

CITY OF TUSCOLA  
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
TUSCOLA CITY HALL  
September 23, 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. Sean Conner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Consent Agenda

Mayor Kleiss went over the items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the September 9, 2019 meeting
- Financial report for August 2019
- Payment of bills totaling \$187,622.03

Hoey moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop. Cleland moved to approve the consent agenda for September 23, 2019. Rund seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

#### Requested Time on the Agenda

Sean Conner, representing Toys for Tots, addressed council about the group's plans for the coming holiday season and reported on past years accomplishments. The number of children served has increased substantially each year and more than doubled since 2016. Toys for Tots has increased in volunteers and donations and was named best in the region for 2018. Toys for Tots will collect toys and cash donations on November 9, 2019, from 8:00 am to noon at the corner of Main and Sale and the mall exits.

Jack Ledbetter addressed council about a project he has been working on and would like to finalize for Ervin Park. The project is a Warrior Softball screen for the girl's diamond at the park. Hoey voiced concerns about the screen obstructing the view of folks who come to the games and sit in their lawn chairs. Several council members agreed and pointed out sitting on the bleachers does not give the best view of the game. Ledbetter felt it was about a 50/50 split between lawn chairs and SUV or pick up. Ledbetter added he thinks the screen will look really nice. The funds for the project were all privately donated and the school and city will not have to pay anything. After more discussion, council decided to wait until the next meeting for action. This will give councilmen a chance to get feedback from their constituents.

#### Mayor

- Mayor Kleiss wished Kaleigh Rahn good luck in her new position. Kleiss added he has enjoyed her reporting and her way of promoting the city.
- The library Trunk or Treat will be held Monday, October 28, in the downtown area. Many businesses will be open during this event.
- Trick or Treating in the city will be allowed on Halloween, October 31, from 5:30 – 7:30 pm.

City Clerk – No Report

City Treasurer service

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

City Attorney – No Report

City Administrator – No Report

Ordinances

Council took action on four ordinances related to the city's building codes. This is the final step for adopting updated codes discussed at the August 12, 2019 council meeting. Administrator Hoel added we have excluded the new residential code requiring sprinklers in one and two family dwellings. Administrator Hoel announced Building Inspector Salmon recently attended International Code Council Training and Certification in Chicago. Hoel added there were 42 attendees in the week long training session with only four passing the certification. Inspector Salmon was one of the four and is now a Certified International Code Council International Building Inspector. Mayor Kleiss and council congratulated Salmon on this accomplishment.

1. Day moved to approve ordinance 2019-O-6, an ordinance adopting by reference the Int'l Building Code (2015), the Int'l Residential Code (2015), the Int'l Existing Building Code (2015), and the Int'l Swimming Pool Spa Code (2015) repealing ordinance 2010-O-11; and amending section 150.01 of the city's code of ordinances. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.
2. Slaughter moved to approve ordinance 2019-O-7, an ordinance adopting by reference the Nat'l Electric Code (2014); repealing ordinance 2010-O-10; and amending section 151.01 of the city's code of ordinances. Waldrop seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.
3. Rund moved to approve ordinance 2019-O-8, an ordinance adopting by reference the Int'l Mechanical Code (2015) and the Int'l Fuel Gas Code (2015); repealing ordinance 2010-O-12; and amending section 152.01 of the city's code of ordinances. Hoey seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.
4. Shoemaker moved to approve ordinance 2019-O-9, an ordinance adopting by reference the Int'l Fire Code (2015); repealing ordinance 2010-O-13; and amending section 91.01 of the city's code of ordinances. Day seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Other

Administrator Hoel addressed the Ervin Park improvement bid and plans for moving forward with the project. Hoel stated he has discussed repackaging the bid with the engineers and grant writers. One significant item to note: the project completion is May 2021, not 2020 as previously discussed. Also, we should be able to bid pieces of the project, with city providing tear out when possible, and come closer to the estimated project cost. Slaughter moved to reject the bid from Open Road Paving in the amount of \$1,111,569.62, for the Ervin Park improvements.

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

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

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Mayor

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City Clerk