approval of the annual Employee Assistance Program renewal with Carle Resolutions. The agreement provides assessment, counseling, referral and case management for issues such as substance abuse, marital and family issues, emotional concerns and difficulties. The city has participated in the program many years, Kleiss stated. The fee shows a slight increase this year, but the cost has remained level for many years. Rund moved to approve the agreement with Carle Health Care, Inc., for the Employee Assistance Program for 2026 at a cost of \$1080.00. Morris seconded. VOTE YEA* Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.
- Mayor Kleiss presented the agreement with IDOT for the water line to the rest area on I-57, which was discussed at the last council meeting. Kleiss stated Arcola has approved the agreement to allow the water main extension from the Arcola/Tuscola Joint Water Agency. As previously discussed, the state will pay for the water line (1100 feet) from the pipeline to the rest area along I-57 just north of Pesotum. The joint water agency would assume ownership of the new line and be responsible for operations. The state will pay normal charges for the water used. Rund moved to approve the letter of understanding with the

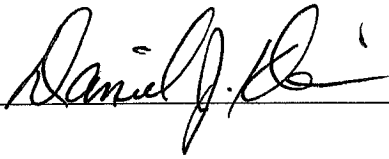
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Illinois Department of Transportation and the Arcola/Tuscola Joint Water Agency for the water main extension to the Illini Prairie Rest Area on I-57. Morris seconded. VOTE YEA* Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

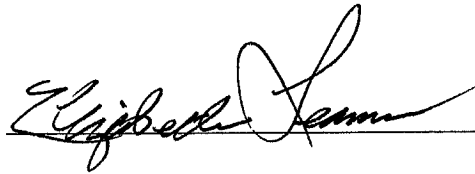
Other

Mayor Kleiss presented a new personnel roster of firefighters for the city. The roster includes three probationary firefighters – Jordan Feagin, Parker James, and Ethan Segoe. A copy is attached making the roster part of the minutes. Morris moved to approve the updated personnel roster for the Tuscola Fire Department. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

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



Mayor



City Clerk