

CITY OF TUSCOLA
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
STATE OF ILLINOIS
TUSCOLA CITY HALL
March 25, 2019

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order with Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop, and Mayor Kleiss in attendance. Alderwoman Truitt was absent. 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 March 11, 2019 meeting
- Financial report for February 2019
- Payment of bills totaling \$106,786.25
- Community Building lease with alcohol for Becky's Buddies for a trivia night fundraiser April 6, 2019
- Pace for Petey 5K route August 10, 2019

Shoemaker moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Cleland seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop. Day moved to approve the consent agenda for March 25, 2019. Waldrop seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Requested Time on the Agenda

Richard Kidwell addressed council on behalf of Donna Kidwell for the Rural Life Antique Show. Kidwell noted the show has been organized by Donna and held in Tuscola twice a year for the past eight years. Each show has grown, gate proceeds have increased, and retail in the area sees increases the week before the show. Kidwell went on to say the community building is beautiful and visitors from up to 20 states comment on what a nice facility we have. Kidwell praised Donna for her knowledge of antiques, as well as the time she spends organizing this event. Kidwell ended by saying he would like to be able to measure the tourism benefits to the city during the antique shows. Kidwell invited any council members who have not attended a show to come to the next one free of charge.

Mayor

Mayor Kleiss read a letter from Drew, Christy, and Sydney Hoel thanking the city for their condolences and donation recently made honoring Drew's father John Hoel.

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

Mayor Kleiss questioned Administrator Hoel about the faulty pole replacements scheduled for the park this spring. Hoel explained there are six poles to be replaced as soon as the weather allows: four on the east diamond, one on the softball diamond, and one on the little league diamond. The remaining poles will be replaced as part of the OSLAD grant program, hopefully at the end of ball season.

Contracts and Agreements

Administrator Hoel discussed the annual renewal of the Employee Assistance Program with Carle for training and counseling services for employees and private counseling services for employees and dependents. Hoey moved to renew the Employee Assistance Program with Carle for one year at a cost of \$896. Rund seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Hoel reported Gina Romine purchased the pool concession area at the end of the season last year from the Josh Ochs family. Romine has requested a lease with the city for the operation of the concession from May 14, 2019 – August 15, 2019, with a lease payment of \$250 per month. Shoemaker moved to approve the lease with Gina Romine for operation of the pool concession from May 14, 2019 – August 15, 2019 @ \$250 per month. Slaughter seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Day moved to approve the purchase of a Toro zero turn mower from Awesome Machines for \$6,995.00, with trade in of 2015 Toro mower. This purchase is included in the current budget. Cleland seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

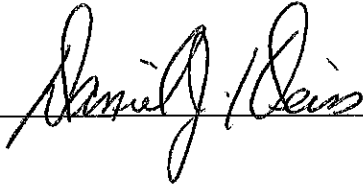
Other

Owen Tucker addressed council about site accesses for several city locations that may have solar systems installed, if applications are approved. Solar Sense, Inc., operated by Owen and Paul Tucker, has installed most of the residential solar panels in town, and propose installing systems on city hall, the south fire station, street shed, community building, senior center, police station, and north sewer plant. Tucker explained the Illinois solar power program pays subsidies for solar systems in various sizes. The smallest system goes up to 2 MW and has a one in 20 chance of being funded. Another category is distribution generation – systems that serve a single account or meter up to 2 MW. This system has two categories: over 10 KW up to 2 MW and 10 KW and under. The over 10 KW category has better odds than the community solar but still not great, Tucker stated. Renewable energy credits will be paid on systems 20 KW and under, if approved. Tucker has applied for systems on seven buildings in Tuscola – two of them are less than 10 KW; the others are greater – and is waiting to see which are selected. Once selection is made, the details can be worked out. Tucker stated the site access agreements have been re-worded to satisfy the state criteria. Tucker provided a new lottery date of April 10, 2019, as when we should know something about our applications. Shoemaker asked for examples of systems that would likely be funded. Tucker stated an average home heated by gas would require a 10 KW system. An all-electric super insulated home, with high efficiency heating and cooling, can also be served by a 10 KW system. The next jump would be a 25 KW system with 100 panels, producing around \$4000 in electricity per year. Shoemaker asked what type of system the community building would need. Tucker answered 25KW. Tucker explained once a capacity is full, additional blocks will be added; however, with each block added there is a reduction in subsidy. Tucker feels we will receive subsidies but they may be slightly reduced. Hoey asked if the funding was all state. Tucker answered yes but there are substantial tax benefits (federal and state). Hoey moved to approve the seven site access agreements to Solar Sense Inc., to be included with the applications for the state solar system program on various

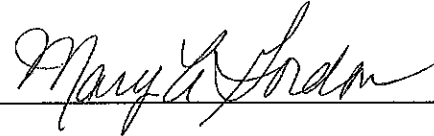
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city sites. Rund seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

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



Mayor



Deputy
City Clerk