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

The 1403rd Regular Commission Meeting of the Scottville City Commission was held on Monday, June 5, 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
Tom Donald
Connie Duncil
Bruce Krieger
Sue Petipren
Marcy M. Spencer

Also in attendance were City Manager Williams, Clerk Howe, Officer Babinec and Attorney Thompson.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion, by Begue and seconded by Spencer, to approve the 1402nd Regular Meeting Minutes with the following correction:

● Under Treasurer’s report it should read the monthly “financial” reports were submitted for review and not the “police” reports.

Motion carried as corrected.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

After a discussion on the following bills Spencer made a motion and it was seconded by Duncil, to approve the bills in the amount of $55,193.02. Motion carried.

● John Holcomb-The City acts as a pass through for money associated with the sculpture for the Historical Sculpture Trail.
● CMP Distributors, Inc.-The City will be reimbursed for some of the expenses as a result of a grant. The City paid for half the cost of a new vest for the full time employees and the grant will pay for the other half. Part-time employees will pay for half of the cost of a new vest not covered with the grant money through payroll deduction.
● Safety Decals-Sponsor plaques for the islands.
● Statewide Party Rentals and Bruce Borema-DDA Funds
● American Athletix-Playground equipment for Riverside Park.
● City Services, Inc.-Replaced two fire hydrants that could not be repaired.
● Quality Service Center-Urinal cakes for Riverside Park
● Grassa Farm Market, Inc.-Money given to City Hall and set aside in perpetual care so the urns of three families can be filled each year.
● Camping deposits are refunded if reservations are cancelled at least two weeks in advance of the check in date.

HEARING OF THE CITIZENS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

Williams state the monthly minutes for the Rural Fire Authority were submitted for review.

REPORTS
CITY MANAGER

● Williams stated she received a street vending application from the owner of Jay’s Dogs who has received permission from the Smedley’s to sell hot dogs in the parking lot of Dave’s Truck and Auto. A background check was done on Jay Ramsey and it came back fine. Williams stated the only problem is according to our current ordinance the parking lot is located in the area that does not allow food vendors. After a short discussion it was the consensus of the Commission to deny his request, but Mr. Ramsey is welcome to resubmit the application for a location outside of the restricted area.

● The City’s engineers have sent a letter to the bonding company and to B & L Excavating Company on behalf of the City that states B & L Excavating has not met the performance of the contract, they are past due and the City is considering holding them in default. Williams stated the City continues to withhold $439,576.14 until all the punch items have been completed.

● Celebrating Success will be held June 6 from 4-7.

● Paver study is almost complete. There is a possibility that certain areas of the City can be added to the map as a street.

● Attended training sessions that are required in order to be eligible for future grant opportunities.
CITY ATTORNEY

Thompson will give a report later in the meeting.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The monthly police report was submitted for review.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Reports will be submitted at the next meeting.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Thompson stated the issue of the ground water ordinance amendment has been discussed in length at previous meetings. Thompson stated all costs associated with the amendment will be billed back to Speedway USA who is asking for the amendment. Motion, by Begue and seconded by Spencer, to approve the first reading of the amended ordinance as presented. Motion carried.

Williams stated the property located at 419 East State Street has had an ongoing problem with their grinder pump, which has caused raw sewage to overflow into the yard. A police officer hand delivered a letter along with a current resolution on May 17 to the daughter of the property owner. The letter noted that the owner had until June 1 to fix the property or the City would step in and resolve the problem at the home owner’s expense. Williams stated no one has contacted her since the letter was delivered so she is recommending the City move forward and begin the process of replacing the pump, which she estimates will cost around $3,000 for parts and labor. The cost will be placed on the property owner’s winter tax roll as a lien against the property. Motion, by Krieger and seconded by Donald, to pass the resolution and abate the nuisance at 419 East State Street. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Gary Anderson, representing the Mason County Central Education Foundation stated they are looking for ways to fund raise and have come up with the idea of having a canoe/kayak race on August 19. The race will begin in Custer and end at the Riverside Park. They would like to have a
food vendor at the park to feed the participants and spectators. An entry fee of $20.00 per person will be charged and all participants will receive a tee-shirt and a free lunch. Williams stated she spoke to the food vendor and he has all the necessary permits and insurance coverage to sell food. Motion, by Duncil and seconded by Donald, to support the MCCEF request to have a food vendor at Riverside Park and use Riverside Park for their race. Motion carried.

Williams stated last year the pool located at 205 Thomas Street had to be filled in because it was a hazard to the community. The cost associated with the abatement will be put on the property’s summer taxes as a lien in the amount of $5,285.12. Motion, by Begue and seconded by Spencer, to approve the lien. Motion carried.

Williams stated there are several water bills that are more than two months delinquent and need to be placed on the property owner’s summer taxes as a special assessment. Motion, by Spencer and seconded by Donald, to approve the special assessments as presented. Motion carried.

Williams stated the contractor for the water tower project submitted a pay request for the bulk of the work that has been completed. Motion, by Cole and seconded by Duncil, to approve draw # 6 in the amount of $68,730.00. Motion carried.

Williams stated the contractor for the water tower project has submitted a change order for a leak that was discovered once the tower came on line after the painting was completed. Motion, by Spencer and seconded by Donald, to approve change order # 2 in the amount of $9,800. Motion carried.

HEARING OF THE CITIZENS

None.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Begue stated he was concerned by a comment made by one of the Commissioners regarding the City Manager’s evaluation that the Commission is not doing enough and is not taking charge of the City Manager. Begue noted the charter clearly outlines the responsibilities of the City Manager and he believes that was an inaccurate statement. He stated he submitted several comments with the evaluation and he would be willing to sit down with the committees to discuss those concerns.
Donald noted that Begue handed out several changes that his committee is recommending be made to the Charter and he wanted to know what the next step was.

Begue stated he would be meeting with the committees as needed to discuss the changes with them.

Petipren noted the sidewalk located at the intersection of Broadway and Reinberg needs to be repaired.

Williams stated the homeowner is going to have the whole sidewalk removed and he will then reseed it.

**ADJOURN**

It was moved by Spencer and seconded by Krieger to adjourn. So carried at 6:22 p.m.

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Bruce Krieger, Mayor        Deborah A. Howe, Clerk