

CITY OF TUSCOLA

COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
STATE OF ILLINOIS
TUSCOLA CITY HALL
November 12, 2019

Mayor Kleiss opened a Public Hearing at 7:22 pm. Those present* Cleland, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop, Mayor Kleiss. Day was absent. The purpose of the hearing was to discuss the vacation of the 400 block of East Pembroke Street.

Administrator Hoel pointed out that although North Ward High School was built in the 1920's, there is no record of the 400 block of East Pembroke Street being vacated. This needed to be recorded for the development of North Ward Square Estates.

Mayor Kleiss asked for public comment. Hearing none, he declared the hearing closed at 7:25 pm.

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

Public Comment – Chris Hoogendyke was present to discuss speeding on Lakeshore Drive. He has spoken with Chief Hastings, stated they are patrolling, but the problem has not improved. He requested the speed limit be changed to 20 MPH on Lakeshore Drive.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Kleiss went over the items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the October 28, 2019 meeting
- Payment of bills totaling \$121,083.58
- Community Building Lease with Alcohol-Jim and Kay Higgins for a Christmas Party on January 11, 2020

Truitt moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop. Cleland moved to approve the consent agenda for November 12, 2019. Waldrop seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.

Requested Time on the Agenda

None

Mayor

Mayor Kleiss mentioned a letter he received from the Moose Lodge for the "Tommy Moose Program" for first responders on December 3, 2019 and invited council to attend. The Mayor also thanked Treasurer Long for the showing of "All the Queen's Horses", the story of Rita Crundwell, the former Comptroller for Dixon, Illinois, prior to the night's meeting.

City Clerk – No Report

City Treasurer

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

City Attorney – No Report

City Administrator

Administrator Hoel reported that he had received notice from Illini FS terminating their lease, effective at the end of the calendar year, for the property east of the Tuscola Township shed.

Ordinances

As discussed in the Public Hearing, the 400 block of East Pembroke Street needed to formally be vacated so the property may be developed. Hoey moved to approve Ordinance 2019-O-11, An Ordinance to Vacate a Public right of Way (the 400 Block of East Pembroke Street). Rund seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.

Discussion followed regarding available Class A liquor licenses (beer/wine and liquor, on premises). There are currently 7 issued out of 8 authorized. Burgers and Brews will be requesting one, and upon annexation, Ta' Carbon will require one before the first of the year. The ordinance would increase the number authorized from 8 to 12. Shoemaker moved to approve Ordinance 2019-O-12 An Ordinance Amending Section 111.21 of the City of Tuscola Code of Ordinances to Increase the Number of Class A Liquor Licenses. Truitt seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.

Discussion followed regarding available Class D liquor licenses (beer/wine only, on premises). There are currently 2 issued out of 2 authorized. The ordinance would increase the number authorized from 2 to 4. Cleland moved to approve Ordinance 2019-O-13 An Ordinance Amending Section 111.21 of the City of Tuscola Code of Ordinances to Increase the Number of Class D Liquor Licenses. Waldrop seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.

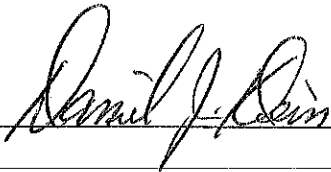
Contracts and Agreements

Treasurer Long discussed the renewal of the city employee's health insurance program. Long recommended staying with Health Alliance on the same plan as last year. The rates will increase just under 5% for the City and 5.6% for the employee, which was noted as a reasonable increase. Rund moved to approve the 2020 renewal for employee health insurance with Health Alliance with the same plan and terms as last year. Hoey seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.

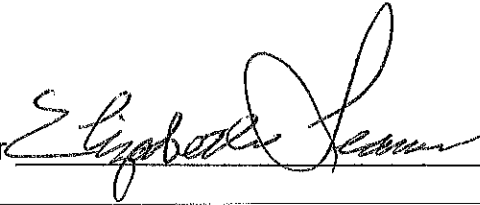
Other

- Mayor Kleiss announced that the tax levy ordinance is available for public inspection prior to consideration. The Mayor stated that he has asked the Treasurer for a visual comparing our revenue from property taxes compared to the different department's budgets, keeping in mind the decrease in sales tax revenue.
- Mayor Kleiss stated that we approved a wage increase for part time officers at our last meeting, but our auditors requested we specify to whom will receive the increase. Lonnie Homann and Sebastian Rivera are the two part time officers receiving the wage increase to \$20. Rund motioned to provide the increase approved at the last council meeting to Lonnie Homann and Sebastian Rivera. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.
- Mayor Kleiss readdressed Chris Hoogendyke's concerns regarding the speeding issue on Lakeshore Drive. Mayor Kleiss and Administrator Hoel stated they don't believe lowering the speed limit would rectify the situation. Discussion followed regarding speed limit signs with cameras. At this time, Mayor Kleiss and Administrator Hoel will discuss with Chief Hastings regarding increasing police presence in that area.

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



Mayor



City Clerk