

CITY OF TUSCOLA  
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
TUSCOLA CITY HALL  
January 13, 2020

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

Consent Agenda

Mayor Kleiss went over the items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the December 23, 2019 meeting
- Payment of bills totaling \$152,866.85

Hoey moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Waldrop seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Truitt, Waldrop. Rund moved to approve the consent agenda for January 13, 2020. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Truitt, Waldrop.

Mayor

Mayor Kleiss noted the city fared pretty well during last week-end's rain event. Foreman Cruzan added a pump went out at the sanitary sewer plant but this did not cause major issues.

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 and is close to being caught up.

City Attorney -- No Report

City Administrator

Administrator Hoel pointed out the full balance has been paid on the North Ward Square property. The developers paid \$20,000 up front and agreed to \$10,000 per lot for the next four lots sold. As it turns out, the developers were able to pay the remaining \$40,000 in one lump sum.

Ordinances

Mayor Kleiss introduced an ordinance concerning the establishment of the Ironhorse Special Service Area. Administrator Hoel noted the objection period for establishing the SSA ended on December 27, 2019. Hoel stated out of the 121 properties there were 49 objections, falling short of the 51% residents required to stop the process. There was no need to count the owner objections since the 51% was not met. Hoel went on to say the city will move forward with the design and bidding if the ordinance to establish is approved. Construction and the bond issue would take place in late summer. The property tax levy will be assessed for the 2020 taxes, payable in 2021. Cleland moved to approve ordinance 2020-O-1, an ordinance concerning the establishment of Ironhorse Special Service Area of the City of Tuscola. Hoey seconded. Truitt asked when the project is finished and we have a rain event like yesterday will it make a difference. Administrator Hoel pointed out this is not surface drainage and is not designed to

drain the whole area. This will replace the tile behind homes that was put in for sump pumps. This will not impact the water in the creek, on the fairways or Lakeshore Drive. The issues at Ironhorse and Parkview are completely different issues and the upgrades made in Ironhorse will not affect the flooding in Parkview. Shoemaker stated he wants to be sure we have followed the rules to the letter and there are no flaws in the process. Administrator Hoel felt very sure the count was conducted properly. He is extremely confident the count is correct. Also, it's been 2.5 weeks since the objection period ended and the city has not received any late objections. Roll was then taken on the motion to establish the Ironhorse SSA. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Waldrop. VOTE NAY\* Truitt. Motion carried.

Resolutions

Two obligatory MFT retirement resolutions were presented for council action. The city uses MFT funds each year to pay down MFT bonds.

1. Shoemaker moved to approve the obligatory retirement resolution in the amount of \$60,088, for the retirement of series 2010 MFT Alternate Revenue Bonds (09-00034-00-GB). Truitt seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Truitt, Waldrop.
2. Cleland moved to approve the obligatory retirement resolution in the amount of \$54,875, for the retirement of Series 2012 MFT Alternate Revenue Bonds (11-00035-01-GB). Hoey seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Truitt, Waldrop.

Contracts and Agreements

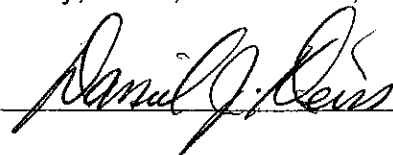
Mayor Kleiss presented an agreement with Carle Resolutions for services under our Employee Assistance Program. This is an agreement approved annually and provides assessment, counseling, referrals, and case management for personal issues such as substance abuse, marital and family issues, and emotional concerns and difficulties. Day moved to approve the one year agreement with Carle Healthcare in the amount of \$896, for employee training and counseling. Waldrop seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Truitt, Waldrop. .

Other

Truitt moved to increase the salary of Cameron Baer, library employee, from \$8.92 to \$9.25/hr., effective January 1, 2020. Rund seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Truitt, Waldrop.

Administrator Hoel went over a minor subdivision final plat for the North Ward Square Estates Second Addition. The developers have submitted a request to subdivide one large lot, north end of the property, into four smaller lots. This will take the development to 17 total lots. Hoey moved to approve the minor subdivision final plat for North Ward Square Estates Second Addition. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Truitt, Waldrop.

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



Mayor



City Clerk