

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

In the absence of Mayor Kleiss, Truitt moved and Shoemaker seconded Alderman Cleland act as the Presiding Officer for the October 9, 2018, council meeting. VOTE YEA* Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt. Alderman Cleland abstained. Motion carried.

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

Public Comment - None

Consent Agenda

Cleland went over the items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the September 24, 2018, meeting
- Payment of bills totaling \$516,967.19
- A pay request from Microsurfacing Contractors, LLC in the amount of \$21,194.08, for the cape seal project
- A Community Building lease request from Linda Ramirez for a birthday party on October 12-13, 2018

Hoey moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt. Truitt moved to approve the consent agenda for October 9, 2018. Day seconded. Treasurer Long noted the approved bills amount this meeting reflect a \$365K plus payment approved for the cape seal project at the September 24, 2018 meeting. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

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 – Absent

Ordinances

Treasurer Long asked council to consider the amount they felt would be appropriate for an increase in the property tax levy for next year. Long pointed out as long as we keep the increase at or below 4.9% over last year's levy, there would be no need for a public hearing. Council felt a smaller increase (2-4%) over last year would be more in line with the increases the past several years. An estimate will be prepared and announced at the next meeting so that the final levy ordinance can be approved at the first meeting in December.

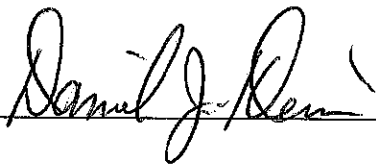
Contracts and Agreements

Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center has asked for a three year extension to their agreement with the city to use the Senior Citizens Center as the host site for the Peace Meal Program. SBLHC has provided this service for many years. Truitt noted this is a great program for residents in Douglas County. Truitt moved to approve the agreement with Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center to extend the Peace Meal host site agreement for three years. Rund seconded. VOTE YEA** Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

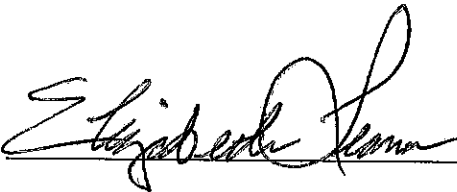
Other

- Council set the Trick or Treat hours for 5:30 – 7:30 pm on Wednesday, October 31.
- Discussion was held on the replacement plan for the ball diamond poles. Several poles need immediate attention. Based on the recommendation of Administrator Hoel, council would like Hoel to get proposals to go ahead and replace four wooden poles on the east diamond; one pole on the Little League diamond; and one pole on the girls' softball diamond as soon as possible – definitely before spring.
- Hoey moved to approve a holiday bonus of \$125 to all full time city employees and firefighters. Day seconded. Treasurer Long pointed out the bonuses will be paid in November so they can be added to the firefighter's annual pay. VOTE YEA** Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt.

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



Mayor



City Clerk