

CITY OF TUSCOLA
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
STATE OF ILLINOIS
TUSCOLA CITY HALL
May 10, 2021

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order with Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Slaughter, Waldrop, and Mayor Kleiss in attendance. Alderman Shoemaker 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 26, 2021 meeting
- Payment of bills totaling \$329,507.38 (approved pay request from last meeting included)

Waldrop moved to approve the items on the consent agenda for May 10, 2021. Rund seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Slaughter, Waldrop. Hoey moved to approve the consent agenda for May 10, 2021. Morris seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Slaughter, Waldrop

Requested Time on the Agenda - None

Mayor

Upon the recommendation of Chief Moody, Mayor Kleiss asked for council approval of three probationary fire fighters. Slaughter moved to approve the probationary appointments of Matthew Bright, Nicholas Cler, and Aaron Warren as Tuscola Fire Fighters. Rund seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Clerk Leamon gave the oath of office to Mayor Kleiss. Kleiss is beginning his ninth term as Mayor. Mayor Kleiss then gave the oath to Clerk Leamon and Aldermen Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund. Terms are four years except for Brace and Morris who are two. Alderman Shoemaker will be sworn in at the May 24 council meeting.

Hoey moved to approve the appointments of City of Tuscola Officers, Plan Commission, Joint Water Agency Board, and Liquor Board, for the fiscal year May 1, 2021 – April 30, 2022. Day seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Slaughter, Waldrop. Copy attached making these appointments part of the minutes. Mayor Kleiss mentioned the final mural touchups were done at the museum this past Saturday. There is a QR code at the door to the museum that can be scanned for information about the mural.

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

Administrator Hoel reported West Prairie Water has located and repaired a 120 gallon per minute leak in their water line along route 36. This leak has been causing our water pressure issues, Hoel added, and we are already seeing a change in how quickly our water tower fills and recovers.

Contract and Agreements

- Slaughter moved to waive formal bidding on the demolition of the old street shed. Morris seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Slaughter, Waldrop.
- Morris moved to award the \$11,000.00 proposal, submitted by Block Field Tiling, LLC, for demolition of the old street shed. Waldrop seconded. Administrator Hoel pointed out two proposals were received for the demolitions; Block submitted the lowest proposal. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Slaughter, Waldrop.
- Hoey moved to approve the purchase of a 2020 Ford police interceptor utility AWD hybrid from Morrow Brothers in Greenfield, Illinois, at the state bid price of \$38,585. Slaughter seconded. Chief Hastings added the fuel savings with the hybrid vehicle will justify the additional expense in two years. Also, the battery on these vehicles will last 100,000 miles before it needs to be replaced. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Slaughter, Waldrop.
- Morris moved to approve the purchase of new fire hose in the amount of \$10,153.50, from Municipal Emergency Services. Waldrop seconded. Chief Moody stated the hose currently in use by the department is > 20 years old and the expected life of fire hose is about 10 years. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Other

Administrator Hoel began the discussion about summer swimming pool operations and rates by stating we now have 21 lifeguard applicants. Of these, one guard is fully certified; seven will be certified in the next two weeks; an additional seven will be taking a Red Cross class in Sullivan this weekend. Hoel went on to say he thinks we can get close to an appropriate level of staffing. The manager will be moving here from another location and will be on hand Memorial Day weekend. The city crews began cleaning the pool today. Hoel feels the pool will not be ready by Memorial Day, but close to it. Hoel added if council will give the staff some leeway with days, hours, etc., he thinks we can have the pool opened for a good portion of the summer. Treasurer Long has been looking into rates, fees, and avoiding cash handling and has proposed selling punch cards. No family season passes will be offered. Families can purchase as many punch cards as they want in any denomination. The best deal would be a card with 50

punches for \$100. Hoel and Long also recommend selling one person (w/pic on card) unlimited pass for \$35. Due to the situation this year, unused punches can be carried over to next year. At this point, number of swimmers allowed in the pool at the same time is not known. The situation changes frequently but state guidelines will be followed in all scenarios. Treasurer Long publicly thanked Jean Holmes, TCHS, for helping recruit students for lifeguarding positions. Waldrop moved to approve the summer hires for the pool and street/park as presented. Brace seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Slaughter, Waldrop. Copy of hires attached, making them part of the minutes.

Mayor Kleiss asked for approval of step increases for two patrol officers. These increases were recommended by Chief Hastings. Slaughter moved to approve an increase to Patrol Officer Step III (from II) for Officer Tim Jimenez and an increase to Patrol Officer Step II (from I) for Officer Emily Bradley. The increases are effective May 17, 2021. Mayor Kleiss added both officers are doing a great job. The city recognizes this and thanks them for their service. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Slaughter, Waldrop.

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

David J. Kleiss ← Mayor ↔ Elizabeth S. Slaughter City
Clerk

CITY OF TUSCOLA APPOINTMENT ROSTER
May 1, 2021 thru April 30, 2022

The following officers of the city are appointed for the annual term indicated above:

Drew Hoel -- City Administrator
Craig Hastings -- Police Chief
Mike Salmon -- Bldg./Elec. Inspector
Brian Moody -- Fire Chief
Dennis Cruzan -- City Services Foreman
Andrew Bequette, Beckett & Webber
Alta Long -- Treasurer

The following individuals are appointed for the annual term indicated above:

PLANNING COMMISSION/ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS/SIGN BOARD OF APPEALS

Steve Hilgendorf-805 E. Van Allen
Gerald Reynolds-833 Lakeshore Dr.
Terry Poindexter-204 Eldorado Dr.
Brett Adkisson-202 E. Daggy
Randy Hastings-34 Walnut Circle
Alan Hettinger-508 E. Barker
Brad Bennett-133 Wilshire Dr.

LIQUOR BOARD

Mayor Kleiss, Commissioner
Curt McDaniel
Bob Utterback

ARCOLA/TUSCOLA JOINT WATERLINE BOARD

Drew Hoel
Alan Shoemaker
Troy Rund

Summer Hires 2021

Managers - \$14.00/hr

Taylor Harris
Jean Holmes

Street & Park Departments - \$11.00/hr

Brynn Tabeling

Cashiers - \$11.00/hr

Nathalie Arroyo
Ella Boyer
Raeanna Boyer
Ashley Buck
Emily Czerwonka
Makenna Fiscus
Victoria Ingram
Murielle Jones
Elizabeth Lee
Miranda Long
Kendyl Ring
Alana Simms
Harley Woodard

New Guards already certified - \$11.50/hr

Brady Urban

New Guards to hire after certified- \$11.50/hr

Nathan Bensyl
Zoe Clifton
Grace Dixon
Addi Fowler
Tristan Gadomski
Liam Hetland
Mason Holmes
Ben Hornaday
Samantha Hunt
Emily Kemp
Allison Kneer
Emily Ray
Brogan Rennert
Katie Smith
Blake Taylor
Neil Walker
Logan Wallace
Skylar Wilkins
Alyssa Williams
Lauren Woods