

CITY OF TUSCOLA  
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
Tuscola City Hall  
April 14, 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. Tuscola Scout, Kyle Zimmer, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Consent Agenda

Mayor Kleiss went over the items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the March 24, 2014 meeting
- Payment of bills totaling \$129,663.29
- Fundraising request from the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation for July 19, 2014
- Fundraising request from the Lions Club for their Diabetes Alert Days May 9-10, 2014
- Street closures for the 2014 Relay for Life on June 21, 2014 and the Tuscola United Methodist Church Bike-a-Thon on May 3, 2014
- Request from Jim Harbaugh, on behalf of the Lions Club, to park the Diabetic Retinopathy Van on the corner of Main and Sale @ Dollar General on July 12, 2014

Hoey moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Seip seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt. Seip moved to approve the consent agenda for April 14, 2014. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

### Requested Time on the Agenda

Summer Phillips and Amanda Minor were present to clarify street closing requests for the Douglas County Health Department 'From Heels to Health' event planned for June 14, 2014. Minor and Phillips went over the anticipated vendor list for the event, as well as downtown businesses who have confirmed their support of the street closures and plans to participate. Minor and Phillips request the temporary closings of Sale, Parke, and North Central, west of Main Street, from 8:00 AM to noon on June 14, 2014. After more discussion about the event plans, parking, and other activities taking place on June 14, Hoey moved to approve the temporary closures of Sale, Parke, and North Central, west of Main, on June 14, 2014. Henderson seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

### Mayor

Kleiss mentioned the city received four notes of thanks. Brad Allen, TCHS Principal, thanked the city crew for their help putting up a flagpole; Chief Hettinger sent his thanks for the City's condolences on his mother's recent passing; Miss Tuscola sent her thanks for the pool pass she received as one of her prizes; and Judy Pollock, Douglas County Clerk, thanked the city for the use of the Community Building as a polling place during the recent election.

### City Clerk – Nothing

City Treasurer

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

City Attorney – Nothing

City Administrator

Administrator Hoel presented a firefighter request to live outside the city limits. Brian Endres has moved to 521 East US Highway 36 and would like to continue as a volunteer firefighter for the city. Henderson moved to approve the residency waiver request submitted by Brian Endres to live outside the city limits. Seip seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Ordinances

The annual ordinance to adopt the supplement to the city's code of ordinances was presented for council action. Cleland moved to approve ordinance 2014-0-3, an ordinance enacting and adopting a supplement to the code of ordinances for the City of Tuscola. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Contracts and Agreements

Treasurer Long discussed the city's accounting and billing software needs, stating the current software has been in use since she began her employment with the city twelve years ago. After research, Long has determined the best option is to upgrade the software from the current supplier. Truitt moved to approve the software purchase agreement with Civic Systems for upgrade, training, and conversion of the city's accounting and billing software at a cost of \$33,500. Seip seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Administrator Hoel discussed the planned remodel of the police station discussed at the last TIF meeting. The station remodel consists of new flooring, paint, and remodeling of the break room and restroom. Hoel added this is similar to the project completed at the Senior Citizens Center a year or so ago. Tuscola Home Center will complete the remodel at a cost of \$24,616.14. Shoemaker moved to approve the proposal from Tuscola Home Center for the remodel of the Tuscola police station at a cost of \$24,616.14. Slaughter seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Mayor Kleiss asked for a motion to approve a three year agreement with Tuscola Economic Development, Inc. Henderson moved to approve a three year extension of the current TEDI agreement for city funding at \$100,000 per year. Truitt seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Mayor Kleiss asked for a motion to waive formal bidding on the police station remodel. Henderson so moved. Seip seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

Requests for TIF Assistance

1. Administrator Hoel discussed a request from Greco Enterprises for repairs to the Dollar General building. Hoel stated the TIF committee recommends denial of this request

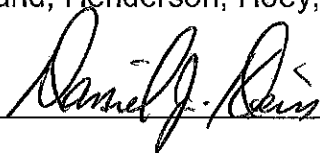
because the project is already in the works and two TIF assistance requests have been granted on the property in the past ten months. Mayor Kleiss pointed out we are looking for some owner investment as well. Seip moved to confirm the TIF committee's recommendation to deny the request for TIF funding from Greco Enterprises, LLC. Truitt seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

2. The Tuscola American Legion is requesting a TIF grant for materials only for roof repairs on their building. Volunteer labor will complete the other portion of this project. Henderson moved to approve the TIF committee's recommendation of a grant of \$8500 to the Tuscola American Legion. Cleland seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.
3. John McDevitt, dba The Vault, has requested a modification to his existing redevelopment agreement for an additional \$10,825 for HVAC work at 100 North Main. Hoey moved to approve the TIF committee's recommendation to modify The Vault's TIF loan to include an additional \$10,825. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

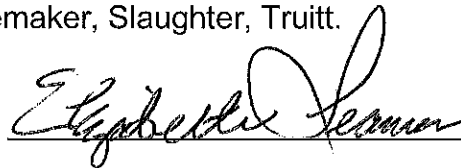
Other

Truitt moved council go into executive session to discuss personnel. The time was 7:58 PM. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt. The meeting was called back to order at 8:38 PM with Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, and Mayor Kleiss in attendance. Truitt moved to approve a 2% wage increase for all full time city employees, effective with the first pay period of the FY 15 budget year. Henderson seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Henderson, Hoey, Maxey, Seip, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

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



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Mayor



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City Clerk