

CITY OF TUSCOLA
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
STATE OF ILLINOIS
TUSCOLA CITY HALL
May 24, 2021

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order with Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop, and Mayor Kleiss in attendance. Mayor Kleiss led the Pledge of Allegiance. Before beginning the meeting, Mayor Kleiss gave the oath of office to Alderman Shoemaker.

Public Comment - None

Consent Agenda

Mayor Kleiss went over the items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the May 10, 2021 meeting
- Financial report for April 2021
- Payment of bills totaling \$167,785.01
- Approval of revised payment amount of \$39,105 (add'l \$520), for squad car purchase approved 5/10/21

Day moved to approve the items on the consent agenda for May 24, 2021. Morris seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop. Day moved to approve the consent agenda for May 24, 2021. Waldrop seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Requested Time on the Agenda - None

Mayor

Mayor Kleiss congratulated the Tuscola school students, faculty, staff, and administration on the completion of a successful academic year.

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 made a public plea to the residents of Meadowview to fill out the income surveys they recently received from the city. The income surveys are the first step for qualification of a large state grant. In order to be considered for a grant to improve the water system in Meadowview, at least 75% of the residents must fill out and return the surveys. Hoel added the most recent request the city sent to the Meadowview residents included the offer of a reduced water bill if surveys were

completed and returned. Hoel ended by saying the city has not been eligible for this type of grant in 20 years. With the new census numbers, the Meadowview subdivision now qualifies.

Ordinances

Mayor Kleiss presented an ordinance amending the regulation of golf carts in the city. The amendment to the ordinance allows for self-inspection of the carts followed by certification in writing for permitting purposes. Hoey moved to approve ordinance 2021-O-4, an ordinance amending section 70.18 of the city of Tuscola code of ordinances regulating the permitting of golf carts. Morris seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Resolutions

A revised personnel policy resolution was presented for council approval. The revisions in the resolution reflect operational practices and comply with changing state and federal laws. Rund moved to approve resolution 2021-R-1, a resolution adopting a revised city of Tuscola personnel policy. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Contract and Agreements

- A Professional Services Agreement with Clark Dietz was presented for council action. The PSA provides for data collection, stakeholder interviews, preliminary capital planning, and a preliminary findings memo for the city's capital improvement planning. Day moved to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Clark Dietz in the amount of \$15,000, for capital improvement planning. Waldrop seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.
- Hoey moved to approve the audit engagement letter submitted by Larsson, Woodyard & Henson, LLP. The proposal is for the city's annual audit for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2021, at a cost of \$16,000. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.
- Administrator Hoel reported Gina Romine has submitted a lease request for the Tropical Sno pool concession area for the summer months. The request is at the same rate as previous years. Morris moved to approve the three month lease request with Gina Romine for the pool concession area at the rate of \$250 per month. Hoey seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.
- Day moved to approve the purchase of a Toro Workman MDX from MTI Distributing for \$9,170.87, with trade in of current Toro Workman. MTI was the low bidder on this purchase. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

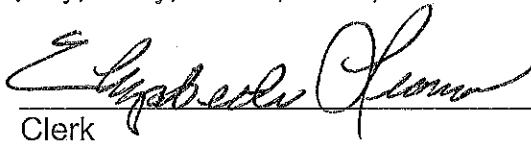
Other

Three more pool employee names were presented for approval. Jason Rennert, pool manager @ \$14/hr; and Bryson Graves and Tytus Rennert as lifeguards (when certified) @ \$11.50/hr. Waldrop moved to approve Jason Rennert, Bryson Graves, and

Tytus Rennert as summer pool employees. Rund seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop. Administrator Hoel reported we are slowly gaining more lifeguards for the pool and should be able to open most days. The pool will not open by Memorial Day but should be ready soon after.

Administrator Hoel opened bids received for the two surplus properties on East Wilson Street. Three bids were received on the 111 East Wilson property. The highest bid was submitted by Metro Communications Company and is contingent on a zoning change for a special use permit for utility. Two bids were submitted on the 607 East Wilson property. The high bid was submitted by Larry Watkins. Slaughter moved to accept the bid of \$15,000, with contingency, submitted by Metro Communications Co, on the 111 East Wilson property and the bid of \$5,001, submitted by Larry Watkins, on the 607 East Wilson property. Brace seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

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


Clerk

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