

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

Mayor Kleiss opened a public hearing at 7:00 pm regarding the proposed 25% increase in the property tax levy. The estimate of this increase was approved at the November 14, 2022 meeting. Treasurer Long explained the benefit experienced by the success of the expiring TIF districts over the last 36 years. Property values have increased. With an increase of 25% in the levy, the city's tax rate is estimated at 0.8228, resulting in a slightly lower tax rate than last year for the city and library tax rate. Formal consideration of the tax levy ordinance will be presented at the December 12, 2022 meeting. There were no questions or comments regarding the proposed 25% increase in the property tax levy. Mayor Kleiss declared the hearing closed at 7:15 pm.

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order with Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris (virtual), 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 November 14, 2022 meeting
- Financial report for October, 2022
- Payment of bills totaling \$215,942.61
- Pay request for Cross Construction for downtown alley improvements in the amount of \$83,123.24.

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

Requested Time on the Agenda - None

Mayor – Mayor Kleiss expressed his gratitude to Foreman Cruzan and the street department on the downtown Christmas decorations.

City Clerk – Deputy Clerk Gordon announced the filing period to accept candidate petitions for the April 4, 2023 election is December 12, 2022-December 19, 2022.

City Treasurer – No Report

City Attorney – No Report

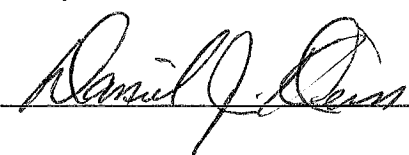
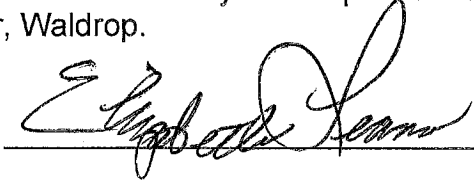
City Administrator – No Report

Contracts and Agreements

Treasurer Long explained the details, and benefits, of switching back to the Local Government Health Insurance Plan (LGHP) from our current Health Alliance plan. The current Health Alliance plan will be

increasing by 50%. LGHP will offer some different plan options for employees but the overall cost, depending on the chosen plan, will increase zero to 3% from 2022 costs. LGHP would require a minimum commitment of 2 years. Rund moved to approve the contract for the Local Government Health Insurance Plan for the next two years. Brace seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Rund, Morris, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

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

 Mayor  City Clerk