

CITY OF TUSCOLA
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
STATE OF ILLINOIS
Tuscola City Hall
November 24, 2014

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

Mayor Kleiss went over the items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the November 10 meeting
- The financial report for October 2014
- Payment of bills totaling \$332,353.65

Hoey moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt. Henderson moved to approve the consent agenda for November 24, 2014. Day seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Time on the Agenda

Paul Wisovaty, representing the Salvation Army, spoke to council about plans to solicit donations this Christmas season. The Salvation Army will ring the bell for the kettle drive on four Saturdays (9:00 a.m. – noon), beginning after Thanksgiving. They will set up at Main and Sale one week; the Community Building during the Christmas Town celebration; and two other private properties.

Mayor

Mayor Kleiss mentioned several thank you notes received by the city recently. The family of Leo Plaszczynski thanked council for their donation at the time of Leo's passing. The SAMS food pantry thanked the city for the donation in Leo's name. The Tuscola Kiwanis sent a note thanking the Mayor and council for allowing them to conduct their annual peanut days; and Judy Pollock, Douglas County Clerk, thanked the city for letting her office use the Community Building as a polling place.

Mayor Kleiss congratulated the *Tuscola Warriors* on a great football season.

City Clerk – Nothing

City Treasurer

Treasurer Long reported Eddie Boutilier is the only TIF delinquency. Long called council's attention to a memo in their packets regarding Illinois Metropolitan Investment Fund (IMET) fraudulent investments. If council has questions after reading the memo, Long would be happy to go over it with them.

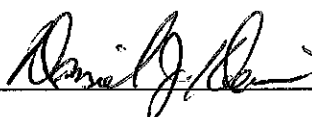

City Attorney – Nothing

City Administrator - Nothing

Other

1. Administrator Hoel reported most of the backstop and dugout project at the park was completed with volunteer labor. We are close to finishing and it looks great. The project is right on budget, Hoel added, except for an added expense to replace underground service wires. These wires service the lights at the ball diamond and were accidentally cut when the footers were dug. The cost to replace the service wires is \$6200.00. We are over budget by this amount, Hoel stated, and still have a scorer's building to build (also with volunteer labor). Hoel would like council to increase the authorization for this project by \$10,000, so the project can be finished without having to come back for more funds. Maxey moved to authorize an additional \$10,000, for the backstop and dugout project at the park. Day seconded. Alderman Day added a huge thank you to Gary Borries and Randy Frye for donating their labor and expertise to this project. Also, Josh Shelmadine volunteered many hours on the backstop and dugout project. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.
2. Administrator Hoel discussed the police station remodel, which was approved some time ago. Several additions/changes came up throughout the project that needed to be done, adding \$5708.27, to this project. Hoel would like council approval so that the final bill on this project can be paid. Henderson moved to approve the additional \$5708.27, for changes/additions to the police department remodel project. Slaughter seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.
3. Hoel reported he received a request to make Jones Boulevard a no parking area. Jones Boulevard was originally constructed as a private drive and has only a 50 foot right of way, Hoel added. Hoel has also heard comments that parking on only one side of the road would help with the congestion. Hoel discussed this with Chief Hettinger and learned he has concerns, especially around the curve on Jones Boulevard. Mayor Kleiss opened discussion by saying he is not in favor of a complete ban on parking. Several council felt parking on one side of the street would be a reasonable approach. Shoemaker asked whether or not the curve is posted no parking at any time. Council discussed parking options and whether or not there would be enough parking for everyone living in the area. Hoel will prepare an ordinance for no parking on the west side of Jones Boulevard and also no parking on the curve and have it ready for the next meeting.
4. Maxey moved council go into executive session to discuss pending litigation. Shoemaker seconded. The time was 7:52 p.m. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt. The meeting was called back to order at 8:08 p.m. with Cleland, Day, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, and Mayor Kleiss in attendance.

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

 Mayor  City Clerk