

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

The 1375<sup>th</sup> Regular Commission Meeting of the Scottville City Commission was held on April 4, 2016 and called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Maki.

Roll Call was taken with the following members present:

Commissioners	Leon Begue Sally Cole Connie Duncil Bruce Krieger Richard L. Maki Marcy M. Spencer
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Absent	Ann Genson
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Also in attendance were City Manager Williams, Clerk Howe, Chief Riley and Attorney Thompson.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Motion, by Krieger and seconded by Spencer, to approve the 1374<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE BILLS**

Motion, by Begue and seconded by Cole, to approve the bills in the amount of \$16,966.14. Motion carried.

**HEARING OF THE CITIZENS**

None.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**REPORTS  
CITY MANAGER**

- MDOT bid for North Main Street pushed back to a May 6 opening. There is additional funding that just came available that will be used to cut costs.

- MML has created a website that shows how much municipalities have lost in revenue sharing since 2002. Scottville's annual loss has been approximately \$46,327.
- Ordinance Committee met and discussed the Street Vending Ordinance. They are recommending some changes be made and have forwarded those on to the City attorney for his review.
- The Planning Commission meeting scheduled for April 5 has been cancelled.

### **CITY ATTORNEY**

Thompson was on vacation, but will start working on make changes to the Street Vending Ordinance so the Commission can move forward with it.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Riley noted the monthly police report was submitted for review.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Reports will be available at the next meeting.

### **DDA REPORT**

- Finalizing the activities for the Summerfest event. Information will be available at a future meeting.
- Most of the sponsorships for the 29 flower baskets have been spoken for. Still accepting donations.
- Community Vision meeting was a success. Attendees prioritized the long and short term goals from the list of suggestions.
- Tying up loose ends to make the Bypass Signs project a reality.
- Deadline for businesses to participate in the Summer Job Fair is April 8. This project will bring students and businesses together for job possibilities.
- Still need businesses to sponsor the islands in the west and east parking lots. Plaques will be placed in the islands with each sponsor's name.
- Harvest Festival Committee continues to discuss plans for this year's event.
- DDA will meet with Dr. Anderson and discuss the concept of a music trail, so a decision on the sculpture has temporarily been put on hold.

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

None.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Thompson would like the Commission to pass a formal resolution to approve the temporary traffic order that Chief Riley wrote for the two-hour parking limit on North Main Street. Motion, by Begue and seconded by Duncil, to approve the resolution. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Williams stated this will be the third year that Covenant Christian Schools has asked approval from the Commission to hold a 5k race within the City limits. Williams included a map of the proposed route in the commission packet. She noted due to a conflict of interest the date has been changed and the race will be held on Thursday, May 19. Volunteers are placed at various points along the route to help guide the runners and two police officers will be working to ensure that everything runs smoothly. Motion, by Spencer and seconded by Cole, to approve the 5k race. Motion carried.

Williams stated she submitted a letter of request from Zane McCabe asking permission to raise chickens and ducks in his back yard. Zane submitted a list of his neighbors who were in support of his request. Two pens will be built and the pens will be enclosed within a fence for safety purposes. Williams stated she received a phone call from one resident who lives about 3-4 blocks away from Zane and he said he would support the chickens, but does not support having ducks because they are more noisy. Motion, by Krieger and seconded by Spencer, to approve the chicken and duck request. Motion carried.

Williams stated at the last meeting she submitted a copy of the proposed 2016-2017 budget for the Commissioners to review. The public hearing for the budget will be held on April 18. Williams noted thanks to the hard work of the Finance Committee over the last several months it is a balanced budget that meets the needs of the residents and provides the same services that the City has been providing plus there is extra revenue this year to re-open City Hall on Friday and to hire a part-time treasurer. Williams asked the Commissioners to contact her if they feel any changes need to be made before the public hearing is held.

## **HEARING OF THE CITIZENS**

Bill Lehrbass, of the Mason County Rural Fire Authority, reminded everyone a 1 mill renewal request plus an additional .5 millage request would be on the August ballot. He stated a lot of the fire trucks are old and need to be replaced. Lehrbass noted that Rural Development has great financing that they plan on taking advantage of. Riley asked if

having older emergency equipment could cause a person's homeowners insurance to increase. Lehrbass said yes it could.

Steve Hull, Mason County Commissioner noted:

- The Mason County District Health Dept. received a grant for drug prevention.
- Money that the County gave to Central Dispatch so they could update their equipment has been reimbursed.
- April 13 is the statewide tornado drill.
- A new piece of equipment that is used to measure wind conditions was purchased for the airport because the current one was obsolete.

### **COMMISSIONERS REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

Krieger noted the City Commission is a group of residents who are dedicated to the betterment of Scottville. Krieger stated when he was appointed to the Commission he had three goals he wanted to see accomplished. Two will take place with the new fiscal year; re-open City Hall on Friday and hire a part-time treasurer. The third was to fight the blight issue. Krieger noted blight properties destroy and prevent growth in a community. He stated several property owners will be contacted shortly about blight issues and he is challenging them to step up and have some pride of their property and make improvements to their properties as needed. Krieger noted this will be a long term process, but the Commission will prevail.

### **ADJOURN**

It was moved by Duncil seconded by Spencer to adjourn. So carried at 6:02 p.m.

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Richard Maki, Mayor

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Deborah A. Howe, Clerk