

CITY OF TUSCOLA
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
STATE OF ILLINOIS
TUSCOLA CITY HALL
August 13, 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 July 23, 2018, meeting
- Payment of bills totaling \$462,079.00
- Community Building lease request for a wedding reception with alcohol from Dan Meyer on September 1-2, 2018
- Community Building lease request for a wedding reception with alcohol from Shawna Sanchez on September 21-23, 2018
- Use of Festival Corner for a small craft market on September 29, 2018
- Use of Festival Corner for a 'Barktoberfest' on October 20, 2018

Day moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Waldrop seconded. A representative of Hands for Paws, sponsor of the planned Barktoberfest, stated they are starting small with this event; this is a family friendly event with games for dogs, a parade, photo shoot, etc. Administrator Hoel pointed out the bills of August 13 include a \$300,000, sewer bond payoff. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop. Shoemaker moved to approve the consent agenda for August 13, 2018. Hoey seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.

Requested Time on the Agenda - None

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 – Absent

City Administrator

Administrator Hoel reported he has received a preliminary report on the third party review of the joint water agency billing issue and will have the final report for council at the next meeting. The auditors agree with the methodology and the earlier reported amount of \$168,457.00.

Contracts and Agreements

- Administrator Hoel reported the only cape seal bid received came in at 17% below the engineer's estimate. Hoel is extremely pleased with this bid and recommends approval

of the contract so work can begin next week. Rund moved to approve the bid award and authorize the execution of the contract documents in the amount of \$263,188.69, with Microsurfing Contractors for the cape seal project on city streets. Shoemaker seconded. Shoemaker asked if this contractor was the same used in Macon County for their projects. Hoel answered he did not know. Shoemaker added Bruce Bird, Macon County Engineer and Tuscola native, offered to show council some of their cape seal projects if anyone was interested. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop

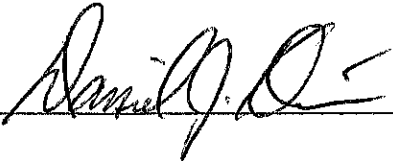
- Administrator Hoel and Inspector Salmon have been researching options for repairs of the clock on Festival Corner and have an estimate for replacing all parts, the controller, glass, and lighting. The bid includes a three-year warranty. Hoel stated we could roll the dice for 3 or 4K and try to get the clock repaired by a technician, but we don't know this would solve the problem and there would be no warranty. Salmon pointed out the relay logic will be replaced with digital logic and will be easier to work on or replace modules. Truitt moved to approve the repair order with Verdin Company in the amount of \$7515, for repairs to the clock on Festival Corner. Cleland seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.
- Hoel reported IDNR announced a grant program last week for public recreation facilities. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources Open Space Land Acquisition & Development (OSLAD) grant can be used for updating current facilities. Hoel reminded council we received this grant many years ago and used the proceeds for some pool upgrades, walking path, and basketball court. Hoel has a proposal in the amount of \$1500, from MSA to prepare the grant application for the tennis and basketball courts which are already being studied by MSA. Hoey moved to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with MSA Professional Services for preparation of the OSLAD grant application and supporting documentation at a cost of \$1500. Waldrop seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.
- The Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forest Resources, is offering surplus tools, accessories, and equipment to fire departments in Illinois. According to Chief Moody, IDNR requires an agreement be in place before departments are told what type of tools/equipment is available. This agreement allows fire departments to receive surplus firefighting equipment at no cost, subject to the terms of the agreement. Slaughter moved to approve the cooperative agreement between the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forest Services, and the Douglas County Fire Department to obtain excess Federal firefighting equipment. Truitt seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.
- Administrator Hoel reported the TIF committee would like to go ahead and proceed with replacement of the damaged Welcome to Tuscola sign on route 36. Day moved to approve the proposal from American Dowell Sign Company in the amount of \$11,953, for purchase and installation of a new Welcome to Tuscola sign on route 36. Shoemaker seconded. Rund asked if the sign was illuminated. Mayor Kleiss answered the sign has a spotlight below it on the ground for lighting. Inspector Salmon added IDOT does not allow illuminated signs on their right of way. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.
- Administrator Hoel reported some time ago we had to replace one of the light poles at the park ball diamond. It is extremely difficult to find someone who will do inspections of poles, unless they are light poles owned by Ameren. Hoel searched and finally found a certified examiner who can perform integrity inspections on all 32 poles at the diamonds.

The pole inspection includes below grade boring, Hoel added, and a written report will be provided describing the condition of each pole. Shoemaker moved to enter into an agreement with DW Inspections in the amount of \$5300, for integrity inspection of all 32 poles at the park ball diamonds. Rund seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.

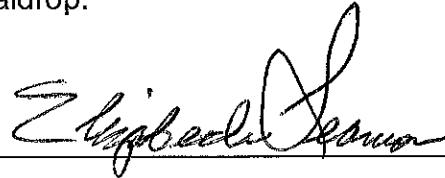
Other

- The city pool will close this Sunday, August 19. This was a good year for the pool.
- Mayor Kleiss reminded everyone of the Our Town segment scheduled for August 17.
- Kleiss stated the Governor signed some new legislation regarding solar farms. Since we will be dealing with a request for a solar farm, it would be a good idea to familiarize ourselves with the legislation.
- Slaughter asked about sidewalk replacement and how the city determines which walks to replace. He's heard from one of his constituents that their walk is in poor condition. Administrator Hoel would like anyone who receives reports of bad sidewalks to contact him.

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