

CITY OF TUSCOLA
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
STATE OF ILLINOIS
Tuscola City Hall
February 23, 2015

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.

Consent Agenda

Kleiss went over the items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the February 9, 2015 meeting
- Payment of bills totaling \$62,637.44
- Pay request in the amount of \$21,684.15, from the Douglas County Highway Department for GIS and construction observation (included in bill total)
- Request from the Lions Club to conduct fundraising for diabetes April 24-25, 2015
- Community Building lease request with alcohol for the Douglas County Pheasants Forever banquet on March 21, 2015
- Kiwanis Club Easter Egg Hunt on March 28, 2015 (rain date is April 4)

Hoey moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Henderson seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt. Truitt moved to approve the consent agenda for February 23, 2015. Day seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Requested Time on the Agenda

Representatives of the Wheels Car Club were in attendance to speak to council about street closures for their annual car show on June 6, 2015. Richard Bean asked for the same street closures as in previous years – Sale Street and Main Street from North Central to Pembroke. Bean reported this is the 27th year for the Wheels Car Show.

Mayor

Mayor Kleiss reported he was a guest of Senator Rose at Governor Rauner's budget address last week. Kleiss found Rauner's address interesting, adding we will most likely see a major cut to the City's portion of income tax. Kleiss announced the county is considering re-assessing commercial properties and has requested city representation at an informational meeting planned for March 13, 2015. Administrator Hoel will attend on the city's behalf.

City Clerk – Nothing

City Treasurer

Long announced the only TIF delinquency is Eddie Boutilier. Hoey asked for an update on the Boutilier property. Administrator Hoel stated he has not talked with Boutilier recently about a possible tenant for the building.

City Attorney – Nothing

City Administrator

Hoel reported the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission will be hosting a seminar at the Smith House this Wednesday, February 25, beginning at 5:30 PM. TEDI Director Moody will email council the details later this evening. Anyone wishing to attend should contact Administrator Hoel on Tuesday, the 24th.

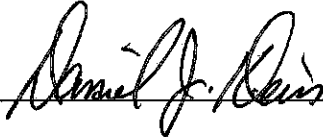

Hoel plans to hold budget meetings the weeks of March 23 and 30. He will contact committee chairs to schedule their sessions.

Ordinances and Resolutions

- Council took action on the annual ordinance adopting ordinances passed during 2014 and including them in the city's code. Cleland moved to approve ordinance 2015-0-3, an ordinance enacting and adopting a supplement to the code of ordinances for the City of Tuscola. Maxey seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.
- Administrator Hoel presented a Cultural Arts ordinance for council consideration. The ordinance would create a Cultural Arts Alliance for the City of Tuscola. The alliance would serve as an advisory committee to council by making recommendations for policies, art displays/events, education, promotion, and advancement of the arts within Tuscola. If the alliance receives donations, they would have some discretion as to how the donations would be used, Hoel added, as long as it is within budgeting and appropriations within the city's normal payment process. Darla Gardner, Lyn Selen, John McDevitt, and Laura Davis are all interested in serving on this alliance. Mayor Kleiss noted a citizen advisory group would be formed to make decorating decisions on the Community Building renovation. Alderman Hoey was asked to consider serving as the council representative on this board.

Hoey asked where we stand on the 200 West Barker situation. Administrator Hoel answered the two parties in question need to agree on who will pay for the survey providing a legal description.

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

 _____ Mayor  _____ City Clerk