

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

Mayor Kleiss opened a public hearing at 7:15 pm regarding the Meadowview water main grant application. Cindy Workman, representing Milano and Grunloh Engineering of Effingham, Illinois, was in attendance. Workman informed those in attendance the grant funds are federal monies that will be allocated by the states. The Meadowview water main project application asks for \$550,000 in grant funds and shows a \$65,000 contribution by the city. It is hoped the combination of funds will enable the city to replace all the water mains in the Meadowview subdivision. Results of the income survey for the 97 homes in the Meadowview area show 76.3% fall in the low to moderate income bracket. There were no questions or comments regarding the grant application. Mayor Kleiss declared the hearing closed at 7:20 pm.

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order with Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, and Mayor Kleiss in attendance. Alderwomen Brace and Waldrop were 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 July 12, 2021 meeting
- Financial report for June 2021
- Payment of bills totaling \$125,890.77
- Community Building lease request with alcohol from Pheasants Forever for their annual banquet on August 7, 2021
- Community Building lease request with alcohol from Karina Becerra for a wedding reception August 13-14, 2021

Day moved to approve the items on the consent agenda for July 26, 2021. Rund seconded. VOTE YEA\* Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter. Day moved to approve the consent agenda for July 26, 2021, as presented. Hoey seconded. VOTE YEA\* Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter.

Requested Time on the Agenda - None

Mayor – No Report

City Clerk – No Report

City Treasurer

In Treasurer Long's absence, Administrator Hoel reported Eddie Boutilier and Red Barn Veterinary Services are delinquent on their TIF loans.

City Attorney – No Report

City Administrator – No Report

Ordinances

Hoey moved to approve ordinance 2021-O-8, an ordinance prohibiting and making unlawful discrimination in housing and/or real property because of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, ancestry, sex, or disability. Morris seconded. This ordinance will be included in the water main grant application. VOTE YEA\* Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter

Resolutions

Rund moved to approve resolution 2021-R-4, a resolution of support and commitment of local funds. Shoemaker seconded. This resolution commits \$65,000 in water funds to be used with the Meadowview water main grant funds (if received), for an estimated project cost of \$615,000. 2021-R-4 will be included with the grant application due August 3, 2021. VOTE YEA\* Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter.

After discussion on July 12, a resolution has been prepared to adopt the 2021 water and sewer rates. All water customers will see a one dollar per month increase to their base water rates effective August 1, 2021. As discussed, there will be no change to the sewer charges or per gallon charges. The city has not raised rates since 2017 even though several rate increases have come through from Illinois American. Hoey moved to approve resolution 2021-R-5, a resolution adopting the 2021 water and sewer rate schedule. Morris seconded. VOTE YEA\* Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter.

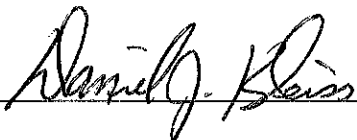
Contracts and Agreements

Administrator Hoel reported Earl Walker Company was the only bidder on our annual oil and chip request. Walker's bid of \$62,972.40, came in under the engineer's estimate of \$73,852, Hoel added. Hoel and staff recommend an increase of 4.94% to the bid award in order to add some quantities and finish out some areas. Hoel stated the increased amount is still below the engineer's estimate and approved MFT appropriation. Slaughter moved to award the annual oil and chip contract in the amount of \$66,085.80, to Earl Walker Company. Rund seconded. VOTE YEA\* Day, Hoey, Rund, Morris, Shoemaker, Slaughter.

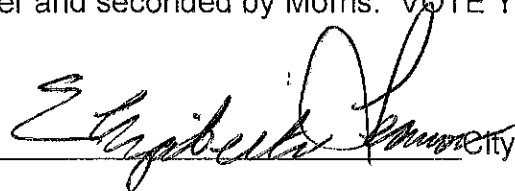
Other

Mayor Kleiss opened discussion on a new hire for the police department stating now that the police training institute has re-opened, we were able to secure a training appointment for August. Administrator Hoel added Taylor White, identified during the last interviews, is a good candidate to help fill the staffing shortage. White will be able to get the needed training and both Hoel and Chief Hastings recommend White's appointment. Day moved to approve the appointment of Taylor White as probationary patrol officer I, effective July 26, 2021. Slaughter seconded. VOTE YEA\* Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter.

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



Mayor



City Clerk