

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
CITY COMMISSION OF THE  
CITY OF SCOTTVILLE, MICHIGAN**

The 1417<sup>th</sup> Regular Commission Meeting of the Scottville City Commission was held on January 8, 2018 and called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Krieger.

Roll Call was taken with the following members present:

Commissioners	Leon Begue Sally Cole Connie Duncil Sue Petipren Marcy M. Spencer
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Mayor	Bruce Krieger
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Also in attendance were City Manager Williams, Clerk Howe, Chief Riley and Attorney Thompson.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Motion, by Begue and seconded by Spencer, to approve the 1416<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE BILLS**

- CHOP-Amount was less than bid because they have to come back in the spring to grind the stumps from all the trees that they removed.
- Coast to Coast Solutions-Marketing material for area schools.
- Modern Marketing-Marketing material for area schools.
- Michigan Election Resources-New voter I.D. cards to inform voters of the new polling location.

Motion, by Begue and seconded by Duncil, to approve the bills in the amount of \$87,750.36. Motion carried.

**HEARING OF THE CITIZENS**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The monthly Mason County Rural Fire Authority Minutes were submitted for review.

## **REPORTS CITY MANAGER**

- Representatives from BS&A Software were on site the previous week to ask questions and observe how our current programs work so they can start setting up the new software programs to meet our needs. The installation takes place in March and representatives are scheduled to be on site to help with the transition.
- A public hearing will be held during the next Commission meeting for the Parks & Recreation Master Plan. The Parks and Recreation Board held a public hearing on January 4. They feel the plan is ready for the City Commission to act on.
- The Ordinance Committee will meet on Thursday, January 11 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the Medical Marijuana issue. Tom Reif from Michigan Marijuana Law Experts will be the guest speaker. This meeting is open to the public.
- The Charter Committee is scheduled to meet with Attorney Thompson on January 16 at 3:30 p.m. to discuss their options regarding the Charter revision process.
- Williams has received the complete PAVER report and it was decided that the Infrastructure Committee will review it before it goes to the Finance Committee for budget consideration.
- Matt Biolette, who is the City's representative for Republic Waste, submitted paperwork regarding the presentation he gave at the last Commission meeting.
- Williams stated at the next staff meeting she would be discussing possible changes to the call in procedure the City uses for snow removal.
- Cole noted that some business owners are not clearing the snow and ice from their sidewalks like they are suppose to be doing.

## **CITY ATTORNEY**

- Preparing paperwork for the Charter Committee.
- Working on the paperwork regarding the rental ordinance.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

The monthly police report and the 2017 Annual Activity Report were submitted for review.

## **TREASURER'S REPORTS**

Reports will be available at the next meeting.

## **ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

In November a second extension was given to the property owner of 203 Crowley to make repairs to their roof. January 4<sup>th</sup> was the second deadline and no attempt to make those repairs was made at that time. Williams has been in contact with Dave Greenwood of USDA Rural Development and stated that Cherrie Moffett is eligible for a grant from them, however, at this time there are no funds available and he had no idea when there would be grant money again. When and if those funds could be released to Ms. Moffett, the interior of the home would have to be inspected by him to make sure it was a safe living environment. Williams spoke with Ms. Moffett the previous week and she is asking for another extension because she is currently in Oakview for rehabilitation due to a broken leg and will not be released for a few months. Williams stated she has tried several times to coordinate a date to inspect the interior of the house, but to date, has been unable to do so. Williams noted as far as the City is concerned, the roof is the City's main concern and not necessarily the interior. Adam Moffett shared a video of the repairs that have been made to the interior. He noted the water, heat and electricity have been restored to the home. Adam stated his brother is willing to go up on the roof and make "band aid" repairs to the roof. A couple of Commissioners are concerned about the safety of people living in the house with the roof being in unstable condition. Begue and Duncil are not in favor in granting Ms. Moffett another extension because she has had ample time to make the requested repairs. Thompson stated the Commission has two choices. They can pass a resolution to demolish the house or pass a resolution to have the City make the repairs to house. Williams noted either way the City would be responsible for the cost because Ms. Moffett is exempt from paying property taxes due to her poverty level so the cost cannot be placed on her tax roll as a special assessment. Williams noted the house was given to Ms. Moffett through a county grant program in 2008 or 2009. It was not new, but was in excellent condition. Williams is concerned about Ms. Moffett's capability of being a responsible homeowner because her neglect has caused extreme deterioration to the roof that needed attention and she believes having the City step in and replacing the roof would be a waste of time and she foresees the Commission revisiting this same issue in a few years down the road. Because of this, Williams is recommending the house be condemned. Motion, by Begue and seconded by Spencer, to pass a resolution to sue Ms. Moffett to demolish the house. Motion carried. Ms. Moffett has alternative living options available to her and condemning her house will not cause her to be homeless.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

## **HEARING OF THE CITIZENS**

None.

## **COMMISSIONERS REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

Krieger stated for several years there has been an ongoing problem with the ornamental lights in the business district working properly and efforts to get Consumers Energy to repair them correctly have failed. Williams stated they were installed sometime in the 1990's and even though Consumers or herself have not been able to produce a contract, it was her understanding when she spoke to an employee at Consumers that the City paid for the lights and Consumers was responsible for maintaining them. It was Krieger's recommendation to have Williams contact the Michigan Public Service Commission regarding Consumers Energy's negligence in maintaining the light poles.

## **ADJOURN**

It was moved by Begue and seconded by Cole to adjourn. So carried at 6:12 p.m.

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Bruce Krieger, Mayor

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Deborah A. Howe, Clerk