

CITY OF TUSCOLA  
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
Tuscola City Hall  
January 27, 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 13, 2014 meeting
- Financial report for December 2013
- Payment of bills totaling \$118,615.66
- Fundraising request from Becky's Buddies Relay for Life Team. They will collect donations on May 17, 2014 at the mall exits, North Line and Prairie, and Downtown.

Henderson moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Seip seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt. Maxey moved to approve the consent agenda for January 27, 2014. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

#### Mayor

Mayor Kleiss asked if there had been any issues around town because of the cold. Administrator Hoel answered there had been some frozen water meters. Kleiss asked Hoel to be sure the city crews were careful working out in the weather.

#### City Clerk – Nothing

#### City Treasurer

Treasurer Long reported Jeannine Garrett, and Bruce and Andrea Robinson are delinquent on their TIF loans. Garrett is almost caught up, Long added. Long would be glad to answer any questions about the annual tourism report included in the council meeting packet. Also, anyone with good ideas for 4<sup>th</sup> of July entertainment should let Long know. Seip asked about the advertising equipment tourism purchased for the Illini Insurance building and wondered if the City would get it back now that the business has closed. Administrator Hoel reported this was not included in any type of agreement with Illini Insurance; he doubts if we will get it back. Seip added he knows the museum would like to have it for their window. TEDI Director Moody will see what he can find out about the equipment.

#### City Attorney – Nothing

Contracts and Agreements


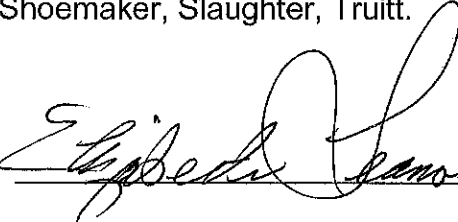
The renewal for the Employee Assistance Program with Carle Foundation Hospital was presented for council approval. The program provides counseling services to the city employees and follow-ups that could be necessary through our Drug and Alcohol program. Slaughter moved to renew the Employee Assistance Program agreement through Carle Foundation Hospital for one year at a cost of \$832. Hoey seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Other

Administrator Hoel discussed the remodeling being done at City Hall, stating the city is actually acting as the general contractor on this project. One piece of the project might exceed \$20,000, Hoel stated, but it's not likely the other parts will. Maxey moved to waive formal bidding on the City Hall remodel project. Seip seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Maxey moved council go into executive session to discuss possible pending litigation. The time was 7:39 PM. Cleland seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt. The meeting was called back to order at 8:10 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 Shoemaker. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip. Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

 2/14/14 Mayor  City Clerk