

CITY OF TUSCOLA

COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
STATE OF ILLINOIS
TUSCOLA CITY HALL
January 24, 2022

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order with Brace (virtual), Day (virtual), Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop, and Mayor Kleiss in attendance. Alderman Morris was absent for roll but joined later. Mayor Kleiss led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment - None

Consent Agenda

Mayor Kleiss went over the items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the January 10, 2022 meeting
- Financial report for December 2021
- Payment of bills totaling \$198,889.59
- Request from GSA boosters and Tuscola Odd Fellows to hold 5K color walk/run June 18, 2022
- Request from Tuscola Rotary to hold Daddy/Daughter dance at Wimple Park April 8, 2022
- Request from Tuscom Little League to install a memorial wall at middle baseball diamond

Waldrop moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop. Hoey moved to approve the consent agenda for January 24, 2022. Rund seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Mayor – No Report

City Clerk – No Report

City Treasurer – No Report

City Attorney – No Report

City Administrator – No Report

Ordinances

Mayor Kleiss presented an ordinance for council approval. The ordinance amends Section 96.07, of the city's code of ordinances concerning the memorial tree program. Due to an increase in prices for trees and the markers, the cost to participate in the memorial tree program will be increased to \$350. Kleiss noted this would cover the cost of the markers. Slaughter moved to approve ordinance 2022-0-1, an ordinance amending section 96.07 of the City of Tuscola code of ordinances concerning the memorial tree program. Waldrop seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop. Alderman Morris joined the meeting virtually at 7:36 pm.

Contracts and Agreements

1. Council briefly discussed the agreement for the Employee Assistance Program through Carle. This is an annual agreement for employee counseling, drug and alcohol training, and private counseling services for employees and their dependents. The cost to the city for this program

is \$896 for 2022. Rund moved to approve the employee assistance program agreement with Carle at a cost of \$896. Slaughter seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

2. Administrator Hoel stated after reviewing the TIF end of life, it has been determined the city will be able to extend funding to the Tuscola Chamber and Economic Development through December 2022. Shoemaker moved to extend the existing fund agreement of \$100,000.00, with Tuscola Chamber and Economic Development through December 31, 2022. Hoey seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Other

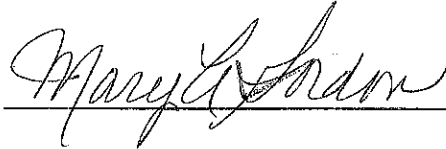
Council viewed a video prepared by Stone River Group, the broker that handles the bidding of electricity for the Central Illinois Municipal Aggregation (CIMA). The city has been a member of CIMA for several years and our current supply contract ends this June. In the video, the broker explains price increases due to weather and current economic situations. The city's current price per kw is 4.24 cents; the Ameren rate is 5.407. Over the last 10 years, our savings have averaged 12.7%. The broker explained the new bidding rates for contracts beginning in June will be significantly higher and because of this volatility he recommends a two year contract in order to lock in prices. The broker offered to meet in person or via zoom if council has questions or needs clarification. In order to put a bid together, the broker will need a letter of intent if Tuscola plans to continue in the aggregate. If we do not participate in CIMA, we are required to stay out for one year. Also, residents will still have the option to opt out. Slaughter moved the City continue participation in the Central Illinois Municipal Aggregate. Rund seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Mayor Kleiss announced a session at 6:45 pm before the next council meeting in order to discuss building projects.

The motion to adjourn was made by Shoemaker and seconded by Hoey. VOTE YEA*Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.



Mayor



Deputy
City Clerk