

CITY OF TUSCOLA  
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
TUSCOLA CITY HALL  
October 10, 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.

Public Comment-None

Consent Agenda

Mayor Kleiss went over the items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the September 25, 2017 meeting
- Payment of bills totaling \$125,483.62
- Request from the Tuscola Lion's Club to hold their annual Candy Days collection on October 13-14

Hoey moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Rund seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop. Shoemaker moved to approve the consent agenda for October 10, 2017. Waldrop seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.

Mayor

Mayor Kleiss announced Arcola would be hosting a Central Illinois Municipal Officials Association (CIMO) meeting on October 19. The program will be a presentation on the Douglas County High Schools Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities (CEO) Program. Anyone interested in attending should contact Administrator Hoel or Treasurer Long by October 16.

City Clerk – No Report

City Treasurer

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

Long introduced Curtis Root of Larsson, Woodyard & Henson. Root made the FY 17 audit presentation to council. In his presentation Root thanked the council for working with his firm, stating they appreciated the opportunity to work with the city. Root stated there was not a lot of change between FY 16 and FY 17; they had no findings, made no major journal entries, and are giving a qualified opinion. Root went on to say, the TIF fund obligation to the general fund declined about \$375,000 this year, which is a good repayment. The future long term debt payments for FY 18 will be about the same as FY 17; however, after FY 18, the debt service will decline giving the city an increase in cash flow. Also, the joint water line produced a small amount of funds this past year. Pension liability declined by about \$15,000 (based on estimates) this year as compared to last, and the EAV grew at 1.5%. The city's cash position in the general fund was positive in all categories; the water and sewer funds both had some change in the debt service funds and unrestricted water funds. Treasurer Long pointed out that even though the net pension liability is a scary number, we are paying IMRF exactly the amount they require.

City Attorney – No Report

City Administrator – No Report

Ordinances

Mayor Kleiss opened discussion on the annual property tax levy by stating he agrees with Administrator Hoel's suggestion of following past year's practice of estimating the EAV and keeping the levy increase the same or less than 5%. A formal estimate will be announced by the next meeting and Treasurer Long will prepare some scenarios for discussion. Administrator Hoel added if we choose to increase by more than 5%, we are required to publish notices and hold a public hearing. Hoel went on to say, he does not anticipate this happening, but wanted to make everyone aware.

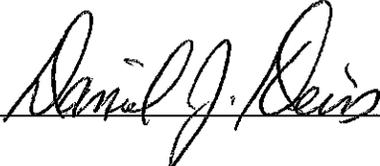
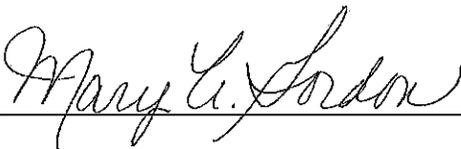
Contracts and Agreements

Administrator Hoel discussed Francis and Associates' original \$59,000 agreement for a traffic study and engineering design study regarding the I-57/route 36 interchange. If constructed, the entrance and exit ramp from the southbound would go straight north to a four way intersection next to Road Ranger. Francis and Associates was able to complete this portion of the study for \$51,000, Hoel stated. Francis and Associates suggests moving ahead with the extensive environmental clearance submittals required by IDOT, since this process takes quite a lot of time to complete. The committee would like to get the intersection exchange to a point where the property can be developed, if an interested party comes forward. The environmental clearance cost is estimated @ \$10,000, which means an additional \$2000 will need to be added to the original agreement with Francis and Associates. Rund moved to approve a \$2000 increase to the PSA with Francis and Associates to include an environmental study as required by IDOT. Day seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.

Other

- Mayor Kleiss set Trick-or-Treating for October 31, from 5:30 – 7:30 pm.
- Hoey moved to approve a \$125 holiday bonus pay for all full-time employees and firefighters of the City of Tuscola. Cleland seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.
- Mayor Kleiss offered the city's condolences to the family of Doug McCumber. Doug passed away unexpectedly two weeks' ago. Kleiss added Doug has been a leader in the community for many years and he would like to thank his family for the time Doug spent on the city's behalf.

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


 \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor
 
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