

CITY OF TUSCOLA
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
STATE OF ILLINOIS
TUSCOLA CITY HALL
January 25, 2021

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order with Brace (virtual), Day (virtual), Hoey (virtual), Morris (virtual), Rund, Shoemaker (virtual), Slaughter (virtual), 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 January 11, 2021 meeting
- Financial report for December 2020
- Payment of bills totaling \$195,833.01

Waldrop moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Day seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop. Rund moved to approve the consent agenda for January 25, 2021. Hoey seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Requested Time on the Agenda - None

Mayor

Mayor Kleiss reported the COVID 19 vaccinations are rolling out. This week, the county plans to give 2nd doses to the first persons who received their vaccinations. Clinics will also be held in Tuscola and Arcola this week. State and county numbers are moving in the right direction and Kleiss asks all to keep up the good work.

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

Contracts and Agreements

1. Administrator Hoel discussed some joint water agency purchases needed for maintenance and repairs at the Sadorus pump station. This station provides the water to Tuscola, Arcola, Cabot, West Prairie, and these updates/repairs have been planned for some time now. The Arcola/Tuscola joint water agency and the Arcola council approved the agreement at their most recent meetings. A proposal from Engineered Solutions Midwest, Inc., in the amount of \$121,447, has been submitted. The proposal includes a new pump, variable frequency drive, valves, fittings, flanges, and installation. Rund moved to waive formal bidding on needed updates/repairs to the Sadorus pump station of

the Arcola/Tuscola joint water agency. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop. Hoey moved to accept the proposal from Engineered Solutions Midwest, Inc., in the amount of \$121,447.00, for a new pump, variable frequency drive, valves, fittings, flanges, and installation at the Sadorus pump station of the Arcola/Tuscola joint water agency. Day seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

2. One of the blower units used in the aerification treatment of wastewater at the north sewer plant is in need of replacement, Hoel stated. Our operator has obtained two proposals for this replacement. Hoel recommends approving the lowest proposal submitted by JR Cross Co., for purchase and installation of the new blower. Morris moved to approve the proposal from JR Cross Co, in the amount of \$10,098, for the blower, installation, and set up at the north sewer plant. Waldrop seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.
3. Foreman Cruzan spoke to council about the purchase of a rotary brush mower attachment for the city's Bobcat skid steer. Cruzan pointed out this would be used for mowing sloped areas, overgrown areas, and property clean up. The old equipment being used for this purpose went out last summer and is outdated, Cruzan added. The staff rented a brush mower attachment to try out and Cruzan reported it works tremendously. Rund moved to approve the purchase of a 72" Brushcat attachment from Bobcat of Champaign, in the amount of \$7205.20. Morris seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.
4. Hoey moved to approve an Intergovernmental sale of the 1998 Giant Leaf Vac to the Village of Atwood for \$500. Day seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Other

- Mayor Kleiss read a resignation letter submitted by Officer Jud Wienke. Wienke has accepted a position with the City of Mattoon and will no longer work as a full time officer for the Tuscola Police Department. Wienke would like to stay on as part-time with the city, if possible. Slaughter moved to accept the full-time resignation of Judson Wienke, effective February 12, 2021. Brace seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.
- For some time now, Mike Elsberry has served as our licensed operator on the operating permits for water, north sewer plant, and south sewer plant. Now that Justin Smith is on board and licensed for water permits, we will decrease Elsberry's monthly pay from \$2000 to \$1500. This is in accordance with the original agreement with Elsberry, Administrator Hoel stated. Waldrop moved to adjust Mike Elsberry's salary from \$24,000 to \$18,000 annually. Hoey seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.
- Administrator Hoel and Foreman Cruzan recommend Justin Smith be taken to a full Step III, increasing his salary from \$24.81 to \$26.38/hr. Shoemaker moved to approve the move to Step III and pay increase for Justin Smith, water/sewer employee, effective January 25, 2021. Morris seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

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Mayor Kleiss stated he appreciates the council's trust in the city staff and support on the expenditure of funds this meeting.

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

Samuel J. Kleiss Mayor Elizabeth Lemon City Clerk