

# CITY OF TUSCOLA

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COUNTY OF DOUGLAS  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
TUSCOLA CITY HALL  
February 22, 2022

The Special Meeting of the City Council was called to order with Brace, Day (virtual), Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop, and Mayor Kleiss in attendance. Mayor Kleiss led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Kleiss opened the meeting to discuss the bid results and consideration of bid award for the Arcola/Tuscola Joint Water Agency main extension. Mayor Kleiss noted this is the only discussion item for this special meeting. Mayor Kleiss stated that notice of this meeting had been duly provided, and directed that proof of notice be entered into the minutes.

Mayor Kleiss directed attention to the bid tabulation provided by Donohue & Associates. The apparent low bidder was B&T Drainage, Inc. of Marshall, IL, with a bid of \$821,000. Administrator Hoel discussed the bids compared to the engineer's estimate of \$1.5 million. The engineer's estimate was heavily inflated during the process due to the skyrocketing cost of the actual water pipe. In the hours before the bid opening, information that water pipe cost was actually much lower than the engineer's estimate. Hoel said although the bids were much lower than the estimate, the bids are valid bids since several were in the same range. He stated the difference was purely due to the varying cost of pipe over the last few weeks.

Slaughter moved to accept the low bid of \$821,000 from B&T Drainage, Inc. Rund seconded. VOTE YEA\* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Day moved to authorize the execution of a contract with B&T Drainage, Inc. in the amount of \$821,000 for the installation of a water main extension for the Arcola/Tuscola Joint Waterline Agency. Morris seconded. Hoel mentioned that City of Arcola officials may actually sign documents for the Agency as they are currently in charge of the bookkeeping for the agency. VOTE YEA\* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Mayor Kleiss recognized Douglas County board member, Phil Morris, who was in attendance tonight and asked him to pass our thanks along to the county board for their participation and pledging funds in support of this project. Kleiss pointed out that this project will help keep a valuable local industrial partner and employer of over 100 residents, as well as provide residential water supply to much of the county's residents.

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

Samuel J. Reiss Mayor Mary G. Jordan Deputy City Clerk