

CITY OF TUSCOLA
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
STATE OF ILLINOIS
Tuscola City Hall
March 10, 2014

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order with Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, 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 February 24, 2014 meeting
- Payment of bills totaling \$109,148.97
- Community Building lease request with alcohol from Becky's Buddies for a fundraiser on April 5, 2014
- Request from the Cub Scouts to use Ervin Park June 16-20, 2014 for their annual Day Camp
- Request from Gap Outlet employees for permission to hold fundraisers at the mall entrance. The dates are March 22 and 29 for Muscular Dystrophy, and April 19, 26, and May 3 for the March of Dimes.

Hoey moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Seip seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt. Henderson moved to approve the consent agenda for March 10, 2014. Cleland seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Mayor - Nothing

City Clerk – Nothing

City Treasurer

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

City Attorney – Nothing

City Administrator - Nothing

Ordinances

Mayor Kleiss introduced an ordinance that will assign the City's private bonding authority to the Eastern Illinois Economic Development Authority (EIEDA). Administrator Hoel pointed out Home Rule communities receive an allocation equal to their population times \$100, making Tuscola's 2014 allocation \$445,000. Since the city does not have a private project that would qualify, we will assign our bonding authority to EIEDA to benefit residents in our area. Truitt moved to approve ordinance 2014-0-1, an ordinance authorizing the ceding of private activity bonding authority.

Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Contracts and Agreements

Mayor Kleiss discussed a non-financial coordination agreement with the Central Illinois Public Transit Authority. This agreement ensures coordinated public transit services are provided in the six county service area and will serve as the basis for the coordination plan to be included in grant applications through IDOT. Truitt moved to approve the coordination agreement with Central Illinois Public Transit system. Seip seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

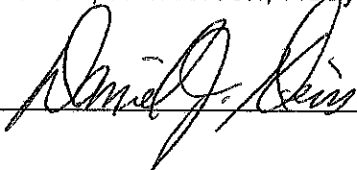
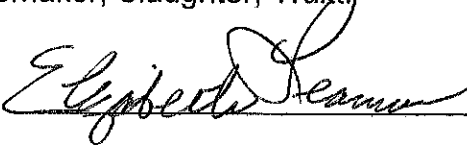
Other

Administrator Hoel updated council on the FY 2015 budget process. The committee meetings will be finished this week, Hoel stated, and he will get notes out to council at the end of the week. A draft budget will be prepared and sent out before the March 24 meeting. Council will have a study session before this meeting to go over the budget in detail. Any project suggestions should be directed to Hoel or Treasurer Long.

Hoey reported the Public Safety committee met earlier today to work on their budget. They also discussed space needs with Chief Hastings during the meeting. Hoey asked Chief Hastings to address council about the Police Department's need for more space. Hastings pointed out his department could move everything they have stored in other areas to the Robinson building. Foreman Cruzan also has storage issues and could use what Chief Hastings frees up. Hastings suggests this because he feels it would be better than leaving the building empty and letting it rot. Mayor Kleiss hopes it will not get to that point. He'd like to see if the bank, or even the Robinson's, might have a use for this building. Hastings agrees the best use would be a business generating tax income. Hoey added Hastings explained to the committee the quonset he uses for storage has dead mice, water, and mold on the walls. Hoel would like council to think about the storage issues. Administrator Hoel added several of our departments have long range issues that need a plan.

Shoemaker asked about introducing new projects for budget consideration. Administrator Hoel and Mayor Kleiss suggest discussing these at the study session before the March 24 meeting.

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

 _____ Mayor  _____ City Clerk