

CITY OF TUSCOLA  
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
Tuscola City Hall  
May 23, 2016

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

Public Comment - None

Consent Agenda

Mayor Kleiss went over the items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the May 9, 2016 meeting
- Financial report for April 2016
- Payment of bills totaling \$162,386.27

Shoemaker moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Day seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Henderson moved to approve the consent agenda for May 23, 2016. Truitt seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Mayor – No Report

City Clerk – Absent

City Treasurer

Treasurer Long reported Eddie Boutilier, Red Barn Vet Service, and Rachel Puckett are delinquent on their TIF loans.

City Attorney – No Report

City Administrator – No Report

Resolutions

Stephanie Brown, Urban Planner with MSA, called council's attention to the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Tuscola. Brown thanked council for the opportunity to work with the committee and city officials on this plan. The year-long process has been a pleasure and a joy. Brown briefly touched on chapters in the plan and offered to answer questions from council. Brown added on the whole, people are very happy with our town. They would like to see more local retail and the number one request was a nice sit down restaurant. Administrator Hoel pointed out residents seem to be happy with the direction of residential growth and industrial growth. Mayor Kleiss stated a comment received from the public comment period was an east/west main road on the north side of town. Since North line is not an option, perhaps Barker Street could serve as the main east/west road, if it were done like Ficklin Street. Brown added another

comment from the public was to look at ways to get people visiting the mall to also visit downtown. Signage and streetscape enhancements were suggested as ways this could be accomplished. Truitt moved to approve resolution 2016-R-2, a resolution adopting a comprehensive land use plan for the City of Tuscola. Cleland seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Contracts and Agreements

Mayor Kleiss reported Earl Walker Company was the only bid received for the City's annual oil and chip. Administrator Hoel added Walker's bid was below other town's prices. Cleland moved to approve the bid award of \$68,214.00, for the annual oil and chip to Earl Walker Company. Hoey seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Other

Alderman Henderson thanked council, Mayor, and city staff for the appreciation award he received two weeks ago. Henderson added this is a good group and he still enjoys serving on the council.

Henderson reported he had a resident tell him she overheard a visitor saying we have a nice downtown and a beautiful Festival Corner. The resident commented we don't realize what we have here because we see it every day.

Slaughter asked if sidewalks would be an upcoming project. Administrator Hoel answered we try to do some sidewalks every year. He and Forman Cruzan have been discussing this and plan to devote substantial time to the project.

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

 \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  \_\_\_\_\_ City Clerk