

CITY OF TUSCOLA  
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
Tuscola City Hall  
February 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 January 27, 2014 meeting
- Payment of bills totaling \$98,609.83
- Community Building lease request with alcohol from the Wild Turkey Federation for their Annual Dinner on March 15, 2014

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

Requested Time on the Agenda

Dick Bean, representing the Wheels Car Club, was present to ask council permission for some road closings the evening of their annual car show June 7, 2014. Bean introduced Brian Cortes to the council. Brian is a new member of the club and has taken over as President. The club would like to close Main Street from North Central to Pembroke and Sale Street from Main to Parke. Bean added the club is beginning to consistently get over 100 cars in the show and asked how far east on Sale Street they could park vehicles. Council felt vehicles could be parked on the north side of the street in front of the Post Office. Bean stated the Main Street east option would be a last resort. Council suggested the club speak to the couple living in the Post Office block to be sure they have no objections. Bean added he has spoken with The Vault and Vintage Karma about hosting events at the same time as the car show.

The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation is requesting the usual street closings for their annual 5K run/walk, also on June 7, 2014.

Mayor - Nothing

City Clerk – Nothing

City Treasurer

Treasurer Long reported the following TIF delinquencies: Jeannine Garrett; PMG Tuscola; and Bruce and Andrea Robinson. Long has supplied council with this year's hotel/motel tax receipts. She stated revenues are down some this year. The receipts are down industry wide this year, and we've had fewer pipeline workers in the area, Long added.

City Attorney – Nothing

City Administrator - Nothing

Shoemaker asked Administrator Hoel about the concealed carry signs that will be placed in public buildings. He wonders how this will affect events held at the Community Building such as fundraising events and gun shows. Hoel answered these instances would not be concealed carry; concealed carry is loaded on your person and hidden. The gun shows and fundraising events have unloaded weapons on display. Attorney Bequette agreed adding things that were legal before the concealed carry law continue to be legal.

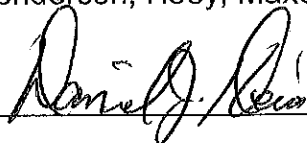
Other

Seip opened discussion about reducing the speed limit in certain areas. He would like council to consider reducing the speed limit in the subdivisions. Seip believes 30 mph is too fast. The main thoroughfares do not need the limit reduced, Seip added, but the subdivision streets are tight when cars are parked on both sides. Council discussed street widths and made comparisons between parking on both sides of the road in subdivisions vs. parking on both sides on Scott Street or Van Allen. Hoey stated he hates to have different speed limits all over town. Seip agreed stating he thinks only subdivisions and the park should have reduced speed limits. Mayor Kleiss also is not in favor of having different speed limits unless the police department felt it was necessary. Maxey added it could be considered if the residents in the subdivisions submitted a petition asking council to reduce the speed in their area.

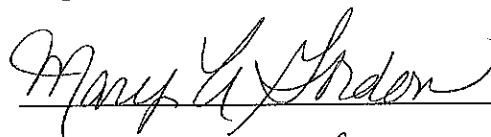
Mayor Kleiss asked if there were reasons, other than money, why we have never put a boat ramp at Wimple Park. Maxey thinks it would be a great idea to allow non-motorized access there. Hoey asked if this would ruin fishing for the bank fishers that go to Wimple. Maxey felt it would not; these are two different fishing styles and the boat fishers will be courteous to the bank fishers. Hoey feels there would need to be restrictions because the bank fishers at Wimple trying to relax will not want canoes and kayaks on the pond. Council discussed where to place the boat launch and road from the parking lot to the launch. Shoemaker likes the idea of utilizing our assets. Council has introduced some good points and Shoemaker thinks the bank fishing/boat fishing will work itself out. Shoemaker wonders if our police department will be responsible for enforcing laws and handling any disasters that may happen. Administrator Hoel reported boating safety and boating laws are state laws and our police department would have the authority to enforce. Attorney Bequette added he would be very surprised if we allowed boats on Wimple without passing an ordinance and giving the police the authority to enforce the ordinance. Maxey added IDNR has the responsibility for enforcement of laws on bodies of water. Maxey suggests the City have some type of registration/sticker purchase for boats at Wimple. Mayor Kleiss would like the committee to look into options and costs for a boat ramp at Wimple.

Truitt moved council go into executive session to discuss pending litigation and possible land acquisition. The time was 8:10 PM. Cleland seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt. The meeting was called back to order at 8:24 PM with Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, and Mayor Kleiss present.

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



Mayor



City Clerk

