

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

The 1424<sup>th</sup> Regular Commission Meeting of the Scottville City Commission was held on April 16, 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
Mayor	Bruce Krieger

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

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Motion, by Begue and seconded by Duncil, to approve the 1423<sup>rd</sup> Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE BILLS**

Motion, by Spencer and seconded by Cole, to approve the bills in the amount of \$46,036.63. Motion carried.

**HEARING OF THE CITIZENS**

Mike Shaw read a list of what he believes will be negative impacts to the community if the Commission decides to allow a Medical Marijuana Dispensary to open up in Scottville. He suggested other solutions to help revitalize the Scottville area.

Mitch Bogner, who owns the building located at 111 South Main Street, disagreed with everything Mr. Shaw said and he believes a dispensary would be a good thing for Scottville. Bogner will put up a Marijuana growing facility in Logan Township and he would like to utilize his building on South Main Street as a dispensary for medical Marijuana.

Darleen Franklin, owner of the building located at 112 South Main Street along with her son Paul are in favor of a dispensary because it will bring people and new businesses to Scottville.

Jeff Wicket believes the dispensary would be a great economic boost for Scottville.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Clerk Howe swore in new part-time police officer Abigail Reimink.

The monthly Mason County Rural Fire Authority Minutes and Annual Run Report and the Wage Reimbursement report were submitted for review.

The Mason County Building Department submitted their annual report for review.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

Motion, by Spencer and seconded by Begue, to close the regular Commission meeting and open the public hearing for the purpose of discussing the budget. Motion carried.

Williams highlighted a few items from the budget and they were, but not limited to the following.

- General Fund has an increase of approximately \$15,000 in revenues over expenses.
- The City millage rate will remain the same and the residents can expect to receive the same level of services they have had in the past.
- Several streets will be repaired as needed.
- The refuse and recycle millage rate will remain the same.
- DDA continues to pay back their over capture from a few years ago.
- The water and sewer funds are balanced.

Begue asked the City Manager to explain how the City's water and sewer rates are determined.

Williams stated she uses a rate study report and she explained how that works.

No public comments were received.

Motion, by Begue and seconded by Spencer, to close the public hearing and reconvene the regular meeting. Motion carried.

## **REPORTS CITY MANAGER**

Williams stated she contacted the City's engineers regarding the concerns of the parking spaces in the 100 block of South Main Street. They submitted two proposals. The existing layout is a 60-degree angle (77 parking spaces). Option 1 is to change the angle back to the original 45-degree angle (63 parking spaces). Williams recommends making the first two spaces on each side of the north end of the street to be parallel parking if this is the Commissioner's choice. Option 2 is to have angle parking on the east side of the street and parallel parking on the west side (50 parking spaces). Williams noted according to DOT the width of the street is too narrow to provide the proper design width for angle parking on both sides of the street even at the 45-degree angle, but it can still be done. It was the consensus of the Commission that no matter which option they chose some people will not support their decision. Begue noted Scottville has always had parallel parking and because of that he made a motion to chose Option # 1. The motion was seconded by Krieger. Motion carried.

George Smith has retired from the DPW and his position has been advertised. The deadline to submit applications is Friday, April 20.

Cheri Wicklund has resigned as park ranger at Riverside Park and her position has been advertised. The deadline to submit applications is Monday, April 23.

Representative Curt VanderWall will have his monthly coffee hour at City Hall on Friday, April 20 from 8-9 a.m.

Residents who were sent blight letters have an opportunity to clean up their yards and dispose those items for a fee at the DPW barn on Saturday, April 29. The residents not taking advantage of this offer, will be issued a citation the following week by the Scottville Police Department.

The DDA will be sponsoring a clean-up day for the downtown business district on Thursday, April 26 starting at 4:00 p.m.

The next Commission meeting will be Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **CITY ATTORNEY**

Thompson stated he has been in contact with a representative from the U.S.D.A. regarding the home located at 203 South Crowley and they are moving forward with applying for grant money to repair the roof at this location.

Thompson has been working on revisions to the Charter.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Riley noted officers have been working on blight issues.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

No reports were available.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Finance/Ordinance**

- Clean-up day for blight issues
- Reviewed the blight list
- Auto Read Meters
- Lift Station

### **Infrastructure**

- Did not meet

### **Charter**

- Thompson does not have enough time to meet the May 15 deadline to have revisions to the Charter put on the August Primary ballot so they will be included on the ballot next year if there is an election scheduled.

### **Building and Grounds/Public Safety**

- Did not meet

### **Personnel**

- Did not meet

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

None.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Williams stated she submitted a revised drawing of the proposed Riverside Park sign that included the City of Scottville on it. The sign is

two-sided and will cost \$1,075 plus \$425.00 to have it framed and installed and Williams reminded everyone the cost will be covered by the City's insurance company. There were no objections from any Commissioner regarding the design of the sign.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The presentation from CANNA CARE Group, L.L.C. has been postponed until further notice.

### **HEARING OF THE CITIZENS**

Mike Shaw noted there are civic groups who might be willing to help with the blight issues in Scottville and there are also grants available for property owners to apply for if they need monetary assistance in fixing up the exterior of their home. He suggested the City utilize social media to inform citizens of things going on other than meetings.

Mitch Bogner suggested that the Commission consider approving a medical Marijuana facility on a trial basis and if it doesn't meet their expectations, they can shut it down.

### **COMMISSIONERS REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

Begue stated he has heard enough discussion on the medical Marijuana facility issue and wants to move forward with the paperwork that is needed that would allow a facility to open up in Scottville. He has done extensive research on the subject and came across a model ordinance that they can use. Begue stated in order to make this work they have to write a good and effective ordinance by considering many factors around it. Begue stated whether we like it or not the use of medical Marijuana is here to stay and it has the potential to be economically beneficial to the Scottville area.

Mayor Krieger disagreed with Begue noting at least 49 people have contacted him about this issue and only 2 were in favor of having a facility located in Scottville. Begue noted he has had several people contact him about the issue and no one has been against having a facility open up in Scottville. Genson noted as a Commission they need to not live in the present but consider the future and what this could do for Scottville because medical Marijuana and it is likely that recreational Marijuana will be legal someday. Spencer has had conversations with several people, none who supported having a facility in Scottville. Begue stated the key to have an effective dispensary in Scottville is to have a well written ordinance. Krieger presented a resolution that would prohibit medical Marijuana dispensaries or growing facilities from opening up in Scottville. Begue challenged Krieger about acting on a resolution that has

not been placed on the agenda. Thompson noted the normal procedure is to have it put on the agenda and not present it under Commission Reports & Comments. Thompson noted a resolution can always be presented more than once for action by the Commission. He also noted no matter what happens now with the resolution, that could all change depending on the outcome of the recreational Marijuana proposal that will appear on the November General Election ballot. Krieger withdrew his motion and asked that the resolution be presented at the next meeting as an agenda item.

### **ADJOURN**

It was moved by Begue and seconded by Spencer to adjourn. So carried at 6:45 p.m.

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Bruce Krieger, Mayor

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Deborah A. Howe, Clerk