

# CITY OF TUSCOLA

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COUNTY OF DOUGLAS  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
TUSCOLA CITY HALL  
March 28, 2022

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order with Brace, Hoey (virtual), Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop, and Mayor Kleiss in attendance. Alderman Day was absent. 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 14, 2022 meeting
- Financial report for February 2022
- Payment of bills totaling \$145,099.23
- Pay request from Main Street Fencing in the amount of \$5,827.14, for the Ervin Park project. This amount is included in the total bills
- Rainbows and Sunshine Boutique request for an outdoor sales event April 22-23, 2022

Morris moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Slaughter seconded. VOTE YEA\* Brace, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop. Morris moved to approve the consent agenda for March 28, 2022. Waldrop seconded. VOTE YEA\* Brace, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Mayor – No Report

City Clerk – No Report

City Treasurer – No Report

City Attorney – No Report

City Administrator – No Report

## Requested Time on the Agenda

Chris Hoogendyk, Tuscola resident, addressed council about the possibility of reducing the age for golf cart drivers to 16, as long as the driver has a valid license. Hoogendyk stated he had done some research and learned the state does not specify a certain age; it states golf cart drivers must be licensed drivers. Hoogendyk pointed out 16 year olds can drive scooters and he doesn't see an issue with a 16 year old driving a golf cart that goes 15 mph. Hoogendyk requested the city change the ordinance to allow licensed 16 year olds to drive golf carts. Mayor Kleiss explained the public safety committee will take Hoogendyk's request under advisement, check with other communities about their age for golf cart operation, and discuss with the Tuscola Police Department. This item will be on the agenda for discussion/action at the next meeting.


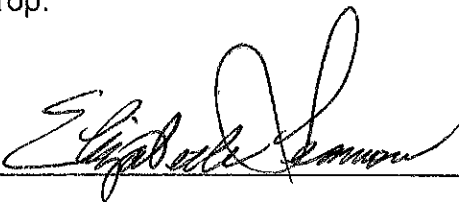
Contracts and Agreements

Hoey moved to approve a Professional Services Agreement with Donohue & Associates in the amount of \$4800.00, for preparing the Illinois EPA NPDES permit application renewal for the city's south waste water treatment plant. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA\* Brace, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Other

- Administrator Hoel spoke to council about the recent municipal electric aggregation bid results. Hoel stated because of the current volatility of the electric market, it is important citizens know signing up for this aggregate is an option, not a requirement. Currently, the Ameren price is cheaper; but is expected to change. The bid results with the aggregate lock us in at 0.07859 per kWh for a period of three years. Hoel added all other bids received were between eight and ten cents, with some over. Hoel encourages everyone to keep an eye on the rates. The aggregate is only an option and citizens can opt out at any time. If the opt out is taken, residents exercising this option will be required to stay out for a period of one year. The municipal aggregate will send letters to residents explaining the agreement and giving them the option of opting out. The city's website also has information regarding municipal aggregation.
- Slaughter moved to accept the resignation of Officer Emily Bradley from the Tuscola Police Department, effective March 22, 2022. Morris seconded. VOTE YEA\* Brace, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.
- There was no need for discussion of pursuing collection against Eddie Boutilier and Linda March. The note is current.

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

 Mayor  City Clerk