

# CITY OF TUSCOLA

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COUNTY OF DOUGLAS  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
TUSCOLA CITY HALL  
April 13, 2026

Mayor Kleiss called the budget study session to order at 6:30 PM. In attendance were: Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, and Waldrop. Alderman Slaughter arrived during the study session. Treasurer Long went over the highlights of the FY 2027 Budget Draft, a copy of which was distributed with the agenda for the meeting. Long reviewed revenue projections, wages and benefits costs projections, proposed capital purchases and routine operating costs. Long explained wage increases of around 3%, or slightly more are proposed in this budget. While insurance is projected to increase in cost around 10% this benefit year, benefits costs are reduced in this budget due to recent insurance market changes in our area with the exit of long-time insurer, Health Alliance and the competitive pricing of other carriers. Additionally, the City's IMRF rate is at an historic low, just under 3%. Mayor Kleiss and Administrator Hoel explained the proposed SCBA replacements in the budget that are estimated to cost \$270,000, along with other major purchases. Discussion was held on the pending Illinois American Water rate case with the ICC, which is proposed to raise the City's water cost ~16%. The city will need to have a water rate increase to cover whatever increase they get, along with a slight increase for our operating costs. Long gave a brief update on the Barker/Prairie ST TIF development. Houses are now being built in earnest and should be added to the tax rolls soon. There are only 7 remaining buildable lots in the development. Developer, Owen Tucker, will be completely paid off in 2027, then all of the remaining increment will go toward paying off the General Fund. Overall, at the end of this budget year, the Sewer, MFT, Tourism and Library funds should be in good shape from a fund balance standpoint. Barker/Prairie TIF is still negative, as expected while we are using the increment to repay the developer and the General Fund for the initial infrastructure costs. General Fund and Water Fund should have positive fund balances, but Long would prefer to see those funds recover a bit more and increase the fund balances. Long and Hoel asked council to review the detailed budget and wage recommendation that was distributed to them and ask any questions they have. The budget and wage recommendation for the new fiscal year will be on the next agenda for their consideration. The Study Session was closed at 7:00 PM.

The regular meeting of the Tuscola City Council was called to order with Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop and Mayor Kleiss in attendance. Clerk Leamon was absent; Deputy Clerk Wasiloski filled in. Mayor Kleiss led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Consent Agenda

Mayor Kleiss went over the items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the Previous Meeting: March 23, 2026
- Financial Report: None
- Payment of bills totaling \$389,150.99
- Pay request: *Included in bills* – Grunloh Building, Inc. for Master Meter Station-\$34,827.20(Final) AKRA Builders, Inc. for Pool House Renovation-\$36,612.52
- Request to Conduct Fundraising: American Legion Post 27 Poppy Day Sales May 2, 2026

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- Community Building lease request with alcohol: None
- Other: Run for Nash 5K and 10K Run and Route at Ervin Park on September 19, 2026

Consent Agenda was approved as presented, with the addition of the Women's Club request for a police escort for their domestic violence awareness walk this Saturday, April 18, 2026. Motioned to approve by Hoey and seconded by Shoemaker. VOTE YEA\* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter and Waldrop.

Mayor – Mayor Kleiss read a Thank you from Kiwanis for the Easter Egg Hunt. Mayor also offered condolences to Troy Rund at the loss of his mother-in-law and longtime Tuscolian, Becky Wax

City Clerk – No Report

City Treasurer – No Report

City Attorney – No Report

City Administrator – No Report

Ordinances- None

Contracts and Agreements-None

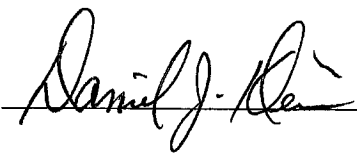
Other

Morris motioned to approve the appointment of Jeff Smith as part time park worker at \$20 per hour beginning April 8. Brace Seconded. Vote YEA\* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter and Waldrop

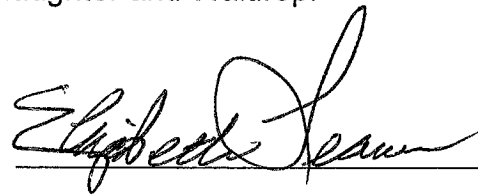
Rund motioned to approve the updated Summer Roster, as presented. Hoey seconded. Vote YEA\* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter and Waldrop

Slaughter motioned to approve the revised TFD personnel Roster, as presented Morris Seconded. Vote YEA\* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter and Waldrop

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



Mayor



City Clerk