

CITY OF TUSCOLA  
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
TUSCOLA CITY HALL; and via GoToMeeting video conference  
May 26, 2020

Mayor Kleiss called the May 26, 2020, council meeting to order with Day, Hoey, Rund, Morris, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop, and Mayor Kleiss in attendance. Rund, Morris, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt and Waldrop were attending by video conference. Mayor Kleiss led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

No public comments were received

Consent Agenda

Mayor Kleiss went over the items on the consent agenda for 5/26/20:

1. The minutes of the May 11, 2020 virtual meeting
2. Financial reports for March and April 2020
3. Payment of bills totaling \$149,280.77

Slaughter moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Day seconded. VOTE YEA\*Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop. Hoey moved to approve the consent agenda for May 26, 2020. Morris seconded. VOTE YEA\* Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.

Mayor

Mayor Kleiss thanked Ashley Mattingly and Anna Spillman for playing Taps and Jim Sisco of Ta Carbon for hosting the Taps Across America playing of Taps on Memorial Day.

Mayor Kleiss wished former councilman Boyd Henderson a happy 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday

City Clerk – No Report

City Treasurer

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

City Attorney - Nothing

City Administrator – Nothing

Resolutions

1. Mayor Kleiss and Administrator Hoel discussed the Resolution for Maintenance under the Illinois Highway Code for the annual chip and tar road maintenance project for 2020. The amount \$52,875 is lower than past years and the amount is proposed to be paid from motor fuel tax revenues this year instead of general fund revenues as the MFT fund has built up some cash. Waldrop moved to approve Resolution for Maintenance under the Illinois Highway Code for the annual chip and tar road maintenance project for 2020 in the amount of \$52,875. Rund seconded. VOTE YEA\* Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.
2. Administrator Hoel explained the changes occurring in the municipal electric aggregation market for energy purchasing for residential and small commercial customers. Hoel recommends the city move to a new group of community bidders and move from Good

Energy bid consulting services to Stone River Group. Stone River Group has handled the City's own bid for several years, has a lower fee percentage and history of favorable bids. Shoemaker moved to approve Resolution 2020-R-1, a resolution Authorizing Execution of a Service Agreement with the Lowest Responsible Bidder for the Supply of Electricity for Residential and Small Commercial Retail Customers Who Do Not Opt Out of Such a Program (Municipal Electric Aggregation). Hoey seconded. This will allow Administrator Hoel to participate in a bidding situation and then accept the low bid on behalf of the City. VOTE YEA\* Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.

#### Contracts and Agreements

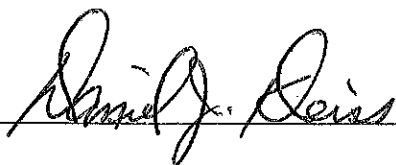
1. Along with the discussion on Municipal Electric Aggregation discussion, Truitt motioned to provide Notice of Termination, effective December 2020, to Good Energy, LP for professional services provided for electric supply bidding. Morris seconded. VOTE YEA\* Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.
2. And finally, on the same discussion Slaughter motioned to approve an agreement for consulting services for electric supply bid consulting with Stone River Group. Rund seconded. VOTE YEA\* Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.
- 3: Mayor Kleiss opened discussion on the wind turbine service and monitoring agreement with Power Grid Partners, LTD. This is the same company we have been dealing with on the wind turbine at the north Sewer sprayfield and the proposed renewal of the agreement is in the amount of \$6,700 for the next year. Hoey motioned to approve the agreement with Power Grid Partners, LTD. Day seconded. VOTE YEA\* Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.
4. Mayor Kleiss opened discussion on the pool concession stand area lease to the Tropical Sno company and Gina Romine. Romine requests the City lease the pool concession stand to her for the operation of Tropical Sno for June-August 2020 with the same lease terms as last year. Administrator Hoel stated that would be \$250 per month for 3 months. Truitt motioned to approve the lease agreement with Gina Romine for Tropical Sno. Waldrop seconded. VOTE YEA\* Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.
5. Mayor Kleiss opened discussion of the needed replacement of the fire chief vehicle. Chief Moody has obtained a quote for a 2020 Ford F-150 4x4 Supercrew truck from Ford of Tuscola on the state bid price of \$30,288.48. This vehicle would replace the 2008 Ford Explorer that has been in service 5 years past the planned replacement and has hail damage from the 2014 storm. Shoemaker motioned to approve the purchase of the 2020 Ford F-150 4x4 Supercrew truck from Ford of Tuscola in the amount of \$30,288.48. Rund seconded. VOTE YEA\* Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop

#### Other

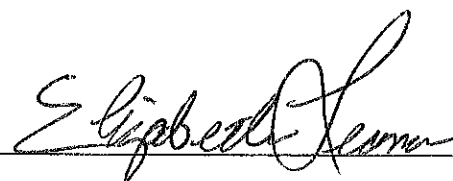
1. Mayor Kleiss opened discussion on the FY 2021 Budget Meeting Process. Administrator Hoel noted that the normal budget process has been held up by the COVID-19 pandemic. In the interest of expediting the process, he and Treasurer Long have put together a draft budget that only includes necessary projects and spending. Mayor Kleiss asked council to review the draft and discuss any issues with him, Administrator Hoel or Treasurer Long.
2. Mayor Kleiss opened discussion of outdoor dining allowed within the Phase 3 of the COVID-19 Restore Illinois plan. Mayor Kleiss and Brian Moody met with downtown restaurant owners to discuss how the city could help them with outdoor dining. Mayor Kleiss is looking at closing some sections of Main Street and city parking lots and

possibly providing tents and picnic tables on the closed areas of the street or parking lots so that restaurant patrons could use those for "dining in" options. Council members voiced agreement with that plan and encouraged the continued collaboration between the City and the businesses to make the best of the situation. Shoemaker wants sufficient signage and social media postings to make the public aware of any change in traffic and parking or road closures. Mayor Kleiss and Moody will continue to work out the plan.

3. Mayor Kleiss asked council to approve an extension of the TCED funding agreement that had expired during the COVID-19 emergency on April 30, 2020. Truitt motioned to extend that agreement, with the same terms, until the budget is final and the issue can be reviewed in whole.
4. The motion to adjourn was made by Hoey and seconded by Day. VOTE YEA\* Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.



Mayor



City Clerk