

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

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order with Brace, Day (virtual), Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop, and Mayor Kleiss in attendance. Alderman Morris 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 February 22, 2021 meeting
- Payment of bills totaling \$114,904.17
- Request from Tuscola Oddfellows to hold a "Little Free Pantry" on Festival Corner
- Request from Debbie Butts and Michael Jones to have a live band at Ervin Park on June 5, 2021

Day moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Rund seconded. Alderman Hoey asked to remove the live band at Ervin Park request from the consent agenda and vote on it separately. Day rescinded his motion; Rund rescinded his second. Hoey moved to approve the items on the consent agenda for March 8, 2021, after removing the live band request. Rund seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop. After several asks for a motion on the live band question, Day moved to approve the request of Debbie Butts and Michael Jones to have a live band at Ervin Park on June 5, 2021. Waldrop seconded. Mayor Kleiss asked if there was some reason we would not allow this. Hoey answered he does not know he is totally against this but also doesn't know if we have ever allowed weddings at the park with bands and tied up a portion of our park from our residents. Shoemaker asked if we would be setting a precedent by allowing this and is a permission request necessary since this is a public park. Mayor Kleiss answered we have had weddings and live bands at the park in the past. Administrator Hoel pointed out anytime someone asks permission for a park event, it always goes on the agenda. The statute says a gathering of over 25 people requires a permit and City; the City Council minutes are the permit. Hoel added we would not be setting a precedent as we have had weddings and bands at Ervin Park many times. Hoey asked about the size of the wedding. Treasurer Long stated she did not speak to the requestors but another employee did. Butts and Jones indicated to the employee this would be a small event lasting about two hours. Long added it was made clear to the requestors the park and pavilions are first come first served and it doesn't matter if they have council permission if someone beats them to the spot. The park will remain open during the entire time. Shoemaker asked about any baseball/softball tournaments that might be going on and adding to the congestion. Administrator Hoel answered he is not aware of any. The requestors will be required to follow Covid guidelines and abide by park rules. Roll was then taken on the motion to allow the wedding with live band at Ervin Park on June 5, 2021. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop. VOTE NAY* Hoey. Motion carried. Shoemaker then moved to approve the consent agenda for March 5, 2021, as amended. Waldrop seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Requested Time on the Agenda - None

Mayor – No Report

City Clerk – No Report

City Treasurer

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

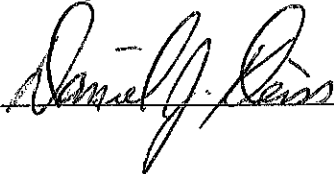
City Attorney – No Report

City Administrator – No Report

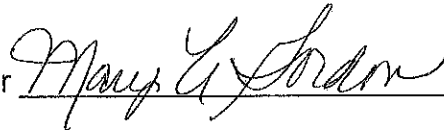
Other

Administrator Hoel announced budget meetings will be held the week of March 22 and March 29, and went over the committees with council. After some brief discussion, the following committee meetings were set: Public Works – 3/23 @ 3 pm; Community Development and Planning – 3/25 @ 3:00 pm; Finance and Administration – 3/31 @ 3:00 pm; Public Safety – TBD, likely 3/29 or 3/30. Public notices and agendas will be prepared and published prior to the meetings.

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



Mayor



Deputy
City Clerk