

CITY OF TUSCOLA

COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
STATE OF ILLINOIS
TUSCOLA CITY HALL
November 10, 2025

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

Consent Agenda

Mayor Kleiss went over the items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the October 27, 2025, meeting
- Payment of bills totaling \$441,229.28
- Pay request from C&S Companies for the Meadowview Water Main - \$84,464.91(included in bills total)
- Pay request from AKRA Builders for pool house renovation work - \$56,339.10 (included)
- Change order in the amount of \$2,480 for the pool house renovation (included)

Morris moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Rund seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop. Shoemaker moved to approve the consent agenda for November 10, 2025. Hoey seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Mayor

Mayor Kleiss congratulated Kate Foltz and Blake McLeese on their fine cross-country performances. Kate finished 5th in the State meet and Blake finished 3rd. Alderman Day arrived for the meeting.

City Clerk – No Report

City Treasurer

Treasurer Long introduced Curtis Root, Larrison, Woodyard & Henson CPA's, to report on the city's audit for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2025. Root informed council the audit was conducted using generally accepted auditing standards; this was a clean audit with no outstanding issues. Root called council's attention to several items on various pages in the audit, adding the city is in a good financial position.

City Attorney- No Report

City Administrator – No Report

Ordinances

Discussion was held on the annual property tax levy announcement, which must be filed with the County Clerk by the last Tuesday in December. Treasurer Long and Mayor Kleiss recommend a 4.95% increase to the levy. This increase will keep it under the 5% which would require additional notices and a hearing, but would increase the levy to partially capture the 15% increase in assessments by the County Assessor's office last year. The EAV in Tuscola is expected to increase 8% this year and the City's tax rate is expected to go down. Treasurer Long pointed out the City gets approximately 20% of the taxes collected on properties in Tuscola. The bulk of taxes

collected goes to the school system. After brief discussion, council felt the 4.95% levy would be best. An ordinance to that effect will be presented and passed before the County Clerk's deadline.

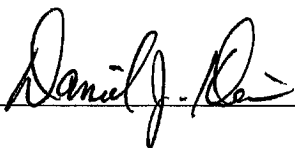
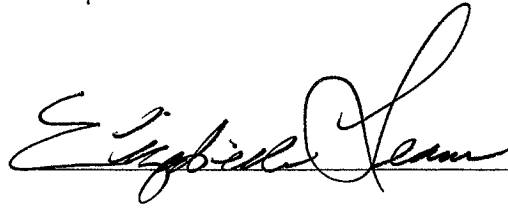
Contracts and Agreements

- Morris moved to approve the estimate provided by Swinderman, Inc, in the amount of \$14,844.56, for upgrades to the audio/visual system at the Community Building. Rund seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.
- Hoey moved to approve an amendment to the master meter station engineering services agreement with Donohue in the amount of \$12,000. This amendment covers additional construction related services consisting of SCADA programming to incorporate operation and control of the new station into the SCADA system. Slaughter seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.
- Morris moved council go into Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining matters. The time was 7:26 pm. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop. The meeting was called back to order at 7:46 pm with Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop, and Mayor Kleiss in attendance.
- Slaughter moved to approve ratification of the collective bargaining agreement with Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council, represented certain police officers and dated November 15, 2025. Morris seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Other

Hoey moved to approve the annual Holiday Bonus of \$200 for full time employees and firefighters. Rund seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

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

 _____ Mayor  _____ City Clerk