

CITY OF TUSCOLA

COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
STATE OF ILLINOIS
TUSCOLA CITY HALL
May 9, 2022

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

Public Comment

Pam Evans, Tuscola resident living on Houghton Street, addressed council about rumors that have been circulating in regard to the old Pettit Place on the corner of Court and Houghton. Evans related what she has heard and mentioned several concerns she and neighbors in the area have. Mayor Kleiss stated he has heard rumors as well but does not have much actual information. So far, the property has been cleaned up Kleiss stated, and this is an improvement. The potential developers are hoping to get a \$700,000.00 grant to rehab the building and use it for youth. In order for this to happen, building permits and a special use permit will likely be needed, Administrator Hoel added.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Kleiss went over the items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the April 25, 2022 meeting
- Payment of bills totaling \$208,712.10
- Pay Request in the amount of \$50,740.00, from Main Street Construction for the dog park fence
- Fundraising request from American Legion Auxiliary for poppy sales May 13-14. Rain date is May 20-21.
- Community Building lease with alcohol to Jessica Roberts for St. Jude's Run Glow Bingo on June 3

Hoey moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop. Rund moved to approve the consent agenda for May 9, 2022. Brace seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Requested Time on the Agenda

Danielle Cruzan, Champaign County Regional Planning Commission Douglas/Piatt Team, addressed council about RPC workforce development programs for Douglas County. Regional county service areas support job seekers and employers with training and employment services while collaborating, planning and targeting leading industries. Cruzan wanted council to be aware of these services and to help get the word out to others.

Mayor

Mayor Kleiss read a note from the Tuscola Kiwanis thanking the city for allowing a section of the street from North Ward to the Methodist Church to be closed during the Easter Egg Hunt held April 9. The note added more than 200 children were in attendance for the hunt.

Kleiss read a proclamation honoring Ruth Burress, Tuscola resident. Mrs. Burress will be celebrating her 102nd birthday on May 17, 2022. Mayor Kleiss proclaims May 17 as Ruth Burress Day in the City of Tuscola.

City Clerk – No Report

City Treasurer – No Report

City Attorney – No Report

City Administrator – No Report

Resolutions

Mayor Kleiss presented an IDOT resolution for local public agency general maintenance. This resolution appropriates MFT funds for the annual oil and chip maintenance of city streets. Day moved to approve the IDOT resolution appropriating \$61,000.00 in MFT funds for street maintenance. Morris seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Contracts and Agreements

- Hoey moved to approve the local public maintenance engineering agreement for preliminary engineering and engineering inspection of the oil and chip project. Administrator Hoel pointed out this lays out the plan plus engineering fees. Rund seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.
- Morris moved to waive formal bidding on the purchase and trade in of a backhoe. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.
- Rund moved to accept the proposal from Birkey's and purchase a 2022 Case model 580SN Loader/Backhoe at a cost of \$87,500.00, with trade-in of current Deere backhoe. Slaughter seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.
- Day moved to accept the proposal from Tuscola Home Center and purchase a new Toro 72030 zero-turn mower at a cost of \$12,946.00, with trade in of current Toro 74274 mower. Shoemaker seconded. Administrator Hoel pointed out this purchase was included in last year's budget. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.
- Day moved to accept the proposal from American Patriot Pyro, Inc., to provide the fireworks display on July 9, 2022, at a cost of \$30,000.00. Waldrop seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.
- Hoey moved to approve the acceptance of donation and release and indemnification of Equistar Chemicals LP, for the donation of firefighting equipment and breathing apparatus. Slaughter seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.
- Waldrop moved to approve the real estate lease with Gina Romine for the Tropical Sno pool concession area. The lease is from May 15 – August 14, with an option to extend one additional month. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.
- Brace moved to approve the audit engagement letter with Larsson, Woodyard & Henson, LLP, for the city's audit for fiscal year ending April 30, 2022. The base cost of the audit is

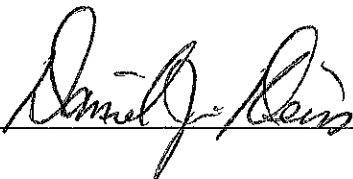
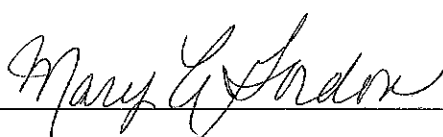
\$23,900.00. There is a possibility of additional fees for a yellow book audit (\$2500) and an In relation To opinion (\$2500). Waldrop seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

- Slaughter moved to approve a change order in the amount of \$22,592.17, with Beniach Construction on the Progress Boulevard North extension. Beniach has completed the road extension but still has striping to finish on the project. In addition to the Progress Boulevard North striping, Beniach will stripe Progress Boulevard to the mall entrance, Apgar Ave. and Triple A Way, center line only on Ficklin Street, and the 100 block of West Sale. Morris seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.
- Rund moved to approve the revised summer employee list as presented. Shoemaker seconded. One manager, three cashiers, and one park employee have been added. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Other

Mayor Kleiss noted the dog park fence is up at the park and is in use. The concrete tile painting is in progress. Administrator Hoel is working with Hands for Paws on items to purchase for the park. Kleiss added the dog park is very nice. Rules will be developed and more equipment purchased.

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

 Mayor  Deputy City Clerk

Summer Hires 2022 - revised

Managers - \$15.00/hr

Jason Rennert
Heidi McFarland
Taylor Harris

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

Cashiers - \$12.00/hr

Raeanna Boyer
Hailey Downs
Kalli Harris
Elizabeth Lee
Schuyler McFarland
Belle Notaro
Athalia Patterson
Carlina Patterson
Madison Piat
Pearl Taylor
Harley Woodard
Jarrett Chouinard
Taylor Musgrave
Sophia Kremitzki

Street & Park Departments

Bruce Nofftz - \$13.00/hr
Leonard Sementi - \$13.00/hr (effective 4/27/22)
Brynn Tabeling - \$12.75/hr

New Guards already certified - \$12.50/hr

Tristan Gadomski
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
Taylor Gordon
Bryce Graves
David Hornaday
Hannah Hornaday
Bradley Lacine
Zane McFarland
Ava Simpson