

CITY OF TUSCOLA  
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
Tuscola City Hall  
February 8, 2016

The regular meeting of the 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 January 25, 2016 meeting
- Payment of bills totaling \$77,689.38
- Request to collect donations downtown and at the mall exit on May 14, 2016, from Becky's Buddies Relay for Life Team
- Change order with Building Systems of Illinois in the amount of \$7,571.00, for Community Building renovation
- Temporary street closure request for June 4, 2016, from the Wheels Car Club

Truitt moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Hoey seconded. Mayor Kleiss asked Brian Cordes and Richard Bean, Wheels Car Club members, if they would like to address council. Brian Cordes, Club President, informed council the Wheels Car Show last year had 150 cars entered and was one of the premier car shows in the area that was not piggy backed off another community event. Brian asked about the availability of restrooms for the event and requested the city provide porta potties if the Community Building restrooms are not complete. Brian also requested cones and barricades this year so the club can block off streets, as needed. Another request of the club is notify the apartment dwellers on Sale Street of the event taking place on June 4 and ask them to park their vehicles elsewhere for the afternoon and evening. Administrator Hoel suggests putting signs on the posts a few days ahead of the event stipulating car show cars only can park on the street after a certain time on June 4. After questions from council and more discussion, roll was taken on the motion to approve the items on the consent agenda. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt. Maxey moved to approve the consent agenda for February 8, 2016. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Requested Time on the Agenda - None

Mayor

Mayor Kleiss noted Alexis Nau's 'Hometown Proud' essay received second place at the State level and is featured in the most recent publication of the Illinois Municipal Review.

City Clerk – No Report

City Treasurer

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

City Attorney – No Report

City Administrator - No Report

Resolutions

Treasurer Long discussed the MFT retirement resolutions for the 2010 and 2012 outstanding MFT bonds. The resolutions will cover bond payments made 2014 – 2016 on these outstanding bonds and include verbiage that states IDOT approves paying our MFT bonds from MFT funds. Long added the bonds were paid properly during this time period, but there was a miscommunication with IDOT during a transition period and the proper forms were not filed. Hoey moved to approve the IDOT resolutions covering the 2014, 2015, and 2016 bond payments. Henderson seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Requests for TIF Assistance

Administrator Hoel noted several TIF awards have either not been used or have a remaining unused balance. We clean these up periodically to avoid any liability, Hoel added. Day moved to approve the rescission of the following unused TIF awards: Richard and Donna Kidwell – Daylight Donuts - rescind remaining grant amount of \$32,505.44; Richard and Donna Kidwell – Winterberry -rescind remaining loan amount of \$9,742.94 and remaining grant amount of \$12,161.33; Kelley Englehardt – rescind remaining grant amount of \$54.17; Adkisson Construction – rescind remaining grant amount of \$13.74; and American Legion – rescind remaining grant amount of \$690.72. Henderson seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Other

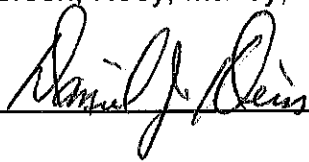
Treasurer Long called council's attention to the Annual Tourism Report compiled by Anna Nelson on behalf of the tourism board, adding this is a requirement of the hotel/motel tax ordinance. Nelson also put together a visual of different ads and events from the past year. Council has copies of new brochures put together in-house for the Amish Country of Illinois tourism program. One of the brochures shows community maps and a rural area map, with information on places to shop, things to see and do, restaurants and hotels. The other brochure lists unique features about each of the four communities in the Amish Country. Truitt praised Anna Nelson and Treasurer Long, stating they do a wonderful job. Administrator Hoel pointed out two home grown events have become very large in the last several years – the Rural Life Antique Show and the Spring Fling Car Show. These are the kind of events to get behind because they keep growing. Long added these two events are very well organized, the members do a good job, and they do not require a lot of city staff time. A graph showing the annual hotel/motel tax receipts is also included in the tourism report. This shows receipts over the past few years have been fairly consistent.

Maxey asked TEDI Director Moody for an update on Cronus. Moody reported he should have an update tomorrow and expects a final decision on when construction can begin by the end of June. Moody is trying to speed up the roadwork and is spending a lot of time coordinating drainage, the railroad, IDOT, and utilities. Moody added we may see things starting to happen at the site in mid to

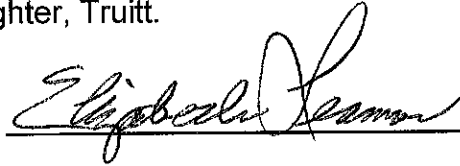
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late summer, but the heavy work will probably begin next April. Mayor Kleiss stated he is encouraged because Cronus is still spending money and they have hired a plant manager for the facility.

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



Mayor



City Clerk