

CITY OF TUSCOLA
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
STATE OF ILLINOIS
TUSCOLA CITY HALL
September 12, 2017

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order with Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop, and Mayor Kleiss in attendance. Mayor Kleiss led the Pledge of Allegiance. Several citizens were in attendance for this meeting.

Public Comment-None

Consent Agenda

Mayor Kleiss went over the items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the September 11, 2017 meeting
- Financial report for August 2017
- Payment of bills totaling \$392,565.16
- Pay request in the amount of \$38,000, from Block Field Tiling for building demolition
- Community Building lease request with alcohol on September 30, 2017, from Becky's Buddies for their Trivia Night

Hoey moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Waldrop seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop. Cleland moved to approve the consent agenda for September 25, 2017. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.

Mayor

Mayor Kleiss invited Fire Chief Moody and firefighters Chip Haake and Mark Maxey to come to the council table. Kleiss stated Chief Moody recommends the appointments of Darrel 'Chip' Haake to Assistant Fire Chief and James 'Mark' Maxey to Captain. Day moved to approve these two appointments to the Tuscola Fire Department. Waldrop seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop. Mayor Kleiss welcomed Haake and Maxey to more and he and Chief Moody placed the appropriate pins on Maxey and Haake's shirts. Mayor Kleiss thanked Haake and Maxey for their hard work for the City – we truly appreciate it!

Mayor Kleiss read a note from Lina Jo Owen, who was elected Mayor for a Day at a fundraiser held recently. Ms Owen listed several items in her note that she supports for and about Tuscola. Kleiss added this special designation was the result of an impromptu auction at the Tuscola Foundation event last week. Ms Owen and Jim Baird were the high bidders for this honor and made donations in the amount of \$400 each to the Foundation.

City Clerk – No Report

City Treasurer

Treasurer Long reported Eddie Boutilier and Red Barn Veterinary Services are delinquent on their TIF loans.

City Attorney – No Report

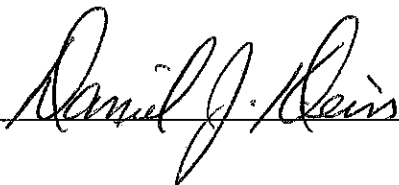
City Administrator – No Report

Contracts and Agreements

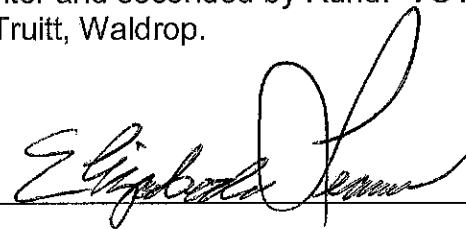
Administrator Hoel reported Sarah Bush Lincoln has submitted a request for a one year extension of their Peace Meal host site agreement, allowing them to continue using the Senior Citizens Center as their local service place. Truitt moved to approve the one year extension with Sarah Bush Lincoln for their Peace Meal host site agreement. Rund seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.

Other

- Mayor Kleiss reported Anna Nelson, Tourism Marketing Assistant, would like to continue her normal schedule of working 30 hours per week. Waldrop moved to approve this request from Anna Nelson. Hoey seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.
- Administrator Hoel discussed the new backstop plan for the softball diamond stating the scope could possibly change. A group of citizens has approached Hoel about adding a building behind the backstop. The citizens are willing to provide volunteer labor if the City could purchase the materials. Hoel went on to say the building would be used for concessions and scoring, measuring approximately 12x14. Shoemaker moved to authorize an additional \$10,000 to the budget for the softball diamond backstop project to include materials for a concession/scoring building behind the backstop. Cleland seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.
- Mayor Kleiss noted the demolition uptown is complete and the area looks much better. The Barker Street properties are next, followed by the old church at Houghton and Daggy.
- Treasurer Long noted the final payment to the school district for the vocational training grant is on the bill list for tonight.
- On behalf of the Alumni Association, Shoemaker thanked the city for their help with the recent Homecoming activities. The Community Building worked out well for the gathering.
- The motion to adjourn was made by Slaughter and seconded by Rund. VOTE YEA** Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.



Mayor



City Clerk