

CITY OF TUSCOLA

COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
STATE OF ILLINOIS
TUSCOLA CITY HALL
October 11, 2022

Mayor Kleiss opened the study session regarding the south fire station and street shed building designs. Administrator Hoel introduced Colton Davis, Utz & Associates Architects, to discuss the preliminary designs. Once council is on board with these designs, the final documents will be prepared and bids solicited in November, Davis informed council. The street maintenance shed will be a 4,000 square foot pole barn type building with concrete flooring. A firing range will be included in the building. The new south fire house (Main & Pinzon) addition will feature three truck bays, with two of them pull through. A tool storage room, mechanical room, and toilets will be added. Designs for both buildings include alternates that will be bid to include extra features that may or may not be included in the final bid awards. Mayor Kleiss stated he likes what he is seeing. We are looking into the future for our public safety for the next 30-50 years. Financially we are in good shape to make these commitments. Council discussed the north and south fire stations and whether or not both are needed. Currently, the equipment at the north station is back up equipment and not the front line response, Administrator Hoel stated. Chief Moody added in his tenure with the department there have been very few times when trains on the track have presented a problem when responding to emergencies. Moody added if council wants to keep a truck on the north end it would be possible.

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 September 26, 2022 meeting
- Payment of bills totaling \$361,777.32

Hoey moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Slaughter seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop. Day moved to approve the consent agenda for October 11, 2022. Morris seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Mayor

Mayor Kleiss thanked all who were involved in the planning and preparations for homecoming weekend. Everything seemed to go off without a hitch.

City Clerk – No Report

City Treasurer - No Report

City Attorney - Absent

City Administrator – No Report

Ordinances

1. Mayor Kleiss introduced an ordinance regarding the city's insurance coverage with the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association. The IMLRMA min/max contribution covers work comp, auto liability and comprehensive general liability, portable equipment, auto physical damage, property coverage for the period of one year. Morris moved to approve ordinance 2022-O-6, an ordinance authorizing the execution of the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association Min/Max Contribution agreement in the amount of \$124,428.95. Shoemaker seconded. Administrator Hoel pointed out we are saving \$20K to \$25K over last year's payment as we were able to lock in the price for two years. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.
2. Shoemaker moved to approve ordinance 2022-O-7, an ordinance dissolving the special tax allocation fund and terminating the designation of the City of Tuscola tax increment redevelopment project area (TIF 1) within the City of Tuscola. Brace seconded. Administrator Hoel pointed out this ordinance dissolves the TIF 1 District as of December 31, 2022. Remaining funds are escrowed so we can finish the projects already on the books. Hoel added this is a sad day. TIF has been around since 1986 and has done some great things for the community. Mayor Kleiss agreed, adding TIF has been tremendous for the community and many good things would not have happened without it. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.
3. Hoey moved to approve ordinance 2022-O-8, an ordinance dissolving the special tax allocation fund and terminating the designation of the City of Tuscola Amishland tax increment redevelopment project area (Amishland TIF) within the City of Tuscola. Morris seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Contracts and Agreements

Administrator Hoel discussed two items related to the downtown improvements project. The first was a task order with Clark Dietz for construction observation and inspection, documentation and pay request review for the downtown alley improvements, phase 1. The second item was for materials testing to be contracted through Midwest Engineering and Testing. Rund moved to approve the task order with Clark Dietz for construction engineering services on the downtown alley improvement project at a cost not to exceed \$34,830.00. Slaughter seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop. Morris moved to approve an agreement with Midwest Engineering and Testing for materials testing related to the downtown improvements project not to exceed \$25,000.00. Day seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Mayor Kleiss opened discussion on the purchase of a new fire engine. The contract is with Fire Apparatus and Supply Team for a Spartan Gladiator fire engine #215106. Slaughter moved to approve the contract with Fire Apparatus and Supply Team in the amount of \$322,365.00, for a Spartan Gladiator fire engine #215106. Morris seconded. Chief Moody stated the department had begun the process of identifying specs for a new fire truck for purchase in two years or so. Moody added he had been hearing new builds are two years out and base prices start at \$560,000.00. The manufacturer contacted Moody about a demo build engine with specs we would need, low mileage and hours, and at a much lower cost. Moody was able to inspect the truck and speak with the builders and believes this would be a good purchase. Moody added a local business, Buckeye Propane Storage, is helping with the truck expense as well as some needed accessories.

Administrator Hoel pointed out because of council's foresight establishing the capital replacement fund, we have the funds to make large purchases when needed equipment becomes available. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Other

Slaughter moved to approve the retirement of police officer Gary Miller, effective October 27, 2022. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop. On behalf of the city and council, Mayor Kleiss thanked Miller for his service and wished him many happy years in retirement.

Administrator Hoel reported Chief Hastings has recommended the appointment of James Haney to the Tuscola Police Department. Haney is currently employed with the Douglas County Department of Corrections and has completed some of the needed training. Hoel added Haney will need to complete his academy training and he anticipates a seat will be available for this in February. Hoey moved to approve the hiring of James Haney as a Tuscola Police Officer at \$23.00 per hour. Upon successful completion of Haney's academy training, his salary will go to \$25.00 per hour probationary wage for six months. Day seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

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

Mayor



City Clerk



