

# CITY OF TUSCOLA

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COUNTY OF DOUGLAS  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
TUSCOLA CITY HALL  
February 12, 2024

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order with Brace, Day, Morris, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop, and Mayor Kleiss in attendance. Alderpersons Hoey and Rund were absent. Mayor Kleiss led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Consent Agenda

Mayor Kleiss went over the items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the January 22, 2024 meeting
- Payment of bills totaling \$782,443.68
- Pay Requests included in bills:
- Wohltman Construction for fire station \$297,115.20
- Change order from Wohltman Construction for additional fire station expenses - +\$28,437.00
- Wohltman Construction pay request for maintenance building \$170,239.50
- Change order from Wohltman Construction for additional maintenance building expenses - +\$30,913
- Fundraising request from VFW Post 10009 for Buddy Poppy Sales May 25, 2024
- Street closure request from Methodist Church parking lot to Ascot Drive for the Kiwanis Club annual Easter Egg Hunt March 16, 2024
- Pace for Petey 5K run/walk route September 28, 2024

Morris moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Waldrop seconded. VOTE YEA\* Brace, Day, Morris, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop. Day moved to approve the consent agenda for February 12, 2024. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA\* Brace, Day, Morris, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

## Mayor

Mayor Kleiss introduced Stepheny McMahon, joining via zoom, to council. Stepheny will be joining Moody as the Assistant Director for Economic Development. Brian Moody added he has known Stepheny for many years. McMahon worked in Sullivan as Economic Development Director and worked most recently in Urbana. Council welcomed McMahon to the position.

City Clerk – No Report

City Treasurer – No Report

City Attorney – No Report

City Administrator – No Report

## Ordinances

Mayor Kleiss opened discussion on an ordinance implementing rules for electronic attendance at council meetings, adding the state governs the rules for attendance and voting. This ordinance will establish those rules for the City of Tuscola. Attorney Bequette stated the ordinance is specific on the reasons for being able to vote remotely and a quorum is still

necessary. Day moved to approve ordinance 2024-O-1, an ordinance implementing rules for electronic attendance at meetings of the City Council of Tuscola. IL. Waldrop seconded. VOTE YEA\* Brace, Day, Morris, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Administrator Hoel presented a procurement policy required by the Community Development Block Grant Program for using the CDBG funds awarded for the Meadowview water main project. This policy is necessary for compliance requirements for the state and federal funds we are using for the project. Hoel stated many of the requirements are covered by our existing procurement policies but he recommends passage of this policy to cover any requirements not in our existing policies. Shoemaker moved to approve the Community Development Block Grant Program procurement policy for using CDBG funds for the Meadowview water main project. Brace seconded. VOTE YEA\* Brace, Day, Morris, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Contracts and Agreements

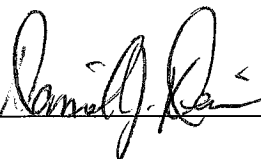
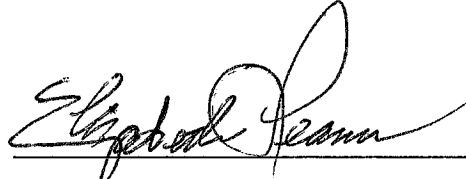
Morris moved to approve the annual Employee Assistance Program Agreement with Carle Health for counseling services for our employees and their dependents, and certain employment related services, at a cost of \$910/yr. Brace seconded. VOTE YEA\* Brace, Day, Morris, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Day moved to approve the audit engagement letter with Larsson, Woodyard, and Henson at a not to exceed amount of \$32,400, for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2024. Mayor Kleiss noted LWH has performed the city's audit for many years now. Slaughter seconded. VOTE YEA\* Brace, Day, Morris, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop. Alderman Rund joined the meeting at 7:11 PM.

Other

Treasurer Long and Administrator Hoel went over proposed pool rates for the coming season. Long stated there are many policies and forms that need to be in place and staff would like to get the rates settled well ahead of time. Long pointed out the handout provided shows rates from neighboring pools, adding our recommended increases will be in line with what others charge. The staff recommends keeping the daily rate for admission at \$5; individual season pass increases are based on number of individuals on the pass; entry card passes – 10 for \$40, 20 for \$70, and 50 for \$150; and pool parties (up to 50 attendees) will go to \$250. Mayor asked council to look over the proposed rates and be ready to act on them at the next meeting.

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

 \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  \_\_\_\_\_ City Clerk