

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

The 1373<sup>rd</sup> Regular Commission Meeting of the Scottville City Commission was held on March 7, 2016 and called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Maki.

Clerk Howe administered the Oath of Office to First Ward Commissioner Leon Begue.

Roll Call was taken with the following members present:

Commissioners	Leon Begue
	Sally Cole
	Connie Duncil
	Ann Genson
	Bruce Krieger
	Richard L. Maki
	Marcy M. Spencer

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 1372<sup>nd</sup> Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE BILLS**

Motion, by Krieger and seconded by Duncil, to approve the bills in the amount of \$133,242.68. Motion carried.

**HEARING OF THE CITIZENS**

Fire Chief Dale Larr stated the department recently tried to burn the brush pile, but it was still wet from winter snow and ended up just smoldering.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Williams noted P.M. Township submitted a copy of an amendment ordinance regarding ORV's.

## **REPORTS CITY MANAGER**

- The pump at the 5<sup>th</sup> Street lift station has been removed and fixed. It was out of commission for less than a week.
- The Board of Review is scheduled to meet on March 14, 11:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. and March 28 1:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- There is still time to apply for a poverty exemption and veteran's exemption for taxes.
- Planning Commission is scheduled to meet at 5:30 p.m. on March 8.
- An updated list of Boards and Committees of the City was submitted for review.
- Information from November 2014 – February 2016 regarding the cost to pay Jabrocki's to plow snow in the business district was submitted per Commissioner Genson's request.

## **CITY ATTORNEY**

Thompson stated he is working on some projects for Williams.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Riley noted the monthly police report was submitted for review.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Reports would be available at the next meeting.

## **DDA REPORT**

No reports were available.

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

None.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Thompson stated there has been discussion about making some changes to the charter. The charter was adopted in 1958 and there have only been a handful of amendments made to it since then even though some of the material is outdated and no longer useful. Thompson stated depending on how much needs to be changed would determine the route the Commission would want to take. If there are only a few issues to change than it can be amended by resolution and then go to the residents for their vote. If the changes are extensive, then Thompson recommended the Commission consider hiring an expert in revising charters to help guide an elected nine member Charter Commission through the process and noted this would be costly and time consuming. The changes would still have to be put on a ballot for the voters to approve. It was Thompson's recommendation to not revise the Charter, but to make amendments as needed. No decision was made at this time.

Williams stated at a previous meeting discussion was held regarding setting a time limit for parking on North Main Street because some people were using the parking spaces for long term parking. The Commission asked for feedback from the DDA and Planning Commission and those recommendations were:

- Planning Commission-Limit parking to one hour on the west side of the 100 block of North Main only.
- DDA – Set a two hour parking time limit for both the 100 blocks of North and South Main street for only those people who reside, own or work in a building in that area.

After considering the input of two business owners and Chief Riley, who stated it would be difficult to enforce the DDA's recommendation, Krieger made a motion and Spencer supported the motion, to limit parking on the west side of the 100 block of North Main Street to two hours. Motion carried. Genson made a suggestion that a letter be sent to all business owners and ask them to have their employees either park in the parking lots or in front of the vacant buildings. Chief Riley would write a temporary traffic order that will be enforced once the signs are installed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Williams stated each year the Manistee, Mason and Oceana Household Hazardous Waste Program asks for support from local governmental entities to help fund their yearly collection and disposal of hazardous waste materials, which this year will be held on August 20. Williams noted Scottville's contribution would be \$400.00 and she

recommended the Commission continue to support it because it is a worthy and important cause for the environment. Motion, by Begue and seconded by Duncil, to approve the contract. Motion carried.

Williams noted a committee of the DDA Board has found two people interested in filing the vacancies, those being Jennifer Miller of Miller's Market Place and Tina Buffenbarger, manager of Wesco. Their terms would be expiring December 31, 2016. Motion, by Cole and seconded by Genson, to approve the DDA's recommendation. Motion carried.

### **HEARING OF THE CITIZENS**

None.

### **COMMISSIONERS REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

Krieger asked if the City has an ORV ordinance. Williams said yes it does and it was adopted in August of 2014. ORV's are allowed to travel anywhere in the City except on State Street. To date, she knows of no problems that may have surfaced since the ordinance was adopted.

### **ADJOURN**

It was moved by Spencer and seconded by Duncil to adjourn. So carried at 6:07 p.m.

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Richard Maki, Mayor

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Deborah A. Howe, Clerk