

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

The 1399<sup>th</sup> Regular Commission Meeting of the Scottville City Commission was held on April 3, 2017 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 Bruce Krieger Sue Petipren Marcy M. Spencer
Absent	Tom Donald Connie Duncil

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 1398<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE BILLS**

Motion, by Spencer and seconded by Cole, to approve the bills in the amount of \$19,019.23. Motion carried.

**HEARING OF THE CITIZENS**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Williams stated she received a letter and a final report from Dr. Sara Tanis regarding the research she conducted on invasive insects at the Riverside Park last summer. She plans on returning this year to further her research.

Williams noted the MCRFA monthly meeting minutes were submitted for review.

Williams stated a spaghetti dinner was being held that evening at the Optimist Hall to benefit Riverton Fire Chief Joe Cooper who is battling cancer.

## **REPORTS CITY MANAGER**

- A Public Hearing will be held at the next meeting regarding the budget.
- A resident was having trouble with his sewer line on East Broadway and when a DPW employee checked out the complaint he noticed something wrong with the main sewer line so someone was called in to videotaped it and that is when the problem was identified. Employees of the subcontractor working on the water main project last year accidentally directional drilled the sewer line in three spots. The contractor for the water main project was contacted about the problem, but he declined to come here to make the necessary repairs so Hallack was contacted and they have fixed the three spots. The sewer lines located in the other areas of the new water mains will also be videotaped just to make sure there is not a problem elsewhere. Williams stated the cost for the repair work will be deducted from the remaining money that is yet to be paid to the contractor.
- Work continues to move forward on the water tower. Several residents have noticed a drop in water pressure, which will continue until the work inside the interior of the water tower has been completed.
- All the kinks have been worked out regarding the new credit card machine and customers can now use it.

## **CITY ATTORNEY**

Thompson stated he has been busy with a few projects and will begin working on the rental ordinance.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Riley noted the monthly police report was submitted for review. He stated officers have been giving out warnings and writing tickets regarding blight issues.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Reports will be available at the next meeting.

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

None.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Williams stated at the last meeting a decision on purchasing a new pickup for the DPW was tabled to allow more time for Dennis Healy from Watson's Car Dealership to enroll the City in their Dodge Fleet Program, but unfortunately they could not come close to matching the price of a truck through the State of Michigan's Purchasing Plan. Williams noted for the past year they have been looking for a used truck to purchase at a reasonable price, but were unsuccessful. It is her recommendation along with the Finance Committee that the City purchases a 2017 Ram 1500, regular cab, 4x4, which includes a receiver

hitch and bed liner in the amount of \$20,681.00. Motion, by Krieger and seconded by Begue, to approve purchasing the truck from LaFontaine CDJR-Lansing. Motion carried. This dealership works with the State of Michigan through their purchasing plan.

Williams stated she attended a couple of meetings with some township supervisors and some members of the Mason County Rural Fire Authority to discuss reimbursing the wages of the firemen when they make runs within each jurisdiction. There have been concerns from a few township supervisors as to why municipalities reimburse the firemen's wages even though the MCRFA's preamble states that they are responsible for the wages. Williams stated they do pay the wages, but then the municipalities reimburse those wages. Last year, without a lot of explanation, some townships opted out of the practice of reimbursing the wages. After attending the meetings, Williams learned the reason they opted out was due to billing errors and not from the lack of support for the MCRFA. As a result of the MCRFA meetings with the township representatives an agreement has been reached to phase out the practice of reimbursing the firemen's wages as follows:

2017 – 50%, the amount we have been paying over the last several years  
2018 – 30%  
2019 – 10%  
2020 – 0%

Williams stated the money that was used to pay the wages will be distributed elsewhere in the City's budget. Williams noted this action does not mean the municipalities will not support their local fire departments. The MCRFA feels they are now in a position where they can comfortably pay the firemen's wages on their own. Williams stated everyone is on the same page with this plan and those townships that withheld reimbursement of the firemen's wages last fall will pay them in full. Motion, by Spencer and seconded by Cole, to approve the reimbursement plan as presented. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Jaimie Healy, representative of the Harvest Festival Committee, stated as part of the plan to revamp the festival, they need to apply for a 501C3 designation from the State of Michigan. Until this is approved, the committee needs a fiduciary to deposit the money they receive from fundraising. Once they are approved from the State, they can open their own bank account. Williams stated she talked to the auditor about this request and he sees no problem in setting up a 280 fund for them until they can get on their own feet. Motion, by Begue and seconded by Spencer, to approve the Harvest Festival Committee's request as presented. Motion carried.

Williams stated the City's current Parks and Recreation Master Plan has expired. It was adopted in 2003 and has been amended as needed over the years. It is a huge undertaking to write a plan and Commissioner Begue did the last one in 2002. These plans are essential to have when asking for grant money from the DNR. Unless a municipality has a plan in place, the DNR will not even look at a

grant application. This issue was discussed at a recent Parks and Recreation Board meeting and because the demands of the current recreational vehicles is different than they were in the 1970's the Board wants to make major upgrades to the sites in the back loop. Williams noted during the time she has worked for the City, they have received over \$450,000 in grant money from the DNR for improvements to Riverside Park and the boat launch. It is the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Board to hire out the project of writing a master plan because of the length of time involved with it and the complexity of writing a plan, especially when following the State's strict guidelines. Krieger noted an erosion problem that needs some attention and Petipren asked if the lagoons could be used for campsites. Williams stated these issues can be addressed with grant money as long as they are identified in the Master Plan. Motion, by Begue and seconded by Cole, to hire Fleis and Vandenbrink to create a Master Plan. Motion carried. Williams noted the cost of \$5,000 is a lot of money, but when you consider how much we could get back in grant money, it is well worth it.

### **HEARING OF THE CITIZENS**

Ed Hahn thinks the meeting minutes from the March 20, 2017 meeting were incomplete and was disappointed the Commissioners approved them. For future reference, he feels the minutes should be more comprehensive.

Ed Hahn asked Mayor Krieger if he knew how much revenue the City receives from the antennas, which are located on the water tower.

Mayor Krieger stated he did not know the amount.

### **COMMISSIONERS REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

None.

### **ADJOURN**

It was moved by Begue seconded by Cole to adjourn. So carried at 5:54 p.m.

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Bruce Krieger, Mayor

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Deborah A. Howe, Clerk