

CITY OF TUSCOLA  
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
TUSCOLA CITY HALL  
April 26, 2021

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order with Brace, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop, and Mayor Kleiss in attendance. Alderman Day 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 April 12, 2021 meeting
- Financial report for March 2021
- Payment of bills totaling \$286,087.51
- Pay request in the amount of \$149,305.00 from Ne-Co Asphalt for Ervin Park improvement projects (amount included in total bills)
- Permission for fundraising to Tuscola Lions Club for Diabetes Alert Day May 22, 2021

Hoey moved to approve the items on the consent agenda for April 26, 2021. Waldrop seconded. VOTE YEA\* Brace, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop. Slaughter moved to approve the consent agenda for April 26, 2021. Rund seconded. VOTE YEA\* Brace, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop

Requested Time on the Agenda - None

Mayor

Mayor Kleiss gave a shout out to Foreman Cruzan and the city crew for their work at the park. Kleiss noted the improvements are nearing completion and the ball diamonds look great.

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

Contract and Agreements

- Administrator Hoel discussed an Engineering Services Agreement with Donohue and Associates in the amount of \$204,770. Donohue and Associates will oversee all aspects of the SCADA design and installation for the Arcola/Tuscola joint water agency. Hoel notes the entire expense will be paid from joint agency funds. Shoemaker moved to approve the engineering services agreement with Donohue and Associates for the SCADA control system improvements to the Arcola/Tuscola water line at a cost of \$204,770, paid entirely by the joint Arcola/Tuscola water agency. Rund seconded. VOTE YEA\* Brace, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

- Administrator Hoel asked for council action on an IDOT Intergovernmental Agreement providing for cost sharing of traffic signal operation and maintenance on route 36. This agreement extends an existing agreement, Hoel added, and will reimburse the city for a portion of expenses associated with electrical and cell modem service and signal repairs on the route 36 traffic signals. Morris moved to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with IDOT for traffic signal and maintenance reimbursement effective July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2031. Waldrop seconded. VOTE YEA\* Brace, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Other

Mayor Kleiss opened discussion on the recent meeting of the Plan Commission set to act on a Special Use Permit request. The request was submitted by Newt Investments and asks for approval of a SUP for a group home on 815 Timmons Drive, which is zoned D-2 and does not allow for group housing. The Plan Commission vote on the matter ended in a tie, leaving the decision to the city. (Plan Commission minutes attached). Heather Houser, Newt Investments, addressed council and spoke about the overwhelming need for more groups homes in our area. Houser told council this home would follow the same guidelines as the other group homes in Tuscola and have a maximum of four residents per home and 24/7 staffing. Two Timmons Drive residents were in attendance to address some concerns. LuAnn Victor brought up the drainage in this section of town, stating standing water after rain has always been a problem. Houser felt the group home would not worsen any drainage issues in the area. Debbie Scott asked about increased parking and the possibility of cars parked in the street being hit by delivery vehicles. Houser stated vehicles would be parked in the driveway at the residence. Hoey moved to approve a Special Use Permit to Newt Investments for a group home located at 815 Timmons Drive, with no more than four residents per home and staffed 24/7, as stated in previous SUP for group homes. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA\* Brace, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Waldrop. VOTE NAY\* Slaughter. Motion passed.

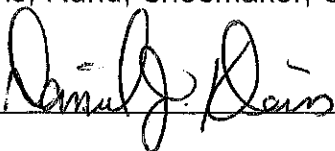
Treasurer Long asked for action on the annual write off of past due utility bills considered uncollectable. Long added this takes them out of the monthly accounting cycle. Former residents on the list will be required to pay the amount owed before re-establishing service. Slaughter moved to approve the write off of \$2776.54, in uncollectable past due utility bills. Morris seconded. VOTE YEA\* Brace, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Waldrop moved to approve the FY 22 wage and salary schedule as presented. Hoey seconded. (Copy attached). VOTE YEA\* Brace, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

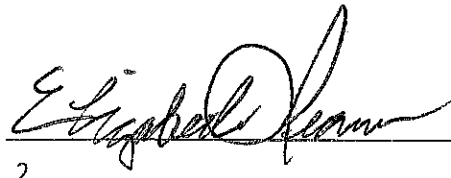
Morris moved to adopt the FY 22 budget as presented. Rund seconded. VOTE YEA\* Brace, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Administrator Hoel addressed some concerns around being able to open the pool at the end of May. Hoel stated his main concern is having enough lifeguards. The city has received nine applications for lifeguard positions; however, only one is certified and six are scheduled for certification. Hoel went on to say 20 guards is a normal target for pool season. Hoel and the staff will continue to reach out to students and former lifeguards in an effort to get more applicants. Hoel ended by saying he is not confident we will be able to open the pool this year and a decision will need to be made at the next council meeting. Council briefly discussed lifeguard certification and whether or not the city could hire a Red Cross instructor to train potential employees. Council also discussed maintenance if the pool does not open for a second year.

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



Mayor



City Clerk

## FY 2022 Wage Schedule

Employee	Salary/hourly pay	Wage Scale Step
Drew Hoel	102,843.31	Annual
Denny Cruzan	77,317.44	Annual
Craig Hastings	81,982.00	Annual
Alta Long	69,671.63	Annual
Mike Salmon	55,729.08	Annual
Devin Black	56,100.00	Annual
Angie Gordon	20.95	3
Angela Hawkins	20.95	3
Ann Carter	15.41	2
Anna Nelson	15.90	n/a
Robert Geiler	25.05	3
Rob Hardwick	25.05	3
Jeff Smith	25.05	3
Blane Reinhart	23.42	2
Cody Mann	23.42	2
Jon Higar	23.42	2
Jordan Smith	23.42	2
Jamey Mauzy	21.96	1.5
Justin Smith	27.04	3
Mike Elsberry	18,000	Annual
an Tabeling	23.42	2
ice Nofftz	11.25	PT
ath Thurston	28.28	SGT
Gary Miller	25.43	3
Tim Jimenez	24.23	2
Emily Bradley	22.42	1
Dakota Mohr	22.42	PROB
Rich Lamb	21.82	PT-R
Rex Hall	21.82	PT-R
Lonnie Homann	20.00	PT
Sebastian Rivera	20.00	PT
Todd Thomas	21.82	PT
Joyce Ragle	16.33	PT
Pennie Trimpler	17.08	
Richard Eiche	14.13	
Marta Slaughter	12.63	
Amy Bloomer	12.63	
Marla Vearil	12.00	

### Tuscola Fire Department

Brian Moody- Fire Chief	8,200.00	+ meeting and call pay
Todd Ray- Asst Chief	4,800.00	+ meeting and call pay
Fire Meeting Pay	23.00	
Fire Call Pay	29.00	
Planning Commission	20.00	

### Annual Independent Contractor Legal Services

Andrew Bequette, Beckett Law Office	32,000
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### Tuscola City Officials

Daniel Kleiss	\$600 per month stipend; \$50/committee meeting
Beth Leamon	\$400 per month stipend; \$50/committee meeting
Juanita Brace	\$100/ council meeting; \$50/committee meeting
Alan Shoemaker	\$100/ council meeting; \$50/committee meeting
St Day	\$100/ council meeting; \$50/committee meeting
Ma Waldrop	\$100/ council meeting; \$50/committee meeting
Ma Morris	\$100/ council meeting; \$50/committee meeting
Tim Hoey	\$100/ council meeting; \$50/committee meeting
Troy Rund	\$100/ council meeting; \$50/committee meeting
Dave Slaughter	\$100/ council meeting; \$50/committee meeting