

CITY OF TUSCOLA

COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
STATE OF ILLINOIS
TUSCOLA CITY HALL
May 11, 2026

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. Mayor Kleiss led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Kleiss went over the items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the Previous Meeting: April 27, 2026
- Payment of bills totaling \$402,203.72
- Pay request: *Included in bills* – AKRA Builders in the amount of \$96,758.45, for the pool house renovation and James E Crane, P.E. in the amount of \$18,355.12, for the Washington Street Project Engineering
- Tuscola Women's Club request to conduct fundraising on June 27, 2026. Funds collected will benefit the Douglas County Animal Control

Hoey moved to approve the items on the consent agenda as presented. Waldrop seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop. Day moved to approve the consent agenda for May 11, 2026. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Mayor

Mayor Kleiss offered the City's condolences to Mrs. Emily Gilmore, Holly, Chambry, and Harlan Gilmore on the passing of their husband and father, Alan Gilmore. Alan was the City Administrator in Tuscola for close to 10 years, beginning in 1986. Mayor Kleiss went on to say he and Alan enjoyed a good working relationship; Alan was progressive and loved economic development. Projects during Alan's reign include the mall and the IL American Water Line. There was never a dull moment with Alan, Kleiss added. Mayor Kleiss wishes the best for Emily and Alan's children as they go through this difficult time.

City Clerk- No Report

City Treasurer

Treasurer Long announced the annual budget, approved at the last meeting, is on the city website. Also on the website are pictures of the pool renovations and an opportunity to purchase pool passes. Long added the pool looks really nice; she thinks everyone will be pleased. No copies of the budget were printed up but Treasurer Long will provide on request. Mayor Kleiss thanked the city crews for their work readying the pool. He appreciates their effort and overtime worked.

City Attorney – No Report

City Administrator

Administrator Hoel added to the pool discussion stating there is still a lot to be done. The new water service is complete, some new electrical installed, the slide is complete, and the pump and liner are both working. The city crew is draining and filling the pool and the filter company is coming on Friday to go through start up with the crew. For now, everything seems to be on path, but there is still a lot to be done.

Resolutions

Rund moved to approve the IL Dept of Transportation resolution for improvement under the IL Highway Code in the amount of \$1,104,750.38, for the Washington Street Project. Shoemaker seconded. This resolution appropriates \$1,104,750.38, in motor fuel tax funds to be used for the project. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

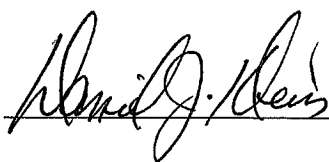
Contracts and Agreements

1. Morris moved to approve the quote from CloudPoint Geospatial in the amount of \$11,000, for GIS services. Waldrop seconded. CloudPoint will provide a block of 50 hours of remote GIS support for a one year period. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop
2. Hoey moved to approve the purchase of a 72" ZMaster 7500D mower for park use from Awesome Machines, at a cost of \$22,797.21. Morris seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

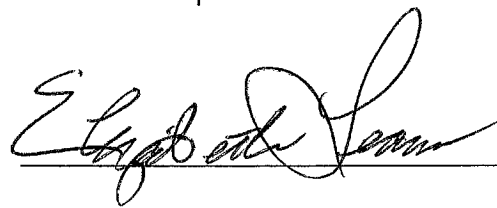
Other

- Slaughter moved to approve a wage correction for Officer Cotton. Cotton's new wage should be \$30.03 per hour, effective May 1, 2026. In addition, Cotton will receive retroactive pay of \$433.25, for a juvenile officer certification he received at the academy that has been inadvertently omitted from his wage calculation since December 8, 2025. Morris seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.
- Treasurer Long recommends a two-year extension of the State Local Government Health Plan for the city's employee health insurance. Slaughter moved to approve the Intergovernmental cooperation agreement with the State of Illinois, Department of CMS, for the local government health plan. Brace seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop. This program has provided significant savings to the city over the past few years.
- Day moved to approve the employee health insurance renewal terms as presented. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

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



Mayor



City Clerk