

CITY OF TUSCOLA
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
STATE OF ILLINOIS
TUSCOLA CITY HALL
May 14, 2018

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

Public Comment

Longtime Tuscola Police Officer Cliff Ponder addressed council to tender his resignation as a TPD part time officer, due to a job change. Ponder thanked the city, Chief Hastings, and council for his opportunity to serve the city. Ponder added he has enjoyed his tenure here and offered to help with future endeavors if the need arises.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Kleiss went over the items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the April 23, 2018, meeting
- Payment of bills totaling \$134,324.22
- Street closings on May 18, June 15, July 20, and August 17, from 4-10:30 pm for planned Downtown Artisan Market and Outdoor Movie events

Rund moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Cleland seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop. Truitt moved to approve the consent agenda for May 14, 2018. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.

Requested Time on the Agenda - None

Mayor

Shoemaker moved to approve the City of Tuscola appointments roster for May 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019, for officers, plan commission/zoning board, and liquor board. Copy attached to include in minutes. Slaughter seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop. Mayor Kleiss noted one change to the appointment roster: Bob Utterback will serve on the liquor board instead of Duane Dunn. Shoemaker amended his motion to approve these appointments in order to include the change. Slaughter amended his second. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.

Mayor Kleiss thanked Cliff Ponder for his years of service to the community.

City Clerk – No Report

City Treasurer

Treasurer Long reported Eddie Boutilier and Red Barn Veterinary Services are delinquent on their TIF loans. Long pointed out a 'Save the Date' for Kid town at the park during the Sparks in the Park Celebration.

City Attorney – No Report

City Administrator

1. Administrator Hoel noted the new skid steer Bobcat has been delivered. The payment will show up on next meeting's bill list.
2. The outside sign at City Hall will be demoed next week in order to make way for the new signage approved some time ago.
3. Brian Moody announced Mayor Kleiss will receive a well-deserved 'Lifetime Achievement Award' from the Central Illinois Development Corporation this Thursday, May 17, in Effingham, Illinois. Also, Moody will send an email with details about the ribbon cutting on Saturday, May 19th @ Promise Christian Academy (formerly Wee Warriors). Congratulations to Mayor Kleiss!

Contracts and Agreements

1. Administrator Hoel discussed a proposal from DPS Equipment Services for replacing end bearings on three shafts in the oxidation ditch at the sewer plant. The bearings in one shaft have already been replaced, and the actual shaft was so deteriorated it had to be replaced, Hoel stated. Hoel recommends taking action to replace the bearings on the remaining shafts to avoid replacing the entire shafts. Truitt moved to waive formal bidding on the contract to replace the end bearings on three shafts in the oxidation ditch at the sewer plant. Waldrop seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop. Rund moved to approve the service proposal with DPS Services, Inc., to replace end bearings on three shafts in the oxidation ditch at the sewer plant, at a cost of \$25,500. Cleland seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.
2. Hoel reported the city received one bid on the annual oil and chip project. Earl Walker Co. bid \$68,410.44, which is below the engineer's estimate. Truitt moved to approve the award for the annual oil and chip to Earl Walker Co., in the amount of \$68,410.44. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.
3. Administrator Hoel discussed the first step of the pavement maintenance program discussed at a prior meeting. South Niles will be the first project, as it will involve mill and overlay. Once this project is designed and bid, we will have a better idea of the extent of the cape seal work. Hoel presented an agreement with Jim Crane, PE, for design preparation of bid documents, and construction guidance in the amount of 7.5% of the awarded contract. Once the agreement is in place, preliminary engineering will begin. Waldrop moved to approve the Engineering and Construction Guidance Agreement for phase I of the pavement maintenance plan on South Niles for mill and overlay, with Jim Crane, PE, at a fee of 7.5% of the awarded contract. Rund seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.

Requests for TIF Assistance

Council discussed a TIF grant request in the amount of \$195,000 submitted by Kenny and Angela Hogue. The Hogue's plan to purchase the former Downtown Diner @ 125 West Sale, do extensive remodeling and open a restaurant/pub. The upstairs apartment will also be remodeled. The total project cost estimate is \$550,000. Mayor Kleiss gave some background on Kenny Hogue's various chef positions in New York, California, and Chicago. Administrator Hoel added the TIF committee is in favor of a downtown restaurant. Hogue has described his proposed restaurant menu as upscale diner; simple food done very well, Hoel stated. Mayor

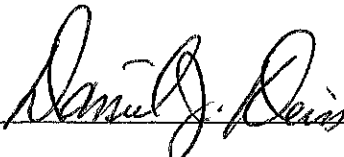

Kleiss added this would improve another downtown building that has been sitting too long and it would also compliment the downtown area. Alderman Day arrived at 7:50 pm. Shoemaker moved to approve a TIF grant in the amount of \$195,000.00, to Kenny and Angela Hogue for their proposed restaurant/pub at 125 West Sale. Truitt seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.

Other

Administrator Hoel gave an update to the Tuscola/Arcola water billing issues. The joint agency has met, agreed on the amount of the error, and the amount (approximately \$168,500) owed to the joint water agency. This amount was collected by the City of Arcola (over a period of 8+ years) and should have been collected by the joint agency. Hoel went on to say the next step is to hire an independent third party accounting firm to audit the reconciliation amount and determine the pay back details.

Mayor Kleiss submitted two names of additional summer hires for the pool. Cleland moved to approve the appointments of David Frye as assistant pool manager and Audrey Henningsen as lifeguard (once certified). Truitt seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.

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


_____ Mayor  _____ City Clerk

CITY OF TUSCOLA APPOINTMENT ROSTER
May 1, 2018 thru April 30, 2019

The following officers of the city are appointed for the annual term indicated above:

Drew Hoel – City Administrator
Craig Hastings – Police Chief
Mike Salmon – Bldg./Elec. Inspector
Brian Moody – Fire Chief
Dennis Cruzan – City Services Foreman
Andrew Bequette, Beckett & Webber
Alta Long – Treasurer

The following individuals are appointed for the annual term indicated above:

PLANNING COMMISSION/ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS/SIGN BOARD OF APPEALS

Steve Hilgendorf-805 E. Van Allen
Gerald Reynolds-1601 N. Prairie
Terry Poindexter-204 Eldorado Dr.
Brett Adkisson-202 E. Daggy
Randy Hastings-34 Walnut Circle
Alan Hettinger-508 E. Barker
Brad Bennett-133 Wilshire Dr.

LIQUOR BOARD

Mayor Kleiss, Commissioner
Curt McDaniel

~~Duane Dunn~~

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