

CITY OF TUSCOLA

COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
STATE OF ILLINOIS
TUSCOLA CITY HALL
December 13, 2021

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order with Brace, Day (virtual), Hoey, Morris (virtual), Rund, Slaughter, Waldrop, and Mayor Kleiss in attendance. Alderman Shoemaker was absent. Mayor Kleiss led the Pledge of Allegiance. Kleiss noted Shoemaker asked to be excused from tonight's meeting.

Public Comment - None

Consent Agenda

Mayor Kleiss went over the items on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the November 22, 2021 meeting
- Payment of bills totaling \$160,282.39
- Pay request from Beniach Construction in the amount of \$14,939.19 for the Progress Boulevard Extension. The only remaining expenses on this project are seeding and markings.

Rund moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Morris seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Slaughter, Waldrop. Hoey moved to approve the consent agenda for December 13, 2021. Shoemaker seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Mayor

Mayor Kleiss thanked all involved in the planning, preparation, and carrying out of the Tuscola Christmas town celebration. The downtown decorations look sharp and are very festive.

Kleiss extended the city's condolences to Chief Hastings and his siblings on the passing of their mother, Bev Hastings. Mrs. Hastings was a business woman and leader in the community for many years. Kleiss reminisced about his junior high days when he and Craig would stop by The Review after school before their basketball games. Mrs. Hastings would often give them money to go to Nick's for a burger before the game. Kleiss ended by saying he would always remember Mrs. Hastings' smile and generosity. She will be missed by the community and all who knew her.

City Clerk – No Report

City Treasurer

Long reported no TIF delinquencies. As of today, all outstanding TIF mortgage loans have been paid in full. We do still have the Boutilier loans and a few redevelopment agreements outstanding, but the loans in the repayment phase are all paid off.

City Attorney – No Report

City Administrator – No Report

Other

Mayor Kleiss opened discussion on some lots the city owns in the Amishland Subdivision. There is current interest in the purchase of three of these lots (south end of cul-de-sac). Administrator Hoel

has advertised the availability of these lots and solicited proposals which are due December 22. Further discussion and consideration of the proposals will be held at the December 27 meeting.

Administrator Hoel noted the reimbursement request he was expecting from Love's as part of their redevelopment agreement has been received. Once Hoel has had a chance to go over the request he will bring his findings and recommendation back to council.

Ordinances

Mayor Kleiss present the annual property tax levy ordinance for council action. This ordinance has a 0% increase over last year's levy. Hoey moved to approve ordinance 2021-O-13, an ordinance for the levy and assessment of taxes for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2021, and ending April 30, 2022, for the City of Tuscola. Brace seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Resolutions

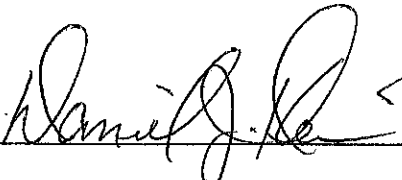
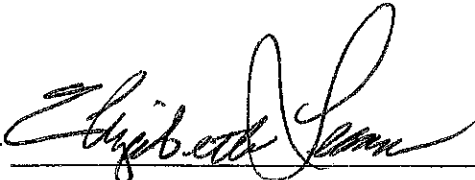
Slaughter moved to approve resolution 2021-R-6, a resolution concerning the review and release of executive session minutes and the destruction of executive session audio recordings. Waldrop seconded. Reviewing minutes and recordings is done every six months. There were no executive sessions held in the past six months, so only recordings of the past 18 months will be affected with the passage of this resolution. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Contracts and Agreements

Treasurer Long discussed the HSA (health savings account) and HRA (health reimbursement arrangements) that will go along with the Health Alliance insurance approved for the city employees for the coming year. The HSA would remain the same as currently in place. For those not eligible for HSA, an HRA is available with coverage of \$2000 individual/\$4000 family. These amounts can be spent on medical, prescriptions, vision, and dental not covered by the health plan. The incentive for employees who opt out of the city's health insurance coverage (HRA Opt Out), will change from \$3000 to \$2000 individual and \$4000 family. Approval of these plans will complete the city's health insurance coverage for 2022, Long added. After a question from Rund, Long clarified the HSA funds are employee owned and can be used for qualifying expenses any year. The HRA is available funds for qualifying medical expenses that occur during the calendar year. HRA funds not used at the end of the year remain in city funds. Hoey moved to approve the employee HSA and HRA agreements, as presented, as part of the employee health insurance package for 2022 and authorized the Mayor to execute the final documents when received. Slaughter seconded. VOTE YEA* Brace, Day, Hoey, Morris, Rund, Slaughter, Waldrop.

Mayor Kleiss wished all a Merry Christmas and safe travels! The city sends prayers for the tornado victims experiencing loss from the storms over the week-end.

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

 Mayor  City Clerk