

CITY OF TUSCOLA  
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
TUSCOLA CITY HALL  
December 11, 2017

In the absence of Mayor Kleiss, Hoey moved and Truitt seconded Alderman Cleland act as Mayor Pro-Tem for the December 11 council meeting. VOTE YEA\* Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop. Alderman Cleland abstained. Motion carried. The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order with Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, and Waldrop in attendance. Alderwoman Waldrop led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment - None

Consent Agenda

Mayor Pro-Tem Cleland went over the items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the November 27, 2017 meeting
- Payment of bills totaling \$132,280.76
- Pay request from Northern Power Systems in the amount of \$4,903.60, for maintenance on the wind turbine
- Community Building lease request with alcohol the Wild Turkey Federation for a banquet January 26-27, 2018
- City council and committee meeting calendars for 2018

Hoey moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop. Truitt moved to approve the consent agenda for December 11, 2017. Waldrop seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.

Mayor – No Report

City Clerk – No Report

City Treasurer

Treasurer Long reported Eddie Boutilier and Red Barn Veterinary Services are delinquent on their TIF loans.

City Attorney – No Report

City Administrator – No Report

Ordinances

Administrator Hoel reported the levy ordinance is ready for action. The ordinance has been on file at City Hall for several weeks and no comments have been received. Hoel stated the ordinance must be filed with the county by the last Tuesday of December. Hoey asked how much the levy will increase taxes on the average home. Treasurer Long answered that based on a home valued at \$80,000; the levy increase will add \$4-5 to their taxes. Administrator Hoel stated it is difficult to say because we do not have the EAV for this year. The total EAV goes up every year, but we do not know by how much. Treasurer Long has used 2% as an estimate. If we increase the levy and the base goes up by the equivalent amount, there is no increase. If we increase the levy by 4% and have

a 2% increase in EAV, it will at least offset part of the increase. Day moved to approve ordinance 2017-O-11, an ordinance for the levy and assessment of taxes for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2017, and ending April 30, 2018, for the City of Tuscola. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.

Resolutions

Administrator Hoel stated he did not see a need for an executive session regarding the release of executive session minutes and recordings, adding there was only one executive session held during the past six months. Slaughter moved to approve 2017-R-3, a resolution concerning the review and release of executive session minutes and the destruction of executive session audio recordings. Rund seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.

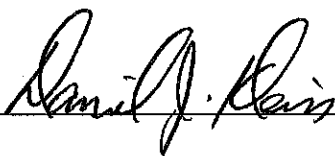
Requests for TIF Assistance

Administrator Hoel reported the Douglas County Museum received two TIF grants – one in 2008 and one in 2010 for HVAC and roof replacement. These TIF grants were structured as loans with no repayment, with 10% of the principal forgiven each year the museum remained in operation. If they would have dissolved during this time, the city would have had a mechanism to recover the property. The museum is now becoming a quasi-governmental agency under Douglas County, Hoel stated. This action secures the museum's long term viability better than in the past, Hoel added, and he and the TIF committee recommends a release of the mortgages, which would expire in 2018 and 2020. Day moved to approve the release of the two TIF mortgages (2008 and 2010) of the Douglas County Museum. Waldrop seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.

Other

Alderman Hoey thanked Foreman Cruzan and the city crews for their great job with leaf pick up this fall.

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



Mayor



Deputy  
City Clerk