

CITY OF TUSCOLA

COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
STATE OF ILLINOIS
TUSCOLA CITY HALL
October 12, 2021

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order with Brace, Day (virtual), Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter (virtual), Waldrop, and Mayor Kleiss in attendance. Alderman Morris 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 September 27, 2021 meeting
- Payment of bills totaling \$125,694.81
- Request to hold a Drive-Boo Halloween event at Ervin Park on October 30, 2021
- Set October 31, 2021 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm as the official Trick or Treat date and time

Hoey moved to approve the items on the consent agenda for October 12, 2021. Rund seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop. Day moved to approve the consent agenda for October 12, 2021. Rund seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Requested Time on the Agenda - None

Mayor – No Report

City Clerk – No Report

City Treasurer

Treasurer Long reported Eddie Boutilier and Red Barn Veterinary Services are delinquent on their TIF loans.

City Attorney – Absent

City Administrator – No Report

Contracts and Agreements

Mayor Kleiss opened discussion on a Professional Services Agreement with Clark Dietz by asking for a motion to approve. Hoey moved to approve the PSA with Clark Dietz Engineering in the amount of \$129,700, for engineering services related to the downtown improvement project. Brace seconded. Administrator Hoel reported the TIF committee met last week to discuss the end of TIF life. The committee suggests following through with the plan to improve downtown alleys, parking areas, and the greenspace between the Community Building and The Vault. This project has been discussed for many years, Hoel added, and is the final step in improving the downtown area as originally envisioned in the redevelopment plan. Hoel outlined the project in more detail saying there would be an option for public input on the greenspace plan. Estimated total project cost, including engineering,

is approximately \$815,000. Rund commented it will be interesting to see what the studies and surveys reveal. There being no questions, roll was taken on the PSA with Clark Dietz. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

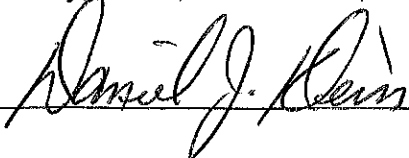
Requests for TIF Assistance

Administrator Hoel discussed three extensions to TIF redevelopment agreements recommended by the TIF committee. Due to Covid, Cast Iron Pub and Burgers and Beer have been unable to meet the obligations in their development agreements. The TIF committee recommends extending their agreements to April 1, 2022. The agreement for the Barker/Prairie Street TIF calls for three new homes each year. Owen Tucker, developer, has met or exceeded this number in prior years, but it is unlikely he will meet it by the end of this year. The TIF committee recommends extending this deadline by one year to December 31, 2022. Shoemaker moved to approve the TIF Committee's recommendation to extend the redevelopment agreement deadlines for Cast Iron Pub and Burgers & Beer to April 1, 2022 and the Owen Tucker agreement to December 31, 2022. Hoey seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.

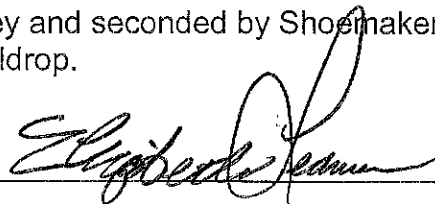
Other

- Hoey moved to approve \$125 holiday bonuses for the full time city employees and firefighters. Rund seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.
- Adam Munds was present for more discussion and to hear council's decision on his request to hold an RC Fest this coming summer at Wimple Park. Mayor Kleiss stated he visited the Tolono site and also went to Wimple to check out the area. Kleiss wonders about parking. Munds stated he thinks the parking at Wimple will be fine if guests were able to use the cell tower road and park on either side. Munds added he is fine with using either park (Ervin or Wimple) if the city has a preference. When Hoey asked how many cars would need to park, Munds stated the event could draw up to 3000 for the entire weekend but not all will be in attendance the entire time; most come and go. Shoemaker moved to allow the use of Wimple Park for the RC Fest to be held July 30-31, 2022. Waldrop seconded. Mayor Kleiss asked Munds to work closely with Administrator Hoel and Foreman Cruzan when setting up for this event. Rund asked what condition the grass would be in after the event. Munds answered everything is put back the way it was by Tuesday or Wednesday the following week. Foreman Cruzan felt the grass would likely come back on its' own. Roll was taken on the motion to allow the RC Fest at Wimple. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Rund, Shoemaker, Slaughter, Waldrop.
- Mayor Kleiss congratulated Administrator Hoel and presented him with a plaque honoring his 25 years of service with the City.

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



Mayor



City Clerk