

CITY OF TUSCOLA

COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
STATE OF ILLINOIS
TUSCOLA CITY HALL
April 24, 2023

The regular meeting was called to order with Brace, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop and Mayor Kleiss present. Aldermen Day and Morris were 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 April 10, 2023 meeting
- Financial reports for March 2023
- Payment of bills totaling \$291,866.05, including:
- Pay request from Donohue for master meter station engineering in the amount of \$21,867.69
- Pay request submitted by Clark Dietz in the amount of \$15,880.00, for phase II engineering on the downtown alley improvements
- Pay request from Ezell Excavating for the demolition at 202 S. Main in the amount of \$74,900

Hoey moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Waldrop seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop. Shoemaker moved to approve the consent agenda for April 24, 2023. Rund seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop

Mayor

Mayor Kleiss mentioned the National Day of Prayer will be held Thursday, May 4, at Forty Martyrs Church, 12:00 PM

Hoey moved to approve the annual appointments of officers and members of boards and commissions. Slaughter seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop. Copy attached, making this roster part of the minutes.

Mayor Kleiss mentioned Robbie Geiler will be retiring after 45 or 46 years with the city. Kleiss passed along the city's thanks to Geiler for his service.

City Clerk – No Report

City Treasurer – No Report

City Attorney

Attorney Bequette reported he was not selected to serve as the next Judge of Douglas County. Bequette publically congratulated States Attorney Kate Watson on being chosen for the position. Bequette will remain a presence in Douglas County and looks forward to continuing to represent the municipalities he has been serving.

City Administrator – No Report

Contracts and Agreements

Shoemaker moved to waive formal bidding on the emergency water repairs on Route 36 near Niles Ave. Brace seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Rund moved to approve the emergency authorization of water repairs on Route 36 near Niles Ave, with Cross Construction at time and materials. Hoey seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

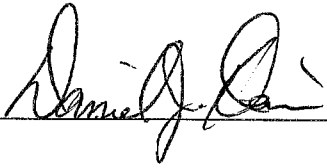
Other

1. Rund moved to approve the FY 24 budget as presented. Waldrop seconded. Administrator Hoel reported there were no changes from the draft budget. VOTE YEA* Brace, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.
2. Hoey moved to approve the FY 24 wage and salary roster, as presented. Copy attached. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.
3. Slaughter moved to approve the FY 24 fire department roster, as presented. Copy attached. Brace seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.
4. Shoemaker moved to approve revision one of the summer (2023) hire roster, as presented. Copy attached. Hoey seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.
5. The pool rates are the same as last year except for pool parties. This fee will go from Copy attached: Slaughter seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop. \$125 to \$200. Hoey moved to approve the 2023 summer pool rates, as presented.
6. Action was taken on a planning commission recommendation for a special use permit for a community Solar Project. Hoey stated it looks as if the company did everything they could to satisfy prior issues. Paul Bottum, representing Adenium Solar, was present to answer any council question. Hoey moved to approve the planning commission's recommendation to grant a special use permit to Adenium Solar for a community solar project at 1298 Egyptian Trail. Rund seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.
7. Shoemaker moved to approve the 2023 water/sewer account write offs. Treasurer Long stated the write offs mean the accounts will not be pursued monthly. They will be kept in the accounting system. Should any of the former residents with delinquent accounts move back to town, they will have to pay their past due fees before getting service. Brace seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.
8. The Tuscola School District has requested a portion of East Van Allen Street be closed for school construction from May 30 – August 20. Rund moved to approve the request for the closure of a portion of East Van Allen. Hoey seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

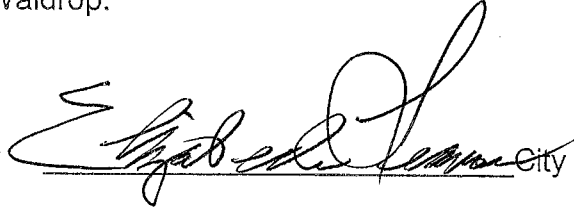
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9. Hoey moved council go into executive session to discuss personnel. The time was 7:22 pm. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA*Brace, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.
10. The meeting was called back to order at 7:35 pm with Brace, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop, and Mayor Kleiss present.
11. Slaughter moved to appoint Dalton Donnals as a Tuscola Police Officer at \$27.70 per hour, and approval of the wage and training reimbursement. Rund seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

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



Mayor



City Clerk