The 1381st Regular Commission Meeting of the Scottville City Commission was held on July 5, 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  
Absents      Ann Genson

Also in attendance were City Manager Williams, Clerk Howe, Chief Riley, DDA Director Keefer and Attorney Thompson.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion, by Begue and seconded by Spencer, to approve the 1380th Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Krieger asked about the bill from Brenda Kyte. Williams stated it was for the damage her car suffered after it bottomed out on the temporary driveway that was put in during the water main project on North Main Street. Williams stated she would submit the bill to the engineers for reimbursement. Motion, by Spencer and seconded by Duncil, to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried.

HEARING OF THE CITIZENS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

Williams stated last year a post-doctorial research associate from MSU participated in a project to study insects and placed several traps at Riverside Park. Because the project was such a success, she will be setting some traps at the park again to help her further expand her research. She submitted a copy of the results from the research of last year’s project.
REPORTS
CITY MANAGER

- Commission packets will be delivered on Friday instead of Thursday now that City Hall is open again on Friday.
- The sinkhole at the intersection of Second and South Main Street has been patched.
- North Main Street’s water main project is progressing well.
- Scottville Optimist Club donated ten picnic tables that they no longer need. The tables will be used at the Riverside Park, which will work our perfectly because the park was in need of additional tables to begin with.

CITY ATTORNEY

- Will attend the meetings that are scheduled on July 6 regarding the water main project.
- Has revised the vendor ordinance and he is ready for the Ordinance Committee to review it.
- Has received no response from the descendents of Barb White regarding the issue of the stagnant pool. Williams stated letters were sent out to all the descendents of the deceased owner, but one family member noted on social media that they were advised by an attorney to not probate her mother’s estate so it is doubtful anyone will contact the City by the deadline of July 15. This issue will be discussed further at the next Commission meeting.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Riley noted the monthly police report was submitted for review. His department handled a number of dog complaints, one involving a serious dog bite, which was turned over to animal control for further investigation.

TREASURER’S REPORT

No reports were available.

DDA REPORT

- Car cruise and live music at the band shell on Friday.
- Summerfest will be held on July 9. Activities scheduled are a car show, strawberry social, beer tasting at Bottle and Can and Rubber Ducky Race.
- Keefer will begin working on the activities for the Harvest Festival the following week.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.
OLD BUSINESS

Williams stated she submitted an updated list of the properties that were identified with having blight issues and noted there has been progress made at several locations.

Williams stated there are a limited number of water main valves in the northeast and northwest quadrants of the City. During the water main project on the north side of the City there is a concern of what could happen when the existing valves are shut down to bring on the new main water line. When this happens it will affect such a large area for a lengthy amount of time that it could cause the pressure to drop and that would result in a boil water alert to be issued. In order to prevent this from happening up to two new valves could be installed at two intersections, which would result in a smaller area having the water shut off at one time, thus preventing a loss of pressure. Williams stated the cost of each valve is approximately $5,400. Williams noted she was waiting to hear back from a DPW employee to know how many valves are needed for sure. Williams suspects that when the original water line was put in many years ago, the City skimped on the amount of water main valves that were installed because of the cost, but she is recommending the Commission approve buying the valve(s) because it would be a huge inconvenience to the residents if they were placed under a boil water alert. Williams stated this problem might repeat itself as we move along with the water replacement project. Motion, by Begue and seconded by Duncil, to approve the purchase of up to two new water valves as needed. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Williams stated she received a request from the residents who live at 310 Evergreen Lane to keep bunnies at their residence. The bunnies will be kept in a hutch in their backyard well away from the property lines. Motion, by Spencer and seconded by Duncil, to approve the request as presented. Motion carried.

HEARING OF THE CITIZENS

None.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Mayor Maki noted those interested in running for a term on the Commission can pick up a nominating petition and start circulating them. Mayor Maki stated he would not be seeking reelection for another term.
ADJOURN

It was moved by Cole and seconded by Duncil to adjourn. So carried at 5:51 p.m.

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Richard Maki, Mayor             Deborah A. Howe, Clerk