

CITY OF TUSCOLA
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
STATE OF ILLINOIS
TUSCOLA CITY HALL
July 22, 2019

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order with Cleland, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop, and Mayor Kleiss in attendance. Alderman Day notified Mayor Kleiss he would be absent. Mayor Kleiss led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Kleiss went over the items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the July 8, 2019 meeting
- Financial report for June 2019
- Payment of bills totaling \$258,496.79
- Pay request from Walker Company in the amount of \$66,666.61, for the annual oil and chip. This amount included in the bills total
- Kiwanis request to hold Peanut Days on October 18-19, 2019
- Community Building lease with alcohol with Hugh & Rinda Ponder for a wedding reception September 7, 2019
- Cub Scout Pack 80 camping at Wimple Park July 26-28, 2019
- South Prairie Street closure for "T" painting on August 11, 2019. It was noted permission was granted at a prior council meeting for this fund raiser. The "T"s will be painted from Apgar Avenue to Daggy Street

Hoey moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Waldrop seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop. Rund moved to approve the consent agenda for July 22, 2019. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.

Requested Time on the Agenda

Debbie Nivens, long time Tuscola resident, addressed council about the smog/smoldering coming from the City's landscape waste facility during the past 6-9 months. Nivens resides at the corner of East Houghton and Carico and states the problem is especially bad in this area. She has had multiple visits to her physician for treatment of lung insufficiencies she believes are caused by the constant smoldering. Nivens would like council to look at ways to either alter or monitor this situation and feels a good option would be to control who is able to use the facility by issuing access cards. Mayor Kleiss pointed out the city staff takes weather and dryness of the waste into consideration before burning at the facility. Often times non-staff users of the facility take it upon themselves to light the waste. Administrator Hoel and city staff will look into the possibility of using access cards and/or installing video monitors at the landscape waste facility.

Mayor

Mayor Kleiss welcomed Gary Alexander to the council meeting and back to Tuscola. Alexander graduated from TCHS in 1989, and has accepted the position of Superintendent of the Tuscola schools.

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 has been making efforts to repay their loan.

City Attorney – No Report

City Administrator – No Report


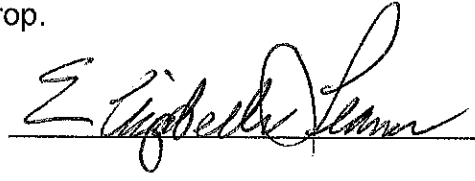
Contracts and Agreements

1. Council took action on some proposed agreements regarding the Ironhorse Special Service Area (SSA). Administrator Hoel pointed out the ordinance to establish a SSA must be approved by the last Tuesday in December in order to be included in this year's tax levy. Also, most expenses can be recovered by the city if the SSA is approved. Shoemaker moved to approve a Professional Services Agreement with PGAV Planners, LLC, in the amount of \$5000. PGAV Planners will assist with establishing a SSA to finance drainage improvements in the Iron Horse Subdivision or consult on other planning, zoning or economic developments. Cleland seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop. Hoey moved to approve a Professional Services Agreement with Francis and Associates in the amount of \$40,000. Francis and Associates will provide surveying and engineering services to design and construct public drainage improvements in the Ironhorse Subdivision. Rund seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.
2. Administrator Hoel discussed some needed repairs to the joint water agency pump station on the Sadorus Road. Hoel explained the joint water agency board has discussed these repairs and believes the cost can be covered by joint agency reserves and/or cash flow in the current year. Because the expenditures are estimated to be high (approx. \$100,000), the councils of Arcola and Tuscola will need to approve each portion of the project. Cleland moved to waive formal bidding on sandblasting and painting the joint water agency pump station located on the Sadorus Road. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop. Truitt then moved to approve the quote from Hanfland Painting and authorize the expenditure of up to \$37,000, to be paid by the Tuscola/Arcola joint water agency, for sandblasting, painting, and welding repairs (if needed) to the joint water agency pump station on the Sadorus Road. Rund seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.

Other

Mayor Kleiss reported he and Administrator Hoel interviewed several good candidates to fill the police department vacancies. Two candidates stood out during the process, Kleiss stated, and they both have accepted the city's offer. Slaughter moved to approve the appointment of Emily Oberg to the Tuscola Police Department, effective July 15, 2019, at a rate of \$21.44 per hour. Waldrop seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop. Cleland moved to approve the appointment of Dakota Mohr to the Tuscola Police Department, effective July 29, 2019, at a rate of \$20.94. Truitt seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.

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

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