

CITY OF TUSCOLA  
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
TUSCOLA CITY HALL  
August 28, 2017

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order with Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop, and Mayor Kleiss in attendance. Sean Conner, VFW Post 10009, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment-None

Consent Agenda

Mayor Kleiss went over the items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the August 14, 2017 meeting
- Financial report for July 2017
- Payment of bills totaling \$74,596.56
- Request from the Tuscola Rotary to hold their annual SAM food pantry pick-up day on October 21, 2017
- Community Building lease request with alcohol from the TCHS Alumni Association for the all school reunion on September 22-23, 2017
- Homecoming parade route for September 22, 2017
- Cub Scout Pack 80 campout at Wimple Park May 19-20, 2018

Hoey moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Waldrop seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop. Cleland moved to approve the consent agenda for August 28, 2017. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.

Requested Time on the Agenda

Paul Wisovaty and Sean Conner, representing the VFW Post 10009, were present to speak to council about some events the post has planned. On Saturday, September 9, 2017, the VFW will hand out small flags at Main and Sale and the Outlet Mall. Any donations received will go to the general fund for Veteran's needs. Wisovaty and Conner gave flags to council and a fellow post member handed out Toys for Tots pens. On September 11, the VFW will hold an observance at the Douglas County Courthouse, beginning at 8:00 am. Sean Conner gave the floor to a VFW member who spoke to council about the 'Wreaths Across America Program'. This program began in 1992 when an individual who owned a wreath factory donated his Christmas season leftover wreaths to the Arlington National Cemetery. The wreaths were placed on older graves that were not visited very often. The program has grown to include all National Cemeteries in all fifty states. The Tuscola VFW will hold a collection day for the 'Wreaths Across America' program on October 7, 2017. Funds collected through this program will go towards the purchase of wreaths for the cemetery in Danville. There are 11,000 graves in this cemetery. The speaker went on to say, the donations from last year's collection were enough to place wreaths on 5,000 graves in the Danville cemetery. .

Mayor

Mayor Kleiss noted Duane Dunn has informed him he will retire from serving on the liquor commission. Dunn served 18 years on this board. Day moved to approve the resignation of Duane Dunn from the liquor commission board. Truitt seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop. Shoemaker moved to approve the appointment of Bob Utterback to the liquor commission board. Slaughter seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.

Mayor Kleiss read a proclamation submitted by the Tuscola Citizens Against Bullying (CAB), declaring the month of October as Bullying Prevention Month in the City of Tuscola. Sandy Cruzan and another member of the CAB organization accepted the signed proclamation.

Mayor Kleiss presented a certificate of appreciation to Denny Cruzan, City Foreman, for his 45 years of service to the city. Kleiss went on to say the city appreciates Cruzan's years of service and noted Cruzan has gone a long way towards making Tuscola a better place. When asked by Mayor Kleiss, Cruzan stated he felt the one biggest change that has helped him in his job is more and better equipment.

City Clerk – No Report

City Treasurer

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

City Attorney – No Report

City Administrator – No Report

Contracts and Agreements

Administrator Hoel addressed the additional funds needed for Doris Subdivision engineering services. The additional \$3500 is for engineering expenses for post-improvement modeling and is needed to satisfy the agents reviewing the city's Letter of Map Revision for that area. Hoel went on to say, the engineers are confident the measures taken to legally raise the lots in the subdivision above the base flood elevation have been done correctly, but the agency is requiring the modeling. Hoey moved to approve the additional \$3500 to the agreement with Clark Dietz for engineering services required to produce hydrologic modeling for the Doris Subdivision. Rund seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop. .

Other

1. Mayor Kleiss stated Chief Hastings and the rest of the police department recommends bringing Amy Fulk on as a full-time patrol officer. Fulk has completed her firearms and basic training and will need to take the 14 week police institute training. Day moved to approve the appointment of Amy Fulk as a full-time patrol officer I, effective September 11, 2017. The appointment comes with a six month probationary period. Cleland seconded. VOTE YEA\* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.
2. Two properties on East Wilson have been demolished and the city holds the deeds to both. Hoel discussed two options for the sale of these properties. One is to place three public notices in the paper, take bids, and hold a bid opening at a council meeting. The other option is to have an appraisal and list the properties for sale at 80% of the appraisal. Attorney Bequette recommends the bid option, adding most municipalities do not get 80% of the

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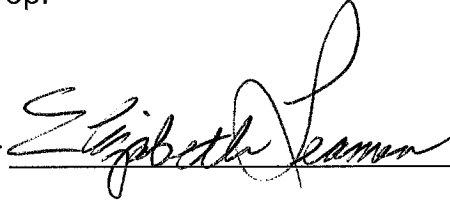
appraisal. Council and Mayor Kleiss agreed to the first option of notices, bids, and a bid opening at a council meeting.

Mayor Kleiss wished everyone a safe Labor Day weekend.

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



Mayor



City Clerk