

CITY OF TUSCOLA

COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
STATE OF ILLINOIS
TUSCOLA CITY HALL
April 11, 2022

The FY 23 budget study session was called to order at 6:45 pm. Those present: Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund (virtual), Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop and Mayor Kleiss.

Treasurer Long called council's attention to the information from the study sessions, including the committee budget discussion items. Long pointed out the FY 23 budget year is the final year for TIF I and Amishland TIF revenues. Also, the \$4 million capital budget is the largest ever. The city is in a good position for this spending, Long stated. We've saved for years, we're in a good place with street maintenance and reserve funds, and we've had a lot of grant income the last few years. The cash position is good – we are not proposing any debt, Long added. Since this is the final year for TIF I and Amishland TIF, we will be finalizing projects already planned. Some of the capital expenditures for FY 23 are actually hold overs from prior fiscal years. Long discussed equipment replacement from the capital fund and other capital expenditures from current year operating budgets. Long stated we will continue to fund the rainy day fund, equipment replacement, and street maintenance each budget year. A new pay structure for the fire department is being considered. Expenditures for staff salaries will shift more toward salaries and away from benefits, since the benefit costs are coming down. Hopefully this will help us attract and retain employees, especially in the police department. Long pointed out even though the general fund FY 23 budget shows a deficit of \$1.2 million we have cash to pay for these expenditures. Long stated there will likely be a large increase in our water rates from Illinois American and the city will propose an increase in January 2023. Mayor Kleiss asked council to go over the proposed budget. Questions can be answered by himself, Administrator Hoel, and Treasurer Long. Kleiss commented that due to the city's planning and management we are able to go out and do projects without having to borrow funds. He looks forward to enhancing some of our services in the next year.

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order with Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund (virtual), Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop, and Mayor Kleiss in attendance. 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 March 28, 2022 meeting
- Payment of bills totaling \$49,449.54
- Request from TK Martin Memorial VFW Post 1009 for annual poppy sales May 28, 2022
- Request to allow food truck at Community Building prior to and during Illini Prairie CEO Trade Show April 26, 2022

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

for April 11, 2022. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Heather Madden addressed council on behalf of Operation Honor Guard. This organization raises funds for local volunteer veteran honor guards to help members purchase uniforms, and accessories. It also provides any other financial support needed to give fallen veterans a proper military farewell. This year's Operation Honor Guard Day of Giving will be held at Sav-Mor on May 18, 2022, from 7:00 am – 8:00 pm.

Mayor – No Report

City Clerk – No Report

City Treasurer – No Report

City Attorney – No Report

City Administrator – No Report

Ordinances

Mayor Kleiss opened discussion on the minimum age for golf cart operation. Kleiss would like to discuss at this meeting and vote at the next council meeting. Minimum operator age varies in our area – four of the six communities surveyed have set their minimum age at 18 or over. Hoey questions why. Attorney Bequette stated he is able to make an argument for age 16 as the operator age, but he can also make an argument for 18 or older. Bequette went over the state statutes for 16 and 17 year old initial drivers and 18 year olds in the full licensing phase. Allowing younger operators (under 18) will add more to the police department's workload in the form of extra policing. Hoey stated he would like to keep the age at 18. Chris Hogendyke addressed council stating 16 year olds can do the same things in a car they can do in a golf cart. He does not see 16 year olds driving golf carts as a safety issue. Mayor Kleiss pointed out teens have more protection in a car over a golf cart. Shoemaker asked if 16 year old operators of golf carts were required to follow the rules of the road for automobile operation. Bequette answered they were. Day stated he would like to know how Chief Hastings feels about lowering the golf cart operator age. Alderman Hoey stated he talked to Chief Hastings and he is not in favor. Day went on to say the yield streets in town would pose a problem for golf cart operators as many do not slow down at those intersections. Morris brought up the issue of the seat belt requirement and the fact that many golf carts do not have seat belt. Bequette stated again the rules are no different than for automobile operation. Hogendyke stated he does not believe seat belts are required in golf carts. Hogendyke thanked council for the discussion.

