

CITY OF TUSCOLA  
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
TUSCOLA CITY HALL  
June 28, 2021

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order with Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris (virtual), Rund, Slaughter (virtual), Waldrop, and Mayor Kleiss in attendance. Aldermen 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 June 14, 2021 meeting
- Financial report for May 2021
- Payment of bills totaling \$153,637.05,
- Community Building lease with alcohol request from Heather Sumption for July 17, 2021
- Request to hold a Parade of Queens event on July 31, 2021, immediately after the Miss Tuscola contest
- Request for Parkview neighborhood bicycle parade July 10, 2021
- Increase of \$250 to Ford of Tuscola for cost of 2022 Ford F450 approved June 14, 2021, making total \$38,348.68

Alderman Shoemaker arrived at 7:33 pm. Day moved to approve the items on the consent agenda for June 28, 2021. Waldrop seconded. VOTE YEA\* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop. Day then moved moved to approve the consent agenda for June 28, 2021, as presented. Rund seconded. VOTE YEA\* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Requested Time on the Agenda

Tuscola resident Jamie McDonald and daughter Katie, addressed council about their plans to operate a mobile vending snack cart in Tuscola. McDonald plans to offer products such as beef jerky, chips, candy, drinks (all Illinois sourced), out of a trailer pulled by bicycle. He would plan to be at Ervin park most of the time but would also attend other events happening in the city. Council gave their permission to allow McDonald's vending cart.

Mayor

Mayor Kleiss reported Chief Moody has asked for a probationary appointment to the Tuscola Fire Department. Hoey moved to approve the appointment of Gunnar Edwards as a probationary firefighter. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA\* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

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 the new master meter at the Tuscola meter station has been installed. Early indications are we have been 'over metering' by ~ 15%. Hoel will watch this closely over the next few weeks and report back on the water loss we have been experiencing. Mayor Kleiss commented the park project is taking shape. Hoel added the crews have maybe one day left to finish the courts. He is not sure when the fencing contractor will come back to do the dog park.

Resolutions

- 1) A resolution adopting the City's Administrative and Fiscal Policy Manual was presented for council action. This policy includes existing practices and procedures we already had in place and some new policies that cover grant administration, making grant reporting and compliance more streamlined. Waldrop moved to approve resolution 2021-R-3, a resolution adopting a City of Tuscola Administrative and Fiscal Policy Manual. Rund seconded. VOTE YEA\* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.
- 2) The annual IDOT maintenance resolution was presented for council approval. This resolution appropriates \$78,100.00 in motor fuel tax funds for the annual oil and chip maintenance. Hoey moved to approve the Illinois Department of Transportation resolution for maintenance under the Illinois Highway Code appropriating \$78,100.00, in motor fuel funds for the annual street maintenance. Morris seconded. VOTE YEA\* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Contract and Agreements

- Brace moved to approve the maintenance engineering agreement for the annual oil and chip with Jim Crane, P.E. Crane will receive a base fee of \$1250.00, plus a negotiated fee percentage as determined by the IDOT. Hoey seconded. VOTE YEA\* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.
- Power Grid Partners LTD has submitted a one year service and monitoring agreement for annual maintenance of the North sewer plant wind turbine. The \$7200 agreement covers one year of full service plus maintenance kit. Day moved to approve the one year service and monitoring agreement with PowerGrid Partners LTD for annual maintenance of the sewer plant wind turbine, at a cost of \$7200.00. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA\* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Other

The Planning Commission met on June 24, to discuss a Special Use Permit request submitted by Metro Communications for the 111 East Wilson Street property. Metro Communications would like to use the lot for a small building and parking lot to support their fiber optic internet service. After discussion, the commission recommends approval of the SUP with the following conditions: bush or tree line at the 25 foot front setback; all parking located off the alley; building located at the rear of the property; no diesel generators allowed; generators or other equipment must have privacy barrier. Day moved to approve the Plan Commission's recommendation, as presented, and grant a Special Use Permit to Metro Communications, for the 111 East Wilson Street property. Waldrop seconded. VOTE YEA\* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

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

Samuel J. Brass Mayor Elizabeth Kanner City Clerk