

CITY OF TUSCOLA  
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
TUSCOLA CITY HALL  
September 9, 2019

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order with Cleland, Day, Hoey, Shoemaker, Truitt, Waldrop, and Mayor Kleiss in attendance. Aldermen Rund and Slaughter asked to be excused from the meeting. Mayor Kleiss led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Kleiss went over the items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the August 26, 2019 meeting
- Payment of bills totaling \$77,691.80
- Community Building lease request with alcohol from the Cast Iron Pub, September 28, 2019. The request is for use of the building in case of rain during their grand opening
- Community Building lease request with alcohol for the TCHS Alumni all school reunion, September 27, 2019
- Approval of Sweet Soul Boutique outdoor shopping event October 5, 2019

Shoemaker moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Waldrop seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Shoemaker, Truitt, Waldrop. Truitt moved to approve the consent agenda for September 9, 2019. Day seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Shoemaker, Truitt, Waldrop.

Requested Time on the Agenda

Paul Wisovaty addressed council about two upcoming events:

1. The VFW will place 256 flags at East Prairie on 9/11. The flags represent veterans who have died in combat since 9/11/01.
2. The Tuscola Lions Club will hold their annual Candy Days October 25 &26, 2019.

Mayor

Mayor Kleiss shared two proclamations with council. The Rotary Club has asked the Mayor to issue a proclamation declaring October 24, 2019, as World Polio Day. The Tuscola Women's Club has asked for a proclamation acknowledging 125 years of service on October 27, 2019.

City Clerk – No Report

City Treasurer

Treasurer Long reported Eddie Boutilier and Red Barn Veterinary Services are delinquent on their TIF loans.

City Attorney – No Report

City Administrator – No Report

Resolutions

Mayor Kleiss presented a resolution for approval of a City of Tuscola credit card account. Administrator Hoel stated he was happy to answer any questions; staff needs council consent to put a credit card in the city's name. Treasurer Long added this is new in the market. A few years ago staff looked into getting a city credit card but someone would have had to put their SSN on the line. Hoel stated the account will have the same control measures and authorizations as the city's other accounts. Hoey moved to approve resolution 2019-R-4, a resolution to authorize establishment of a City of Tuscola credit card account. Waldrop seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Shoemaker, Truitt, Waldrop.

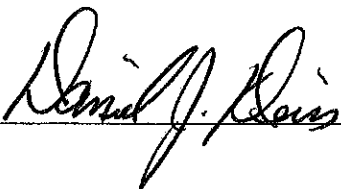
Contracts and Agreements

Administrator Hoel discussed the OSLAD grant and the results of the bidding. Only one bid was received. Open Road Paving bid \$1,111,569.62, for the specified improvements to Ervin Park. The engineer's estimate for this project was \$656,000, Hoel added, and he and the consultant and engineer are currently investigating the discrepancy. Hoel went on to say two things could cause this huge difference: poor bid environment because contractors are busy or there is no interest in the project, or poor bid specs, not a good design, and short timeline. Once Hoel has some answers he will come back to council with a recommendation. Hoel added the project is to be completed by May 2020, according to the grant award.

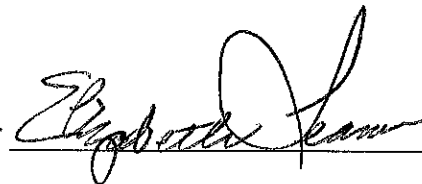
Other

Mayor Kleiss opened discussion for action on two city employee wage step increases, as recommended by Foreman Cruzan. Cleland moved to approve a wage step increase for Jamey Mauzey. Mauzey will increase from \$19.20 to \$21.00 per hour, effective September 9, 2019. Day seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Shoemaker, Truitt, Waldrop. Truitt moved to approve a wage step increase for Jordan Smith. Smith will increase from \$20.60 to \$22.40 per hour, effective September 9, 2019. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Shoemaker, Truitt, Waldrop.

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



Mayor



City Clerk