CITY OF TUSCOLA COUNTY OF DOUGLAS STATE OF ILLINOIS Tuscola City Hall August 11, 2014

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

### Consent Agenda

Mayor Kleiss went over the items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the July 28, 2014 meeting
- Payment of bills totaling \$39,955.70

Hoey moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt. Maxey moved to approve the consent agenda for August 11, 2014. Cleland seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

### Mayor

Mayor Kleiss read a thank you from Nicholas Kemp, Tuscola Eagle Scout. Kemp thanked the Mayor and Council for helping him fund his Eagle Scout project for the soccer program.

#### City Clerk – Absent

#### City Treasurer

Treasurer Long reported the following TIF delinquencies: PMG Tuscola; Eddie Boutilier; and Bruce and Andrea Robinson.

# <u>City Attorney</u> – Nothing

City Administrator - Nothing

### Ordinances

Mayor Kleiss presented the amended ordinance concerning recreational fires for council action. Maxey moved to approve ordinance 2014-0-12, an ordinance amending chapters 91 and 93 of the City of Tuscola code of ordinance to regulate recreational fires. Henderson seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

# Contracts and Agreements

Administrator Hoel reported one bid, which was under the engineer's estimate, was received for this year's oil and chip project. Cleland moved to approve the contract with Earl Walker Company for the annual oil and chip at a cost of \$63,717.20. Hoey seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt. Henderson complimented the city crews on the great job they did making repairs at the intersection of Northline and Niles.

# Requests for TIF Assistance

Administrator Hoel reported Jeremy Tengwall has requested a seven month time extension of his redevelopment agreement. Hoel added the TIF committee has checked the Tengwall's progress and things are going along well. Truitt moved to approve the seven month time extension on the TIF Redevelopment Agreement for Jeremy Tengwall, At Home Tuscola, LLC. Shoemaker seconded. Mayor Kleiss added he recently visited the building and saw many impressive changes. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Henderson, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt. VOTE NAY\* Hoey. Motion carried.

Kleiss opened discussion on the forgiveness of the PMG Tuscola loan balance. Some time ago, council made the decision to forgive the loan balance with the original owners if they would demolish the building, get EPA clearance on the property, and market it for redevelopment. Even though the property has changed hands, the agreement and loan has stayed in place. Now that the redevelopment is close to completion, the TIF committee recommends writing off the loan balance. Truitt moved to release the mortgage and forgive the loan in the amount of \$57,357.27, on the current agreement with PMG Tuscola, LLC. Henderson seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter Truitt. Mayor Kleiss added this type of agreement is not something we like to do, but this has a good ending. We have a nice project started on the property with hopefully more to come.

# Other

Truitt moved council go into executive session to discuss pending or imminent litigation. Hoey seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt. The meeting was called back to order with Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt and Mayor Kleiss in attendance. Mayor Kleiss noted council is instructing the City Attorney to look into the possibility of getting some abandoned properties within the city cleaned up.

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