

CITY OF TUSCOLA
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
STATE OF ILLINOIS
TUSCOLA CITY HALL
April 9, 2018

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.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Kleiss went over the items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the March 26, 2018, meeting
- Payment of bills totaling \$110,849.36
- Three Community Building lease requests for events with alcohol: Rachel Delaney, wedding on June 16, 2018; Taylor Rippey, wedding July 20-22, 2018; Rick Kellogg, graduation party May 12, 2018

Truitt moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop. Hoey moved to approve the consent agenda for April 9, 2018. Rund seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.

Requested Time on the Agenda

Kelly Williams, representing the Wheels Car Club and Ford of Tuscola, was present to speak to council about plans for a joint car show on August 11, 2018. This will be a similar event to the one held last August, Williams noted. The club and Ford are requesting the city again close Ficklin from Niles to Ohio during the hours of 10:00 am and 5:00 pm. Residents living in the area will be allowed in and out, Williams added.

Mayor

Mayor Kleiss announced L. Scott Reed has submitted his resignation as a part-time police officer, due to other obligations. Truitt moved to accept the resignation of L. Scott Reed as part-time City of Tuscola police officer. Slaughter seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.

City Clerk – Absent

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

As a home rule community, the city is allowed tax exempt bonding authority for projects in their jurisdictions. Any portion not used goes back to the state each year, unless the community cedes it back to the development authority to use for projects in other areas. Tuscola has been home rule since 2003 and has ceded bonding authority to the Eastern Illinois Economic Development Authority each year since becoming home rule. Hoey moved to approve ordinance 2018-O-2, an ordinance authorizing the ceding of private activity bonding authority. Cleland seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.

Contracts and Agreements

1. Day moved to waive formal bidding on the purchase of a skid steer loader. Waldrop seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.
2. Administrator Hoel discussed the quotes received from competing companies on similar skid steer loaders, adding it is difficult to get an apples to apples bid on these. Three companies submitted quotes, Hoel stated, with Bobcat coming in as the low bid. In order to get the machine ordered and built in time for street maintenance, Hoel is recommending authorization to purchase the loader through Bobcat. Cleland moved to approve the purchase of a skid steer loader, with trade in of City's current 1999 loader, from Bobcat in Champaign at a cost of \$26,929.56. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.
3. Carle Resolutions has submitted their annual contract for membership in the Employee Assistance Program. Renewal cost for one year membership is \$800. Day moved to renew the annual contract with Carle Resolutions for the Employee Assistance Program at a cost of \$800. Rund seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.
4. Administrator Hoel discussed an opportunity for better and less expensive internet/phone service for City Hall through MCC Network Services, LLC. MCC provides fiber optic access at several locations in town, Hoel stated. One location is across the street from City Hall and will eliminate the need for fiber optic installation. Hoel and the Finance and Administration committee recommend going with MCC for the fiber optic access. Truitt moved to approve the five year agreement for fiber optics communications with MCC Network Services, LLC. Waldrop seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.

Other

Mike Salmon has requested a waiver of the city's residency requirement. There is a possibility he will purchase a property five miles outside of town and eventually move there. Truitt moved to waive the residency requirement for Mike Salmon, Building Inspector. Shoemaker seconded. Alderman Day asked about precedents for approving residency waivers. Mayor Kleiss and council named several employees who have been granted residency waivers. Administrator Hoel added for fire and police officers we make sure there are enough officers living in town before granting a waiver. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.

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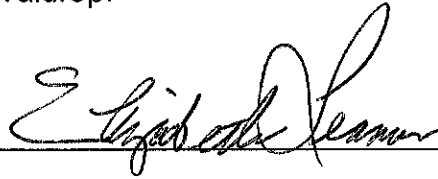
Administrator Hoel announced Kathy Frye is no longer available to serve as manager of the Tuscola Pool. Frye has done an excellent job managing the pool, but was unable to commit this year. Hoel recommends hiring Jean Holmes, a teacher in our school district, as pool manager for the 2018 season. Truitt moved to approve the appointment of Jean Holmes as pool manager @ \$12.50 per hour. Hoey seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.

Any budget comments should be directed to Administrator Hoel or Treasurer Long. Action will be taken on the FY 19 budget at the April 23, 2018 meeting.

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



Mayor



City Clerk