

CITY OF TUSCOLA  
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
TUSCOLA CITY HALL  
October 22, 2018

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order with Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop, and Mayor Kleiss in attendance. Sean Conner, Tuscola VFW, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment - None

Consent Agenda

Mayor Kleiss went over the items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the October 9, 2018, meeting
- Financial report for September 2018
- Payment of bills totaling \$184,485.01

Truitt moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop. Cleland moved to approve the consent agenda for October 22, 2018. Rund seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.

Time on the Agenda

Paul Wisovaty introduced District Commander Sean Conner and the First Commander to council and asked them to address the two items on the agenda for the VFW. Conner requested the VFW be allowed to collect funds for the Toys for Tots campaign on November 10, 2018. The Veterans will take donations at the corner of Main and Sale and at the mall exits. The VFW hopes to raise enough to offset the donations they received from Toys R Us in previous years. The annual Veteran's Day parade will be held on Tuesday, November 12, at 2:00 pm. The parade will begin at Ervin Park, go down Sale Street to Van Allen; and east on Van Allen to the courthouse for a short service.

Mayor

Mayor Kleiss read excerpts from a letter Chief Hastings received thanking Officers Jimenez and Fulk for helping a Tuscola citizen who recently found herself in a bad situation. The citizen wanted the Chief and City of Tuscola to know she appreciated their assistance, adding they turned a bad situation into a positive.

City Clerk – No Report

City Treasurer

Treasurer Long reported Eddie Boutilier and Red Barn Veterinary Services are delinquent on their TIF loans.

City Attorney – Absent

City Administrator

Administrator Hoel announced the Special Use Hearing would be held on Thursday, October 25 @ 7:30 pm instead of 7:00 pm as previously noted.

Hoel discussed a proposal for the replacement of the six light poles on the ball diamonds at Ervin Park. Hoel stated the proposal came in late on Friday after the agenda had gone out, but he would like council to consider the proposal. Sandschafer Electric proposes to furnish and set two 50' poles – one each on the Little League and softball diamonds – and four 70' poles on the east diamond, for \$17,280.00. This price includes poles, crane to pull out existing poles and set new ones, auger equipment and reinstallation of the lights. Administrator Hoel pointed out this amount is below the bid threshold and he feels this is a good price. Rund moved to approve the proposal from Sandschafer Electric, of Teutopolis, for furnishing and setting six light poles on the diamonds at the park for \$17,280.00. Truitt seconded. Shoemaker commented he is familiar with this contractor and they do very good work. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.

### Ordinances

Treasurer Long discussed the tax levy ordinance and a proposed estimate for the ordinance. Long stated over the past 20 years, we have been able to keep the levy increase level by levying 2% or 2.5% each year. Long recommends at least a 2% increase over last year in order to keep the rate flat. Administrator Hoel agreed adding we do not want to fail to keep up with the increase in property tax values. Hoel believes it is a good strategy to keep the property tax levy the same as the growth in the property value; however, we are not given the property value information before we have to make our decision. Slaughter moved to approve an increase of 2.5% over last year's levy to be included in the 2019 property tax levy ordinance. Hoey seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.

### Contracts and Agreements

Administrator Hoel discussed the right of way license agreement with Gould Properties, LLC. Hoel stated we have had occasions in the past to allow this type of right of way license agreement. The Gould bus service has requested permission to install a single pole and electrical service in the alley south of their parking area on the very edge of the city's right of way. The pole and service is needed to provide outlets for engine block heaters on the buses. Truitt moved to approve the right of way license agreement between the City of Tuscola and Gould Properties LLC, allowing Gould to install a pole and electrical service on the city right of way. Waldrop seconded. VOTE YEA\* \* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.

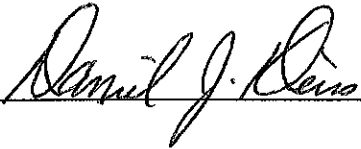

### Other

- Administrator Hoel went over the summary of the city's maintenance projects completed this summer, adding there may be a few final expenses to include later. Hoel stated when he discussed the engineering contract; he discussed the design portion in percentages. Hoel wants to be clear there was 7.5% on the South Niles project and 6.5% on the cape seal. There was also a construction guidance fee, which is a percentage of this. All engineering expenses are detailed on the summary. Hoel went on to say he thinks the projects turned out great and the price was fantastic. We were able to do one mile more than we initially thought was possible based on the engineer's estimate. This is due largely to the contributions of Foreman Cruzan and the city crew. Shoemaker moved to approve the Pavement Maintenance Projects summary for 2018 (FY19) as presented. Cleland seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop. Copy attached to minutes.
- Administrator Hoel updated council on the joint water agency billing error. The joint agency retained an independent accounting firm to go over the calculations of the staff from Tuscola and Arcola. The firm agrees with the cities that the amount of the billing

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error is \$168,457.06. The City of Arcola does not dispute this amount and will repay the funds to the joint water agency. Hoel went on to say we do not know when this will be completely repaid because of some needed capital improvements. Once we know the capital improvement costs, we will be able to work out a repayment plan. In the meantime, Arcola has proposed to pay for some meter replacements, at an estimated cost of \$9000, and to begin paying \$1000 per month beginning in January 2019. Hoel added once the capital improvement costs are known, a final repayment plan will be presented to the agency and both councils.

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

 Mayor  City Clerk

# Pavement Maintenance Projects 2018 (FY 2019)

## Street Maintenance Reserve Fund

Beginning of FY 19 Balance	\$364,502.00
Deposits FY 19	\$120,000.00

## Actual Costs- FY 19 Pavement Maintenance Projects

James Crane for Planning & Design	\$2,625.00
Cost of Materials for City Crew work on curbing and handicapped sidewalk approaches	\$8,369.88

### South Niles Mill & Overlay

Ne-Co Asphalt-Construction	\$118,132.00
James Crane Engineering Fee- 7.5%	\$8,974.98
James Crane Construction Guidance fee	\$3,141.24

### North Line, Prairie, Parke Cape Seal

Microsurfacing Contractors LLC- Construction	\$267,224.50
James Crane Engineering Fee- 6.5%	\$17,107.26
James Crane Construction Guidance fee	\$5,987.54

Total FY 19 Pavement Maintenance Projects	\$431,562.40
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FY 2019 Projected Ending Balance- Street Maintenance Reserve Fund

\$52,939.60