Contracts and Agreements

Six easements are needed for the joint water main extension. Administrator Hoel stated the offers have been discussed with and extended to the landowners. He anticipates hearing back from them soon. The details of the offers are as follows: \$14,250 per acre for the permanent easement areas (2.47 acres total), \$7,125 per acre for temporary easements (12.31 acres total), and a one-time crop damage payment of \$2,953.13 per acre for both temporary and permanent easements (14.78 acres total). The total cost of easements is approximately \$166,553, plus additional fees and recording. There may also be some future crop damage payments made. The six landowners are: Incobrasa, Inc., Pearls Field, LLC, DMW Investments, The Ruth Rahn Estate, Wesch Enterprises, and JK Pflum Living Trust. The final drafts of these documents are in the landowner's hands, Hoel stated, and the City of Arcola will likely act on these next week. He hopes the easements can be secured soon so the project can move forward. Hoel added Brian Moody has spent a lot of time and used his talents negotiating the agreements. Mayor Kleiss has also been involved in discussion with some landowners. The easements will be paid out of the Tuscola/Arcola joint water funds. Day moved to

approve the six easement agreements for the joint water agency main extension as outlined by Administrator Hoel. Morris seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

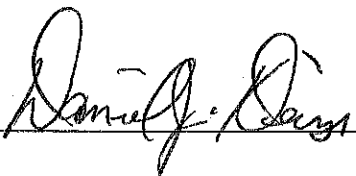
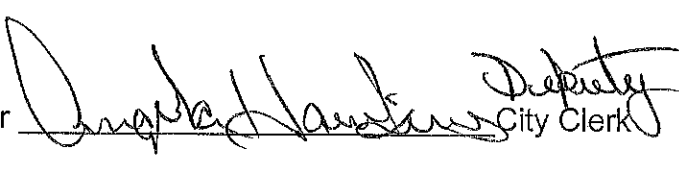
Mayor Kleiss asked for approval of an increase of approximately \$1000 on the purchase of chart recorders from Gasvoda & Associates for our SCADA system. This purchase was approved at an earlier meeting. For the additional \$1000, we can upgrade to a digital paperless version. Hoey moved to approve the revised amount of \$10,953.18, for the purchase of two chart recorders from Gasvoda & Associates. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Rund moved to approve the purchase of an electric ventilation fan from Dinges Fire at a cost of \$4205.50. Morris seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Other

Administrator Hoel stated we do have one manager candidate (part time) for the pool operations this summer and will be hiring an assistant manager. Hoel believes we are in good shape for the other pool positions. Morris moved to approve the temporary summer hires for 2022. List attached. Brace seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

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

 Mayor  Deputy City Clerk

Summer Hires 2022

Managers - \$15.00/hr

Jason Rennert

Asst. Mgr/Head Lifeguard - \$13.75/hr

Cashiers - \$12.00/hr

Raeanna Boyer
Hailey Downs
Taylor Gordon
Elizabeth Lee
Schuyler McFarland
Belle Notaro
Carlina Patterson
Madison Piat
Pearl Taylor
Harley Woodard

Street & Park Departments

Bruce Nofftz - \$13.00/hr
Brynn Tabeling - \$12.75/hr

New Guards already certified - \$12.50/hr

Tristan Gadowski
Mason Holmes
Liam Hetland
Ben Hornaday
Liriel Jones
Allison Kneer
Emily Ray
Brogan Rennert
Tytus Rennert
Blake Taylor
Neil Walker
Logan Wallace

New Guards to hire after certified- \$12.50/hr

Keller Beachy
Chris Boyd
Jackson Burlew
Jocelyn Ford
Alyx Gardner
Bryce Graves
David Hornaday
Hannah Hornaday
Bradley Lacine
Zane McFarland
Athalia Patterson
Ava Simpson