

CITY OF TUSCOLA
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
STATE OF ILLINOIS
TUSCOLA CITY HALL
March 11, 2019

In the absence of Mayor Kleiss, Truitt moved and Shoemaker seconded Alderman Cleland serve as Acting Mayor for the March 11, 2019 meeting. VOTE YEA* Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop. Alderman Cleland abstained. Motion carried. The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order with Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, and Waldrop in attendance. Acting Mayor Cleland led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment - None

Consent Agenda

Acting Mayor Cleland went over the items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the February 25, 2019 meeting
- Payment of bills totaling \$133,904.98
- Community Building lease with alcohol with Allison Donald for a wedding reception March 30, 2019

Truitt moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Waldrop seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop. Hoey moved to approve the consent agenda for March 11, 2019. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.

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. Red Barn Veterinary Services continues to make payments.

City Attorney – No Report

City Administrator – No Report

TFD Presentation

Fire Chief Moody introduced Assistant Chief Haake to discuss the excess property program, stating Haake has been the lead on this program since September 2018. Haake explained the TFD entered into an agreement with the IL Department of Natural Resources, along with the Federal Forestry Department, in August 2018. Through the program units of government can obtain excess federal government property through two websites, at no cost other than shipping costs/transportation. To date, TFD has obtained \$47,287.27, worth of equipment at a total cost to the city of \$3200. Haake went on to say this equipment has created many benefits for the TFD and citizens and has brought us into compliance with the National Fire Protection Agency. Through this program, TFD has been able to procure hand radios for all firefighters, masks for airborne illnesses, tactical response bags for active shooter situations, flashlights for all apparatuses, five laptops, an air hammer rescue kit, and a portable generator. Haake added all of these items have made our department much safer. Any equipment valued under \$5000 is no longer carried on the government's inventory, Haake stated. This program also has vehicles

designated as excess, as well as office equipment and furniture. The only stipulation for receiving these items is to show how the fire department can use them. Truitt asked if having this equipment would lower our insurance fees. Administrator Hoel answered our department is evaluated by the Insurance Services Organization. The better grade the department gets from ISO, the better homeowners insurance rates our citizens will get. Council thanked Haake for his presentation and willingness to seek out these items for the city.

Ordinances

Administrator Hoel discussed the ordinance authorizing the ceding of private activity bonding authority. For several years we have transferred our portion of the State's cap of tax-exempt bonding authority to the Eastern Illinois Economic Development Authority (EIEDA). If we choose not to issue tax-exempt bonds and do not transfer our authority by May 1, the authority goes back to the State of Illinois to be assigned anywhere in the state. As in past years, the city will transfer our bonding authority to EIEDA to be used for projects in our region. Hoel added EIEDA has been involved in potential financing for Cronus Chemicals. Hoey moved to approve ordinance 2019-O-2, an ordinance authorizing the ceding of private bonding authority to the Eastern Illinois Economic Development Authority. Day seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.

Contracts and Agreements

Administrator Hoel discussed a PSA with Francis and Associates for a feasibility study on the southeast portion of I-57/US 36 intersection similar to the one we are currently doing on the west side of the intersection. Hoel added this is very preliminary. The potential developers have asked us to consider and look into the feasibility of this. Day moved to approve a Professional Service Agreement with Francis and Associates for a feasibility study for the east side of the I-57 intersection at route 36, at a cost not to exceed \$5000. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.

Hoel stated our redevelopment agreement for the west side of I-57/route 36 was approved November 2018. The business terms have not changed, but the actual agreement has not been executed because of ongoing revisions and updates to the agreement. Hoel added the design engineering for the intersection is now approximately 90% complete and should be ready to bid in about a month or so. In the final agreement, the city is still responsible for payment for construction of the intersection improvements on route 36, the first 450' of road extension to the north, and sanitary sewer extension from Progress Blvd to the west, for a maximum city contribution of \$1.8 million. Truitt moved to approve the final re-development agreement with 3-D Development, LLC, Love's Travel Stops and Country Stores, Inc., and Roserock Holdings, LLC. Rund seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.

Other

Administrator Hoel updated council on the Plan Commission recommendations for special use permits for two group homes for individuals with intellectual disabilities. These homes will be similar to the ones approved a few months prior. The Plan Commission recommends allowing special use permits for both homes – 509 E. Northline and 106 Fina Drive – with the stipulations of 24 hour supervision and no more than four individuals in each home.

Hoey moved to approve the Plan Commission recommendation to allow a group home for individuals with intellectual disabilities, with 24 hour supervision and no more than four to a home, to be located at 509 E. Northline RD. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Waldrop. VOTE NAY* Slaughter and Truitt. Motion carried.

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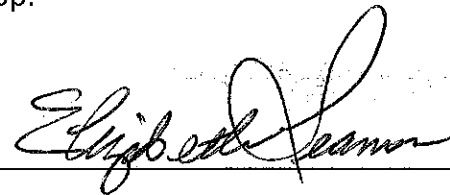
Rund moved to approve the Plan Commission recommendation to allow a group home for individuals with intellectual disabilities, with 24 hour supervision and no more than four to a home, to be located at 106 Fina Dr. Cleland seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Waldrop. VOTE NAY* Slaughter, Truitt. Motion carried.

Treasurer Long called council's attention to the listing of water/sewer account write offs, adding we have good payment rates and have not written off any accounts since 2012. Long stated the write off takes the unpaid balances off the books; however, if someone from the list were to apply for future service the unpaid balance would have to be paid before they could establish an account. Slaughter moved to write off past due water accounts in the amount of \$1187.48 and past dues sewer accounts in the amount of 961.20. Waldrop seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.

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



Mayor



City Clerk