

CITY OF TUSCOLA
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
STATE OF ILLINOIS
TUSCOLA CITY HALL
May 29, 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.

Public Comment - None

Consent Agenda

Mayor Kleiss went over the items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the May 14, 2018, meeting
- Payment of bills totaling \$116,279.97
- Financial report for April 2018
- Request to conduct a fundraising dog friendly fun run at Ervin Park on October 6, 2018
- Street closings : June 23 for Ironhorse Block Party, and September 28 for the TCHS Homecoming Parade

Day moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop. Cleland moved to approve the consent agenda for May 29, 2018. Waldrop seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.

Requested Time on the Agenda - None

Mayor

Mayor Kleiss congratulated the HS girl's softball team, the 4 x 800 relay team, Hunter Woodard, the Jr High girls relay team, and the Warrior baseball team on their fine finishes at state. The Warriors baseball team will play for a state title this Friday, June 1.

Mayor Kleiss commented he was able to attend the Memorial Day recognition at the cemetery and Attorney Bequette did a fine job delivering the address. Bequette stated this was an honor for him; it was a nice event.

City Clerk – No Report

City Treasurer

Treasurer Long reported Eddie Boutilier and Red Barn Veterinary Services are delinquent on their TIF loans. Long reminded council the WEIU staff will hold a meeting tomorrow evening (5/30) @ 6 pm in the Community Building to discuss the 'Our Story Tuscola' storytellers.

City Attorney – No Report

City Administrator – No Report

Contracts and Agreements

1. Administrator Hoel reported the county assessor's office has negotiated the property tax assessment appeal submitted by the current mall owners. The resolution to their appeal decreases the market value for assessment purposes from \$17,259,060 to \$8,000,000

for the 2017 tax year and then to \$6,250,000 (sale price) for the 2018 tax year. Hoel added the assessor's recommendation is that we release any future participation in the process of the value process on this property. Truitt moved to approve the stipulation of value for the 2017 and 2018 tax years on the mall property, PIN #09-08-02-200-015. Hoey seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.

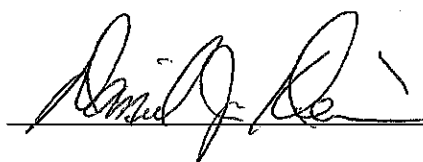
2. Mayor Kleiss opened discussion on an extension to a PSA with Francis and Associates for a study of the Moore pond east of the street shed. The pond is an outlet for two major storm sewers from Prairie Street, but has not been draining properly. Administrator Hoel added the pond is also a potential component of the drainage plan for the route 36/I-57 intersection improvements and development infrastructure. Hoel went on to say there is an existing problem with the pond drainage, as South Prairie often has standing water. The developers will most likely want to use the pond for their drainage plan which will add to the problem. In order to protect our interest and make sure our drainage works, we need to know what is going on there first. Hoel added this should help the development along as well and recommends approval of a study to find a solution to the standing water and the potential for storm water storage in support of the development. Shoemaker moved to amend the PSA with Francis and Associates to include an examination of the Moore pond at a cost of \$5000. Waldrop seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.
3. Administrator Hoel reported we have budgeted for two new mowers in this year's capital plan. The older of our two mowers needs to be replaced now, Hoel stated. The amount budgeted for this replacement is \$15,000, but Tuscola Home Center has offered a price of \$6568, plus trade-in, for a new Toro zero turn mower. Waldrop moved to accept the proposal from Tuscola Home Center and purchase the Toro Model 74274 zero turn mower for \$6568, with trade-in. Day seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.

Other

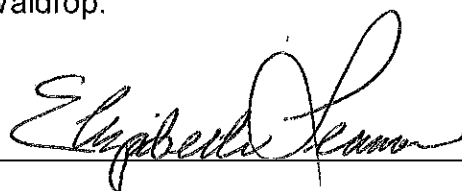
Amy Fulk, Tuscola Police Officer, has completed her training and probationary period, Mayor Kleiss stated. Chief Hastings recommends Fulk be approved for Patrol Officer I. Slaughter moved to approve the pay increase for Officer Amy Fulk from the probationary wage to Patrol Officer I wages, effective April 30, 2018. Cleland seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.

Mayor Kleiss submitted the name of Alex Ray as a part time patrol officer for the police department. Truitt moved to approve the appointment of Alex Ray, as a part time Tuscola patrol officer at a rate of \$16.50 per hour. Truitt seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.

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



Mayor



City Clerk