The 1401st Regular Commission Meeting of the Scottville City Commission was held on May 1, 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, Chief Riley and Attorney Thompson.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion, by Begue and seconded by Spencer, to approve the 1400th Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Williams explained some bills the Commissioners questioned.

● Michael Todd & Company – Replaced a couple of faded stop signs and no parking signs, purchased a crosswalk sign for each side of the bump-outs on South Main Street and will replace the signs located at the entrance to the school property.
● Bauer Sheet Metal – Replaced the anchors for the bases on the ball diamonds at McPhail Field.
● Business Print – Advertising on county restaurant placemats for the Riverside Park.

Motion, by Spencer and seconded by Duncil, to approve the bills in the amount of $89,356.14. Motion carried.

HEARING OF THE CITIZENS

None
COMMUNICATIONS

The Elected Officials Compensation Commission recently met regarding the request to reduce the City Commissioner’s pay. After discussing the request, it was their recommendation to not reduce the pay and keep it as is because they appreciate all the work the City Commissioners do and they feel they deserve what they are paid.

Williams submitted a letter from the Mason County Treasurer’s office regarding a tax foreclosed property, located at 109 West Fourth Street. The State of Michigan had the first right of refusal and they declined to take possession of the property. The City of Scottville has second right of refusal and Williams is recommending the City does not act on it. Williams believes the County will do nothing with the property and it will be up for tax sale this summer. If it is sold to a private individual, that person will be contacted about the blight issues that need to be addressed with the property. It was the consensus of the Commission to not take possession of the property.

REPORTS
CITY MANAGER

● Work on the water tower has been completed. Testing of the water is now being done and it appears the water tower will be back on line by the weekend.
● B&L Excavating was in town the previous week to look at what restoration work needs to be completed.
● Twenty-five letters regarding blight issues were sent out and most have contacted her about a deadline to complete their projects.
● Riverside Park officially opened for the season May 1. A boy scout from Jenison completed his Eagle Scout project by making 4 handicapped accessible picnic tables that were placed at the campground, boat launch and McPhail Field. This was done at no cost to the City because it was paid for by the scout through donations.
● The City’s website was hacked, but it is up and running on a limited basis. The website host is in the process of creating a new website and that should be completed in 2-3 weeks.
● Work on the PAVER program is moving along. Williams expects to receive a preliminary report by the end of May.

CITY ATTORNEY

● Been to court for some ordinance violations.
● Researching information on the ground water ordinance.
● Working on information for abandoning alleys and streets.
● Working on the street vendor ordinance.
● Working on the rental ordinance. Has completed his research and now needs to meet with officials from Ludington and get their insight on their rental ordinance.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

● Monthly police report submitted for review.
● Tickets are being written for blight issues.

TREASURER’S REPORT

The monthly reports will be available at the next meeting.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Williams stated the budget was discussed at the last meeting and it was advertised in the newspaper. Williams stated to date she has not received any comments from the public. Motion, by Begue and seconded by Donald, to approve the budget and millage rates as presented. Motion carried.

Thompson stated the City passed a ground water ordinance a few years ago that would prohibit people from drilling a well where contaminated soil has been found. The ordinance could also help in the cleanup of a contaminated sight if the monitoring wells indicate that it should be done. Admiral Gas Station, which is located on the NE corner of Reinberg and State Street is asking the map be amended to extend west and south from the original area because the contamination is moving. Residents of the City are not allowed to drill a well for drinking purposes, but wells can be drilled for irrigation purposes except in the restricted areas as designated by the ordinance. Thompson stated no action is needed now, but asked the Commissioners to review the new map he submitted and also review the existing ordinance and they would further discuss this issue at the next meeting. Begue asked if the other gas stations that were once located at this intersection were taken into consideration when asking for the amendment. Williams stated she believed they were, but would have to confirm that.
NEW BUSINESS

None.

HEARING OF THE CITIZENS

None.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS AND COMMENTS

- Finance/Ordinance Committee will meet May 5.
- Charter Committee will meet May 11.

ADJOURN

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

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Bruce Krieger, Mayor            Deborah A. Howe, Clerk