

CITY OF TUSCOLA

COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
STATE OF ILLINOIS
TUSCOLA CITY HALL
February 27, 2023

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order with Brace, Day, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop and Mayor Kleiss in attendance. Alderman Hoey was absent. 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 February 13, 2023 meeting
- Financial report for January 2023
- Payment of bills totaling \$144,680.69
- Pay request from Clark Dietz in the amount of \$13,623.15, for engineering on the downtown improvement project
- Pay request from Donohue in the amount of \$17,325.00, for engineering on the Master Meter Station
- Request to hold First Friday Farmer's Market on vacant lot at 128 W Sale May 5 – October 6, 2023
- Street closure for Kiwanis Club Easter Egg hunt on April 1. Carol Burwash represented the Kiwanis Club and asked city permission to block off a portion of Forest Glen from North Ward to the Methodist Church from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm. Also requesting four barricades and trash containers for the event.

Shoemaker moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Rund seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop. Day moved to approve the consent agenda for February 27, 2023. Brace seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop

Mayor – No Report

Mayor Kleiss presented firefighter service awards to two long time firefighters. Kleiss thanked Kevin Endres for his 35 years of service and Bill Hemmer for 25 years. Mayor Kleiss mentioned the FFA will have their annual chili dinner and pie event on March 11 at the Community Building. The event will include a fundraising challenge - 'Pie in the Face' contest between Mayor Kleiss and Alderman Shoemaker.

City Clerk – No Report

City Treasurer – No Report

City Attorney – No Report

City Administrator – No Report

Ordinances

- Morris moved to approve ordinance 2023-O-2, an ordinance authorizing ceding of private activity bonding authority. Shoemaker seconded. This ordinance reallocates our 2023 amount of \$558,480.00, to The Eastern Illinois Economic Development Authority to be used to support projects that will provide jobs and other investments in the Eastern Illinois development region. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.
- Chief Moody has recommended disposal of the fire department's 1969 Sqrt fire truck. The truck is no longer serviceable and the city does not have storage for the truck. Slaughter moved to approve ordinance 2023-O-3, an ordinance declaring the fire truck as surplus property and authorizing the sale of same. Waldrop seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Other

Mayor Kleiss congratulated the TCHS girl's basketball team on a fine season. Good Luck to the TCHS boys team as they begin sectional play on Wednesday in Altamont.

Attorney Bequette gave an update on the demolition of the old church on South Main. The city has not yet received a clear title on the property, Bequette stated. The owners assure him this will happen. Bequette added there is a safeguard that states if the title is not provided by the hearing this Thursday morning (3/2), Bequette will ask the Judge for a demolition order.

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

 Mayor  City Clerk