

CITY OF TUSCOLA
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
STATE OF ILLINOIS
TUSCOLA CITY HALL
October 23, 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. Paul Wisovaty led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment-None

Consent Agenda

Mayor Kleiss went over the items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the October 10, 2017 meeting
- Financial report for September 2017
- Payment of bills totaling \$162,393.11

Truitt moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop. Day moved to approve the consent agenda for October 23, 2017. Slaughter seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.

Time on the Agenda

Paul Wisovaty, representing the Salvation Army, spoke to council about the organization's plans for the annual Christmas Kettle Drive. The Salvation Army will begin their drive on Christmas Town week-end and continue every week-end until Christmas. Wisovaty pointed out the Tuscola Salvation Army consistently ranks high in collections for our division. The past two years Tuscola has raised almost \$15,000. Wisovaty ended by inviting council and employees to take part in the kettle drive.

Mayor – No Report

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

Ordinances

Administrator Hoel discussed property tax levy scenarios prepared by Treasurer Long. A 2% and 4% estimate were prepared. Hoel reminded council a 5% levy will trigger the need for a public hearing. Hoel went on to say he and Treasurer Long recommend the 4% levy for the purpose of the estimate. It will be easier to come down than it will be to raise the levy. Treasurer Long pointed out we have tried to stay at 8 cents per \$100 EAV the last 10-15 years. Our EAV is going in the right direction, Long added, but at a slower rate. The 4% levy would be under \$5 for the average homeowner. Long went on to say she feels we are at a good balance with our levy right now. Hoey moved to approve

the FY 2019 property tax levy estimate increase of 4%. Cleland seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.

Resolutions

Administrator Hoel spoke to council about an IDOT resolution for improvement required for the I-57/route 36 intersection. IDOT requires this resolution before the environmental study approved at the last meeting can begin. The project must be assigned a number in order to move through the administrative process of environmental clearance. Hoel added the resolution appropriates \$1000 in MFT funds, but the city is using non MFT funds for the project. Shoemaker moved to approve IDOT resolution for improvement under the Illinois highway code, section 17-00036-00-WR, for the I-57 and route 36 intersection. Rund seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.

Contracts and Agreements

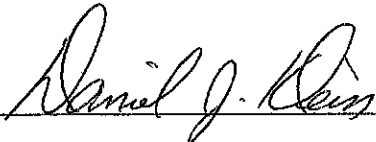
No bids were received on the properties at 111 East Wilson and 607 East Wilson, Mayor Kleiss stated. Attorney Bequette pointed out we have two options; list again or wait a while for more interest. Rund asked what we would do if someone came in and made an offer. Bequette answered we could not sell the properties this way. We would need to move to the quickest possible process to get the property in the person's hands. Bequette went on to say he recommends waiting a while in hopes something changes.

Administrator Hoel discussed the modification agreement to the ambulance service agreement with Arrow Ambulance. The modification will include 23 homes just west of Atwood, which is a small portion of Unity Township, Piatt County. All governmental agencies and Arrow Ambulance are on board with the modification agreement, Hoel added. Day moved to approve the modification to the agreement with Arrow Ambulance LLC, to include 23 homes in Unity Township adjacent to Atwood, pending review and approval by Attorney Bequette. Waldrop seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.


Other

- Mayor Kleiss noted the Douglas County Enterprise Zone designation was approved, thanks to the hard work of many. Kleiss thanked Cabot and Lyondell for their financial support of this zone.
- Alderwoman Truitt thanked the Arts Council for the nice fall decorations on Festival Corner.

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



Mayor



City Clerk