

CITY OF TUSCOLA

COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
STATE OF ILLINOIS
TUSCOLA CITY HALL
September 12, 2022

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order with Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop (virtual), 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 22, 2022 meeting
- Payment of bills totaling \$266,889.37
- Fundraising request from Douglas County Toys for Tots on November 5
- Fundraising request from TK Martin Memorial VFW Post 10009 on October 1
- Community Building lease request with alcohol for TCHS Alumni All School Reunion September 30
- Community Building lease request with alcohol from TCHS Class of 1972 for their reunion October 1
- Closure of Sale Street from 5:00 pm to 12:00 am on October 1 for Homecoming Block Party
- Homecoming parade route on September 30
- Craft Market on Festival Corner October 1
- Downtown Trick or Treat event October 25

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 September 12, 2022. Morris seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Time on the Agenda

Adam Munds addressed council about the recent RC Fest held in Wimple Park. Munds felt the first event this summer was a success and appreciates council's help and willingness to work with him. Munds would like to confirm the 2023 RC Fest for July 29-30, 2023, at Wimple Park. Council agreed to this date and offered to help Munds with marketing the festival.

Mayor

Mayor Kleiss announced city wide Trick or Treating will be held October 31 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

Mayor Kleiss presented the following firefighter awards: Bryce Yeantis, Dalton Donnals, Brian Endres, and Drake Todd and thanked them for serving the community. Kleiss noted the calls our firefighters and other emergency personnel get are usually not calls anyone would want to receive.

Kleiss offered the City's condolences to the family of Jack Donnals. Donnals passed away this week at the age of 94. Kleiss remembers Donnals as being a long time fixture at TCHS and a fantastic member of our community.

City Clerk

Clerk Leamon announced nominating petitions for the April 4, 2023 consolidated election will be available at City Hall beginning September 20, 2022. There will be one council member elected from each of the four wards.

City Treasurer – No Report

City Attorney

Attorney Bequette announced the first court hearing regarding the suit filed against The Castle Mall owners will be held October 7, 2022. Mayor Kleiss added the South Washington property has been demolished.

City Administrator – No Report

Ordinances

Mayor Kleiss opened discussion on an ordinance to declare the fire department 2008 Ford Explorer as surplus property and authorize the City Administrator to dispose of at his discretion. This vehicle is no longer needed by the department. Rund moved to approve ordinance 2022-0-5, an ordinance declaring a fire department vehicle surplus property and authorizing the sale of the same. Morris seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Resolutions

Administrator Hoel discussed the Meadowview water main replacement grant, local match commitment, and rising costs. The grant award for the project is \$550,000, with a local match of \$65,000. Due to increasing costs, the current project budget calls for a local match of \$210,367.50. Given the grant award amount, Administrator Hoel feels this is still a worthwhile project. Hoel added we will submit the local match commitment amount as part of our funding request under the IL EPA SRF loan. Hoey moved to approve resolution 2022-R-3, a resolution of support and commitment of local funds in the amount of \$210,367.50, for the Community Development Block Grant for the Meadowview water main replacement project. Slaughter seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Contracts and Agreements

Administrator Hoel updated council on the downtown improvements project increasing costs and bid award recommendation. Hoel stated the original project estimate has been revised due to increasing costs and change in scope of the project. Some parking lot and alley paving downtown has been included in this project, Hoel stated, and approximately \$100,000 can be attributed to increased unit costs for concrete and asphalt. Two bids were received on the project, with Cross Construction, Urbana, IL, submitting the low bid. Shoemaker moved to award the bid and authorize the execution of the contract with Cross Construction for downtown improvements, phase I, in the amount of \$635,255.30. Morris seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Other

The Planning Commission recommends approval of a Special Use Permit for Tamara Ray, 507 East North Line Road. Ray plans to open an in-home massage therapy business. Ray was present for the vote. Hoey moved to approve a Special Use Permit to Tamara Ray, 507 East North Line Road,

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for an in-home massage therapy business. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Slaughter asked who was responsible for the flag display at the middle school. The VFW put up the display in honor of 9/11.

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

Samuel J. Reiss Mayor Elizabeth J. Leann City Clerk