

# CITY OF TUSCOLA

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COUNTY OF DOUGLAS  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
TUSCOLA CITY HALL  
August 22, 2022

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order with Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris (virtual), 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 August 8, 2022 meeting
- Financial report for July 2022
- Payment of bills totaling \$126,303.97
- Fundraising request from Tuscola Lions Club September 16-17, 2022
- Community Building lease request with alcohol from Tuscola Home Center for an employee party August 27, 2022
- Community Building lease request with alcohol from Edgar Torres for a Quinceanera September 16-18, 2022
- 217 Vets ruck march September 11, 2022

Hoey moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Brace seconded. VOTE YEA\* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop. Day moved to approve the consent agenda for August 22, 2022. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA\* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Mayor

Mayor Kleiss announced September 3, 2022, will be proclaimed as Joyce Allison day in Tuscola. Mrs. Allison will be 100 years old on that date. A reception in her honor is being planned by the Christian Church.

City Clerk – No Report

City Treasurer – No Report

City Attorney – No Report

City Administrator

Administrator Hoel announced the street department F-450 has finally arrived. The truck accessories are being installed this week.

Contracts and Agreements

- Mayor Kleiss presented a vendor agreement with the Embarras River Basin Agency for council action. As a result of Public Law #116-260, ERBA has federal funds to grant to low income

homes and assist with payment of water bills, penalties, etc. The act requires that certain assurances be satisfied before assistance payment is granted. The agreement defines the conditions the vendor must agree to so the Agency can make assistance payments to the vendor on behalf of eligible households. Rund moved to approve the vendor agreement with the Embarras River Basin Agency. Brace seconded. VOTE YEA\* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

- Hoey moved to approve the proposal from Straeffer Pump & Supply, Inc., in the amount of \$14,575.00, for replacement of one pump at the Syngenta lift station and a new control panel at the Ironhorse lift station. Day seconded. VOTE YEA\* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.
- Treasurer Long announced a re-statement of the Section 125 Plan is necessary due to some small amendments made to the city's plan during the last year. The restated 125 includes only our current plan benefits – the Health Savings Account (HSA) and the Premium Only Plan – both allowing employee payroll deduction for insurance premiums without taxing. Shoemaker moved to approve the restated Section 125 for pre-tax health insurance premiums and HSA. Slaughter seconded. VOTE YEA\* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

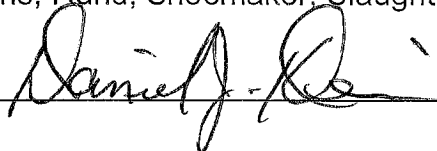
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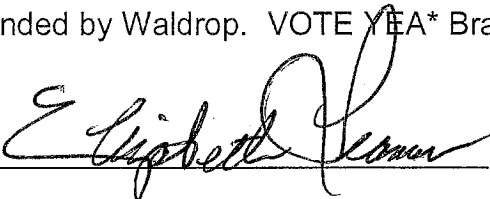
Mayor Kleiss recommends the appointment of Heather Tolan as new Wage and Accounting Clerk, replacing recently retired Angela Hawkins. Morris moved to approve the appointment of Heather Tolan as Wage and Accounting Clerk at a probationary rate of \$20.50 per hour. Rate will go to \$21.00 per hour after six month probationary period. Day seconded. VOTE YEA\* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop. Treasurer Long stated Tolan hopes to begin her tenure with the city on September 6

Mayor Kleiss presented the name of Makenna Long as a temporary/part time office assistant to fill in while bringing Tolan on board. Administrator Hoel noted Makenna has served as an intern in the city offices and is well versed in the management of the office. Day moved to approve the appointment of Makenna Long as a temporary/part time office assistant at minimum wage. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA\* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Alderman Day asked for an update on the burned property at Houghton and South Washington. Administrator Hoel reported the owner of the property has settled with the insurance company and demolition is scheduled to begin this week. Attorney Bequette reported he has filed suit on the Castle Mall owners about their burned property and is waiting for a court date.

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

  
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Mayor

  
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City Clerk