

CITY OF TUSCOLA
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
STATE OF ILLINOIS
TUSCOLA CITY HALL
August 14, 2017

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order with Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, 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 July 24, 2017 meeting
- Payment of bills totaling \$221,563.44
- Pay request from Donohue & Associates in the amount of \$37,802.46, for SCADA system upgrades
- Pay request in the amount of \$23,750, from DPS Equipment Services for oxidation ditch repairs
- Request from the Tuscola Kiwanis Club to hold their annual Peanut Days September 29-30
- Community Building lease request from Linda Middleton for an anniversary party with alcohol on September 16, 2017
- Date change for the 2018 Pace for Petey. New date is August 4, 2018
- Artisan Market to be held on Festival Corner September 30, 2017

Cleland moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Day seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop. Hoey moved to approve the consent agenda for August 14, 2017. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.

Requested Time on the Agenda - None

Mayor

Mayor Kleiss noted the city received a thank you for their condolences on the passing of Vernon Billman. Mr. Billman was the father of Cassie Hardwick and father-in-law of Rob Hardwick.

City Clerk – No Report

City Treasurer

Treasurer Long reported Eddie Boutilier, Red Barn Veterinary Services, and Rachael Puckett are delinquent on their TIF loans. Long noted the city has paid off the original water bonds. The original sewer bonds will be paid off next year.

City Attorney – No Report

City Administrator – No Report

Contracts and Agreements

Administrator Hoel reported Hunt Excavating has begun work on the softball diamond backstop. Hoel would like council approval of Hunt's proposal to install the footing, and concrete wall and pole foundations, similar to the installation done at the Little League diamond last year. Waldrop moved to approve the proposal from Hunt Excavating for the softball diamond wall, at a cost not to exceed

\$10,000. Cleland seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.

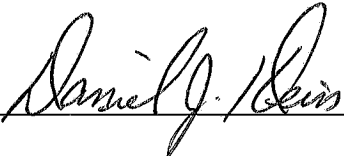
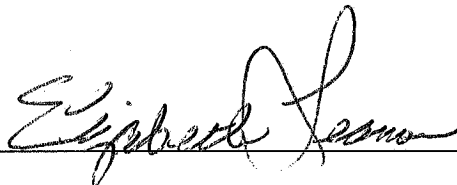
Administrator Hoel discussed The Fitness Center's corporate membership program, reporting the city qualifies for this type of membership. The city would pay a \$200/month fee, and every employee and dependent would be eligible to purchase an individual membership for \$8 per month. These fees are locked in for two years. Hoel went on to say this will be considered a taxable fringe benefit to employees who enroll, but the impact should be minimal. Slaughter moved to approve the city's enrollment in the corporate membership program at The Fitness Center at a cost of \$200 per month. Rund seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.

Other

1. Council briefly discussed an extension of the Interim Sergeant position for Heath Thurston. Chief Hastings pointed out Thurston has stepped up as Interim Sergeant during the time Sergeant Payne has been off duty and has done a great job. Hastings encouraged council to keep Thurston at this level. Truitt moved to extend Heath Thurston's Interim Sergeant Position until the matter comes back to council for discussion. Thurston will be paid at his current rate during this time. Waldrop seconded. VOTE YEA* Cleland, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Truitt, Waldrop.
2. The appointment of a part-time patrol officer was tabled.

Mayor Kleiss welcomed everyone back to school and wished them a good, safe year.

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

 Mayor  City Clerk