

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

The 1429th Regular Commission Meeting of the Scottville City Commission was held on July 2, 2018 and called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem Spencer.

Roll Call was taken with the following members present:

Commissioners	Leon Begue Sally Cole Connie Duncil Sue Petipren Marcy M. Spencer
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Absent	Bruce Krieger Ann Genson
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Also, in attendance were City Manager Williams, Clerk Howe, Chief Riley and Attorney Thompson.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion, by Begue and seconded by Cole, to approve the 1428th Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Motion, by Cole and seconded by Duncil, to approve the bills in the amount of \$21,371.55.

HEARING OF THE CITIZENS

Bill Brooks was upset about the Commission making amendments to the refuse contract regarding the refuse tote.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Mason County Rural Fire Authority Minutes from a special meeting were submitted for review.

PUBLIC HEARING

Motion, by Begue and seconded by Cole, to close the Regular Meeting and open the Public Hearing for the purpose of discussing the Ordinance regarding the Property Maintenance Code. Motion carried.

The ordinance to repeal Chapter 151 (“Existing Structures Code”) and to add new Chapter 151 (“Property Maintenance Code”) to the Code of Ordinance book was submitted for review. Thompson noted the International Property Maintenance Code will replace the Existing Structures Code and will eventually be used for rental inspections. He explained what this ordinance will do for the City. The maintenance code will be a guideline when issuing violation citations.

Duncil asked if this will help with fighting the blight issue in the City.

Thompson noted that it would be used for blight issues.

No public comments were received.

Motion, by Cole and seconded by Duncil, to close the Public Hearing and reconvene the regular meeting. Motion carried.

REPORTS CITY MANAGER

- Smoke testing was recently done around the City and it was discovered that the storm sewer line is tied into the sanitary line at the Fifth and Main Street intersection. Concerns in other areas were also discovered and the DPW will be following up with camera testing in the near future. There are also some residents who have problems on their property and they will be sent a letter notifying them that they need to be corrected.
- The final paperwork to close out the water project has been filed with the USDA.
- We received two net distribution of assets checks from the City’s liability insurance company that totaled \$16,822. The money will go into the General Fund.
- The Scottville 10 & 31 Celebration will take place on July 6 & 7. Several events will take place during those days.
- City Hall will be closed July 4 to observe Independence Day.

CITY ATTORNEY

Thompson noted it was to the point that a decision should be made with the situation of Cherrie Moffett's home located at 203 Crowley and asked for their direction. After a short discussion it was the consensus of the Commission to move forward with the condemnation process.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The monthly police report was submitted for review and he noted along with the usual issues the officers deal with they also handled six dog complaints.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion, by Begue and seconded by Duncil, to approve Ordinance 2018-01, Property Maintenance Code as presented. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Matt Biolette, representing Republic Services, explained that the whole country is experiencing new restrictions on allowable recycling items that go to China. In order for Republic Services to continue offering Scottville residents the option to recycle, they are asking the City to amend their refuse contract to include recycling processing fees that are passed on from the recycle processing plant to Republic Service and a Change of Law Clause that would allow for processing fees to be passed on to the City for the rising costs of recycling at any time during the term on the contract. Because this clause is not in the current contract Republic Waste has been paying the additional costs, which is not feasible for them to continue doing. Beginning in August, residents will no longer be able to recycle plastic grocery bags, shredded paper or glass containers. Spencer stated the Finance Committee felt this was the only option there was in order to continue the recycling program for the residents. