

CITY OF TUSCOLA

COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
STATE OF ILLINOIS
TUSCOLA CITY HALL
June 13, 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 - None

Consent Agenda

Mayor Kleiss went over the items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the May 23, 2022 meeting
- Payment of bills totaling \$189,869.40
- Pay request from B&T Drainage in the amount of \$189,933.40, for the joint agency water line (request paid from joint agency funds)
- Approval of Patriot Walk parade route on July 4, 2022; Sparks in the Park 5K run/walk route on July 9, 2022; and street closure for Sparks in the Park fire department display on July 9, 2022

Hoey moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Waldrop seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop. Day moved to approve the consent agenda for June 13, 2022. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Mayor

Mayor Kleiss complimented the city staff and crew on their hard work getting the pool staffed and ready for opening.

City Clerk – No Report

City Treasurer – No Report

City Attorney – No Report

City Administrator

Administrator Hoel noted the pump replacements at the Sadorus pump station has been delayed due to the need for a new valve on the downstream side. Hoel hopes this valve can be installed this week and the new pump installation beginning the week of June 20. Hoel went on to say the Sadorus pump station will be offline for a few days and we will have to rely on existing pressure and gravity flow. Hoel and engineers believe demand can be coordinated and a satisfactory water supply maintained. There is a possibility of low pressure periods, boil orders, or water restrictions.

Ordinances

Mayor Kleiss stated the start time for city council meetings has been discussed recently. The general consensus is a 7:00 pm start time would suit council and staff better than the 7:30 pm time. An ordinance changing the council meeting start time will be presented for action at the next meeting.

The annual appropriation ordinance is available for viewing at City Hall. This, along with the Public Hearing announcement, will be published and added to the city's website. The Public Hearing will be held prior to the July 11 meeting. Formal action on the ordinance is required before the end of July.

Resolutions

Rund moved to approve resolution 2022-R-2, a resolution concerning the review and release of executive session minutes and the destruction of executive session audio recordings. Brace seconded. Administrator Hoel noted there were no executive sessions during the past six months and passage of this resolution would affect only the audio recordings from the previous 18 months.. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Contracts and Agreements

- Hoey moved to approve the service and monitoring agreement with Power Grid Partners for the wind turbine at the North Sewer Plant, at a cost of \$7200/yr. Rund seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.
- Day moved to approve the amendment to the Engineering Services Agreement with Donohue & Associates increasing their fee by \$12,100, for additional coordination and permitting on the joint agency water line. Shoemaker seconded. Hoel noted this will be paid from joint agency funds. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.
- Rund moved to accept the proposal of \$51,780, from Earl Walker Company for the annual oil and chip maintenance. Morris seconded. Walker was the only bidder on the project and came in 8.5% under the engineer's estimate. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Other

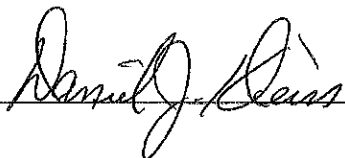
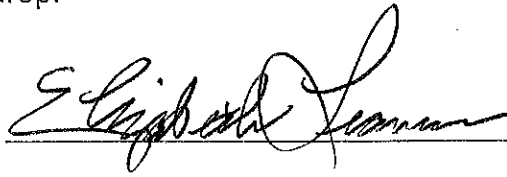
1. Hoey moved to approve the revised summer employees list, naming Mason Holmes, Tytus Rennert, Katie Smith, and Logan Wallace as head lifeguards. Brace seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.
2. Slaughter moved to approve the appointment of Ryan Washburn as part time patrol officer at \$25 per hour. Washburn is fully trained and can begin his duties immediately. Morris seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.
3. The Douglas County Health Department has submitted a request to the city to connect to the city water/sewer lines. The health department plans to pay for the extension to their facility on route 36 east of town, but would like permission from the city before hiring an engineer and beginning the study to see if this would be feasible. Shoemaker moved to approve the request from the Douglas County Health Department to connect to city water/sewer. Day seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.
4. Administrator Hoel called council's attention to the newly formed Dog Park rules. These rules were drawn up with the help of the Hands 4 Paws group and are meant to help users understand expectations and avoid conflicts. Alderman Hoey suggested it be noted on the rules the dog park is intended for citizens with dogs and is not to be used for any other purpose. Day moved to approve the Dog Park rules as presented, including a statement that the park be used only for its' intended purpose. Waldrop seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Requests for TIF Assistance

Owen Tucker addressed council about his request to waive the 1400 square foot requirement for homes built in the Barker/Prairie Street TIF area. The current agreement between the City and Tucker calls for three homes to be built each year with at least 1400 square feet per home. Tucker stated he would like to be able to build smaller, more energy efficient homes in the subdivision,

adding he believes there is a demand for this type of home. Material costs, labor, and higher interest rates make smaller homes more feasible. When asked how small, Tucker answered a 400 square foot home could be built to include everything a homeowner would want and need. Tucker cited several small homes already in Tuscola as examples. Council asked about designs, what the homes would look like, as well as general aesthetics in the subdivision with larger homes. When asked how the current residents in the subdivision felt about small homes in the same subdivision, Tucker stated he had not taken a poll yet. After more discussion, Mayor Kleiss stated council would take some time to look into the small home idea, discuss further, and make a decision at a later date.

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

 _____ Mayor  _____ City Clerk