

CITY OF TUSCOLA  
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
Tuscola City Hall  
December 28, 2015

In the absence of Mayor Kleiss, Shoemaker moved and Hoey seconded Alderman Boyd Henderson act as Mayor Pro-Tem for the December 28 meeting. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter. Alderman Henderson abstained. The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order with Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, and Slaughter in attendance. Alderwoman Truitt and Mayor Kleiss were absent. Henderson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment - None

Consent Agenda

Administrator Hoel went over the items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the December 14, 2015 meeting
- Financial report for November 2015
- Payment of bills totaling \$119,553.15
- Pay request of \$72,562.50 from Building Systems of Illinois for Community Building renovations
- Approval of Cub Scout Pack 80 use of Wimple Park on May 21-22, 2016

Hoey moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Cleland seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter. Cleland moved to approve the consent agenda for December 28, 2015. Maxey seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter.

Requested Time on the Agenda - None

Mayor

Henderson announced former Tuscola Mayor Clarence Snyder passed away in Connors, Georgia, on August 24, 2015. Henderson added the city owes a deep gratitude to Snyder, as he is the person responsible for Tuscola getting the TIF district.

City Clerk – No Report

City Treasurer

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

Long also reported a bill passed by the state legislature on December 7 allows the Comptroller's office to release the local portion of state shared taxes they have been holding. Tuscola has received all video gaming tax funds and most motor fuel and use tax monies. This bill did not include authority for IDOT to pay their water bill, which is now close to \$600.

Long announced the January 2016 Illinois Municipal Review has a photo of Alexis Nau and Mayor Kleiss on page 9. Alexis was chosen as one of three Hometown Proud finalists in the IML essay contest. The overall winner will be chosen by online voting from the IML membership, at <http://www.iml.org/survey.cfm?key=29>.

City Attorney – Absent

City Administrator

Administrator Hoel reported Mayor Kleiss had surgery right before Christmas and is recovering at home.

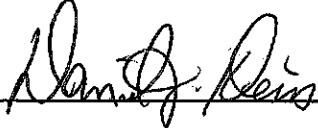
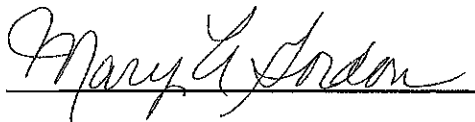
Contracts and Agreements

Hoel reported the insurance company plans to total the 2012 Impala that was damaged in the pursuit two weeks ago. Hoel has not received written confirmation of this decision; however, he and Chief Hastings have been told this is the plan. Hastings added the insurance check will be for \$9,023. In order to move quickly on replacement, Chief Hastings has contacted Ford of Tuscola, as well as Miles Chevrolet. Hastings stated he has a bid for another Impala from Miles Chevrolet for \$21,800, and a bid for an all-wheel drive Taurus from Ford of Tuscola for \$25,580. Another option would be to purchase a used vehicle. Hoey moved to replace the totaled 2012 Impala squad car with a 2016 Impala from Miles Chevrolet at a cost of \$21,800. Hoey asked Chief Hastings if this was the vehicle he is in favor of. Hastings answered it is nice to have all vehicles the same, but the local Ford dealership stepped up to help out in the search for a new vehicle. The Taurus is all-wheel drive as opposed to front wheel; other than that, it is basically the same vehicle. Shoemaker asked if the Taurus is worth the \$5000 extra. Hastings answered if the Taurus could be purchased with front wheel drive the cost would be \$4000 less, adding, he's never had a Taurus, but thinks it would be like having an Explorer police package that sits lower to the ground. Cleland seconded Hoey's motion to purchase the 2016 Impala squad car from Miles Chevrolet. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter. Henderson added if the Taurus price had been closer he would have voted to purchase locally. Chief Hastings agreed and added if the City ever goes with the Taurus, he'd like them to continue using Taurus's, as it is much easier to switch out equipment in the same model vehicles.

Other

Hoey brought up the issue of drivers going too fast through the flooded streets around town and sending the wake into homes. He'd like to be able to slow the drivers down somehow. Administrator Hoel and Chief Hastings have both had calls about this. Hoel suggests asking the schools to re-tweet a message reminding drivers to slow down and keep in mind they are damaging the property of others. Chief Hastings stated there is a citation for driving too fast through flooded streets, even if there is no barricade. If citizens are willing to sign a complaint, they can get the offenders license number and contact the city police.

Hoey moved to adjourn the meeting. Slaughter seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter. *Happy New Year!*

 Mayor  Deputy City Clerk