

CITY OF TUSCOLA

COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
STATE OF ILLINOIS
TUSCOLA CITY HALL
July 14, 2025

Mayor Kleiss opened a Public Hearing at 6:45 PM for the purpose of hearing comments and/or questions regarding the proposed Appropriation Ordinance for the fiscal year May 1, 2025 – April 30, 2026. Treasurer Long stated the appropriation ordinance sets maximum spending limits for the fiscal year and is much higher than the normal budget we follow for actual spending. There being no questions or comments, Mayor Kleiss declared the Public Hearing closed at 6:48 PM.

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.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Kleiss went over the items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the June 23, 2025, meeting
- Payment of bills totaling \$519,185.71

Hoey moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Waldrop seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop. Day moved to approve the consent agenda for July 14, 2025. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Requested Time on the Agenda

- No one was present to speak regarding the Candy Kitchen request for a road closure for Family Fun Day on August 30. Mayor Kleiss had suggested the Candy Kitchen change the location of their event but has since learned that will not be possible due to a wedding being held in the Community Building on August 30. The original request of closing Main Street from Kelsey's to Festival Corner and down to the Library from 10 am to 3 pm on August 30 and closing Sale Street from the Candy Kitchen to the Senior Center from 4 pm to 11 pm on August 30 is approved.
- A representative of the Tuscola Moose Lodge was present to request permission/answer questions regarding the Moose Lodge's request to have a live band, with alcohol served, in the Moose parking lot on August 30 from 6 – 10 pm. Event approved.

Mayor

Mayor Kleiss offered the City's condolences to Troy Rund and the Wax family on the passing of Troy's sister-in-law, Debbie Wax Holifield, after her battle with some health issues. Debbie was raised in Tuscola and graduated from TCHS in 1987.

City Clerk – No Report

City Treasurer – No Report

City Attorney – No Report

City Administrator – No Report

Ordinances

- Mayor Kleiss presented ordinance 2025-0-7, an ordinance amending Chapter 138 of the City of Tuscola ordinances to name a new downtown park and to enact regulations therefore. Rund moved to approve ordinance 2025-0-7. Slaughter seconded. Marci Shoemaker spoke briefly to council about naming the new park area recently constructed just east of the Community Building. Marci stated she and her sister, Peggy Helm, had been brainstorming about a name for the park and came up with 'Kleiss Plaza'. Shoemaker went on to say, Kleiss has been Mayor since 1988 and joined council July 1985. He has always worked to do what is best for Tuscola. In addition, this year Kleiss will celebrate his 50 year TCHS class reunion. Kleiss reflected on his years of service, stating he did not get into this for the accolades or honors but he is very appreciative of the honor of the new park being named 'Kleiss Plaza'. Roll was then taken on the motion to amend Chapter 138 to name a new downtown park. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.
- Morris moved to approve ordinance 2025-0-8, an ordinance implementing a municipal grocery retailers' occupation tax and a municipal grocery service occupation tax for the city. Rund seconded. . Mayor Kleiss pointed out this is not a new tax. This ordinance gives the city the authority to implement a 1% grocery sales tax, effective January 1, 2026, to offset the state's Public Act 103-0781, which repeals the statewide tax on groceries currently in effect. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.
- Day moved to approve ordinance 2025-0-9, an ordinance Making the Appropriations for Corporate Purposes for the fiscal year May 1, 2025 – April 30, 2026. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Resolutions

Mayor Kleiss presented a Douglas County all hazard mitigation plan designed to address natural disasters and weather events. The plan will help guide responses across multiple agencies and is necessary for qualification for certain state and federal assistance, if needed. Administrator Hoel stated Chief Moody served as the City's representative on this plan. Hoey moved to approve resolution 2025-R-4, a resolution adopting the 2024 Douglas County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazards Mitigation Plan. Brace seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Contracts and Agreements

- Shoemaker moved to approve the proposal submitted by Earl Walker for the annual oil and chip in the amount of \$58,535.00. This was the only proposal received and came in at 14% below the engineer's estimate. Brace seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.
- Discussion was held on the proposals for solid waste and recycling services beginning November 1, 2025. Administrator Hoel reported he made only a few changes to our current solid waste agreement. Three proposals were received: Waste Management (current provider); GFL; and Republic Services. Hoel went on to say GFL was clearly the lower cost based on residential charges (\$18.50/mo), yearly increase (3.5%), and lowest price on 2 and 3 yard dumpsters. Hoel went on to say the transition will need to happen within a week – likely the last week in October. All new containers will have to come into town for the transition and the current containers will have to leave town. Also, not everyone in town will have their pick- up on Wednesday; GFL plans residential pick-ups three days a week in Tuscola. All three providers had representatives present to speak to council and state why we should go with their company for solid waste and recycling services. Hoey moved to accept the solid waste and recycling proposal submitted by GFL,

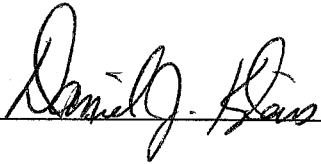
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beginning November 1, 2025. Waldrop seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

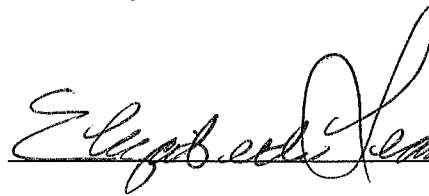
Other

1. Slaughter moved to accept the resignation of Patrol Officer Toby Krabel, effective July 11, 2025. Morris seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.
2. Rund moved to approve the appointment of Lonnie Homann as part time Patrol Officer. Waldrop seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.
3. Slaughter moved council go into Executive Session to discuss personnel. The time was 7:26 pm. Rund seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop. The meeting was called back to order at 7:36 pm with Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop and Mayor Kleiss in attendance.
4. Hoey moved to approve the appointments of Austin Martin and Jase Taylor as Public Works employees at a probationary rate of \$27.69 per hour. Slaughter seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

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



Mayor



City Clerk