

CITY OF TUSCOLA
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
STATE OF ILLINOIS
TUSCOLA CITY HALL
February 8, 2021

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order with Brace (virtual), Day (virtual), Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker (virtual), Waldrop, and Mayor Kleiss in attendance. Alderman Slaughter was absent. 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 25, 2021 meeting
- Payment of bills totaling \$110,614.78

Waldrop moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Day seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Waldrop. Day moved to approve the consent agenda for February 8, 2021. Hoey seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Waldrop.

Requested Time on the Agenda - None

Mayor

Mayor Kleiss read a nice note from Angie, AA Saloon, thanking the city for the rebate on her 2021 liquor license. Angie's note included an invitation to stop by the saloon to check out the changes she's made and to try her new menu.

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

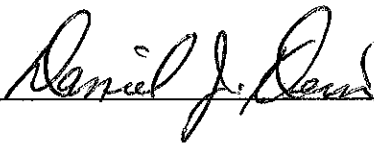
Ordinances

Mayor Kleiss introduced an ordinance to assign the city's allocation of the state tax-exempt private activity bonding authority. Tuscola has received a yearly allocation since becoming a home rule community in 2003, Kleiss stated. Each year, municipalities can either use the allocated funds for economic development or allocate the funds to their region to be used for larger projects. The city's 2021 allocation is approximately \$480,000. Since there are no economic development projects pending, we will assign the allocation to the Eastern Illinois Economic Development Authority (EIEDA) for their use. Morris moved to approve ordinance 2021-O-2, an ordinance authorizing the ceding of private activity bonding authority to EIEDA. Hoey seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Waldrop.

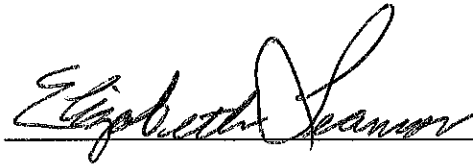
Contracts and Agreements

1. Mayor Kleiss discussed the annual agreement with Carle Health Care Incorporated for the city's Employee Assistance Program. This agreement provides for basic assessment, counseling, referral, and case management for personal issues such as substance abuse, marital and family issues, emotional concerns and difficulties, at a cost of \$32 per employee per year. Rund moved to approve the one year agreement with Carle Health Care Incorporated for the Employee Assistance Program at a cost of \$896. Waldrop seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Waldrop.
2. Administrator Hoel reported the city's server is scheduled for replacement this year and is included in the budget. Problems are cropping up and the replacement has become urgent. Administrator Hoel and Treasurer Long have a \$12,760 quote from Simplified Computers and would like approval to proceed now with this replacement. Hoel went on to say he has learned prices are quite volatile right now and he suggests setting a not to exceed cost of \$15,000. Waldrop moved to approve the purchase of a new server for City Hall from Simplified Computers at a not to exceed cost of \$15,000. Rund seconded. Rund asked if the city would benefit from purchasing a larger system with more resources that would last further into the future. Long answered the city buys a very nice server. We are actually retracting needs for a server since several programs are now in the cloud. Long added we are building a robust server she thinks will cover our needs. Unfortunately, seven years is about the life span of any server, Long added. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Waldrop.

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



Mayor



City Clerk