

CITY OF TUSCOLA  
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
TUSCOLA CITY HALL  
JUNE 27, 2016

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

Public Comment

Three citizens signed the log for the public comment period. Sheet is attached, making it part of the minutes.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Kleiss went over the items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the June 13, 2016 meeting
- Financial report for May 2016
- Payment of bills totaling \$62,112.59
- Street closure on Main Street for family movie night July 15, 2016

Hoey moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Day seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Truitt. Henderson moved to approve the consent agenda for June 27, 2016. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Truitt.

Requested Time on the Agenda

Kirby Pringle, Heather Willms, and Dr. Sally Foote, addressed council about the city's mosquito spraying plans. Alderman Slaughter arrived at 7:35 pm. Pringle spoke about published data that shows pesticides are not safe and negatively affect our health. Pringle would like to see the city control mosquitos by using larvacides on standing water and urging the public to use personal insect repellent. Heather Willms stated it is unacceptable that the city is taking away her choice to be chemical free and gave statistics about how far a mosquito can fly to get a blood meal. Dr. Foote gave facts on how many eggs the average mosquito can lay in their two week lifetime. Foote urged council to change their mosquito spraying policy. After some discussion, council felt it would be best to only use larvacides in areas with standing water and discontinue the use of pesticides.

Mayor

Mayor Kleiss asked for council approval of the Tuscola Tourism Board annual appointments. Cleland moved to approve the appointments of Randy Hastings, Drew Hoel, Ashley Swinford, Donna Kidwell, Karen Dukeman, Devon Flesor Story, and Allen Schwass to the tourism board effective June 1, 2016 – May 30, 2017. Truitt seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

City Clerk – No Report

City Treasurer

Administratoor Hoel reported Treasurer Long is being inducted as President of the Illinois Municipal Treasurer's Association tonight. The TIF delinquencies have not changed, Hoel stated. Eddie Boutilier, Red Barn Vet Services, and Rachel Puckett are delinquent on their loans.

### City Attorney

Attorney Bequette reported he and Administrator Hoel have been vigorously pursuing six nuisance properties. Court dates have been set for three of the cases and two say they will tear down the properties. Bequette thinks we may see some progress by the end of the summer.

### City Administrator

Administrator Hoel announced a Kid Town Tuscola event that will be held at the park during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities on July 9. This event will be an interactive mock city hall. Children will be given a passport which be stamped each time they visit a city hall station to learn about the different roles involved in city government. Any council members interested in taking part should let Treasurer Long or Anna Nelson know.

### Ordinances

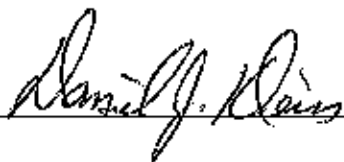
Henderson moved to approve ordinance 2016-0-8, an ordinance of the City of Tuscola ascertaining the prevailing rate of wages for laborers, workmen, and mechanics employed in public works in the City of Tuscola. Truitt seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

The FY 17 appropriation ordinance is available at City Hall for public inspection. A public hearing will be held before the next council meeting in order to hear comments regarding the ordinance. Action will be taken on the ordinance at the July 11 meeting.

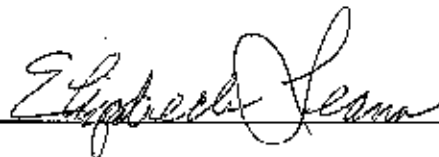
### Other

- 1) Administrator Hoel updated council on the details of the News Gazette's announcement they would be installing delivery tubes on city right of way. The tubes are already installed in the subdivisions, Hoel stated. If the homeowner requests, The News Gazette will install delivery tubes in the original town of Tuscola, on private property, adjacent to the driveways but not on right-of-way.
- 2) Mayor Kleiss stated he is in favor of trying to dispose of the old North Ward property and suggests putting it out for bids, after setting a minimum bid. After brief discussion, council agreed Administrator Hoel should have an appraisal on the property before council sets a minimum bid.
- 3) Maxey moved to approve a fireworks display permit for Jamaica Pyrotechnics for July 9, 2016. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

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



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Mayor



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City Clerk