

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

The 1420th Regular Commission Meeting of the Scottville City Commission was held on February 19, 2018 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 Connie Duncil Ann Genson Sue Petipren Marcy M. Spencer
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Mayor	Bruce Krieger
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Also in attendance were City Manager Williams, Clerk Howe, Chief Riley, Treasurer Shafer-Headworth and Attorney Thompson.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion, by Begue and seconded by Spencer, to approve the 1419th Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Motion, by Cole and seconded by Genson, to approve the bills in the amount of \$135,877.15. Motion carried.

HEARING OF THE CITIZENS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

Williams stated she received correspondence from the DEQ on behalf of Henry's Landing regarding a variance request to construct new buildings on their property. As part of the process property owners located within 300' of their property are notified of the variance so they can voice their opinions at the variance hearing scheduled for February 20.

Sara Lutz, President of the Mason County Mutts, informed the Commission their organization received a \$1,000.00 grant that they would

like to use toward the installation of some Doggie Waste Stations in Scottville to make it a dog friendly community. There are two types of stations available; one that dispenses the bags and one that dispenses the bags and provides a container to throw the bag into. The containers are typically emptied by the DPW. The Commissioners were in favor of the idea and it was decided to have stations located at the boat launch, Riverside Park, McPhail Field and by the railroad tracks. Cole indicated she would be interested in purchasing a station for her building and Genson would talk to the owner of the building that she works at about purchasing one for that building. Rob Alway also noted the Band Shell Committee would purchase one for the Optimist Band Shell area. Williams would contact Lutz once a final total of stations are decided on.

REPORTS CITY MANAGER

- The electricity for the Christmas lights will be less than in past years due to several of the light poles not working.
- Williams submitted two designs from North Woods Signs for the new sign at Riverside Park. She also contacted Manley Design to see if they were interested in submitting some samples and she will share those with the Commissioners once she receives them.
- The Ordinance Committee will hold a Medical Marijuana Discussion with guest speaker Sheriff Cole on Wednesday, February 21 at 5:30 p.m. at the Scottville Senior Center.
- Williams stated the USDA Rural Development did confirm they awarded Scottville a \$20,000 grant to be used toward a new patrol vehicle.
- The DDA Board and the Harvest Festival committee are working together to combine the festival with Summerfest. The joint event will be held in July and it will be renamed and the activities that will take place during the event will be announced at a later date.

CITY ATTORNEY

The owner of the property located at 203 South Crowley submitted a letter to the judge about the lawsuit the City filed to condemn her property. Thompson will be in contact with the judge to see what the next step will be.

Thompson will submit paperwork regarding the rental ordinance at the next Commission meeting.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Officer Murphy submitted his letter of resignation because of his employment as a road patrol officer with the Mason County Sheriff's Department.

The officers are very happy with the new computer they use in the patrol car.

Interviews are being scheduled for the vacancies for part-time police officers.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The monthly financial reports were submitted for review. Shafer-Headworth has an appointment in March to settle the taxes with the County.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance/Ordinance

- Ordinance Committee Meeting will be on Wednesday, February 21 at 5:30.
- No Finance Committee was scheduled.

Infrastructure

- Met and discussed the PAVER report. They would like the approximate cost to fix the streets included in the report.

Charter

- No meeting was scheduled.

Building and Grounds/Public Safety

- Will be meeting before the March 5 Commission Meeting to talk about adding streets to the map.

Personnel

- No meeting was scheduled.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Williams stated she updated the land use chart in the City Master Plan and made the typo and grammar corrections that were pointed out during the previous Commission meeting. She noted the City actually gained acreage due to the 425 Agreements the City has with surrounding townships. The plan will now be forwarded to the surrounding townships and the Mason County Planning Commission for their review and

approval. Motion, by Cole and seconded by Duncil, to approve the City Master Plan. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Williams stated every year the federal government sets poverty guidelines for the Board of Review to use when reviewing applications that residents submit so they can be exempt from paying property taxes. Motion, by Cole and seconded by Duncil, to adopt the 2018 Poverty Guidelines as presented. Motion carried.

Williams stated the State has enacted Public Act 152 that sets a “hard cap” on what municipalities should spend on health insurance benefits for their employees. Currently, Scottville has a policy in place in which employees hired from 2003-2015 pay 10% of their health insurance cost, employees hired after 2015 pay 20% and employees hired before 2003 pay 0%. The Finance Committee is recommending the City opt out of the “hard cap”. Motion, by Begue and seconded by Genson, to approve the resolution on Public Act 152 as presented. Motion carried.

HEARING OF THE CITIZENS

None.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Cole thanked Alway for all the work that was done on the Master Plan.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Spencer and seconded by Duncil to adjourn. So carried at 6:01 p.m.

Bruce Krieger, Mayor

Deborah A. Howe, Clerk

