

CITY OF TUSCOLA  
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
TUSCOLA CITY HALL  
January 11, 2021

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order with Brace (virtual), Day (virtual), Hoey, Morris (virtual), Rund, Shoemaker (virtual), Slaughter, Waldrop, and Mayor Kleiss in attendance. Mayor Kleiss led the Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment - None

Consent Agenda

Mayor Kleiss went over the items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the December 28, 2020 meeting
- Payment of bills totaling \$160,212.72
- Request from Girl Scout Troop 2790 to construct a sled lending shed at Wimple Park

Hoey moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Waldrop seconded. Administrator Hoel clarified the sled lending shed would be a small box for storing sleds at the park. This would be similar to the idea of neighborhood lending libraries. Rund asked if there would be any liability to the city. Attorney Bequette answered he does not see any increased liability to the city from people building a box. VOTE YEA\* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop. Rund moved to approve the consent agenda for January 11, 2021. Waldrop seconded. VOTE YEA\* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Requested Time on the Agenda - None

Mayor

Mayor Kleiss announced the Douglas County Health Department will soon be using the Community Building for Covid 19 vaccinations.

Kleiss congratulated City Treasurer Long on her 20 year anniversary with the city January 15, 2021. Kleiss thanked Long for the fantastic job. Long answered she appreciates the position.

City Clerk – No Report

City Treasurer

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

City Attorney – No Report

City Administrator – No Report

Ordinances

Mayor Kleiss presented an ordinance he requested that would waive liquor license fees for 2021. This includes all businesses currently holding up to date liquor licenses. Kleiss added he felt this would be a good way to help our small businesses during this time. Attorney Bequette added many municipalities are doing this because of the pandemic. The ordinance does not pertain to new businesses requesting a liquor license. Hoey moved to approve ordinance 2021-

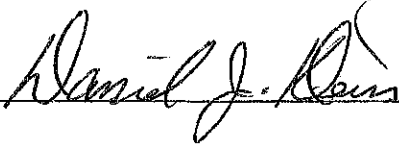
O-1, an ordinance amending section 111.21 of the City of Tuscola code of ordinances and waiving fees for liquor licenses in good standing as of January 1, 2021. Morris seconded. VOTE YEA\* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Other

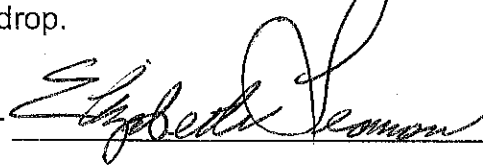
Treasurer Long discussed the amendment to the Section 125 health plan. For several years the city had the section 125 plan for medical and day care reimbursement, Long stated, but when the city went to a higher deductible insurance more employees opted to go with the HSA plan. Due to IRS rules you cannot have a 125 plan in addition to HSA plan. By amending the Section 125, we will remove the medical and day care reimbursement, leaving only the pre-tax of health insurance premiums. Long added the HSA is working well for our employees and the city. Rund moved to approve the Section 125 plan amendment, effective December 31, 2020. Slaughter seconded. VOTE YEA\* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Mayor Kleiss asked all to be safe and continue to drive the numbers down.

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



Mayor



City Clerk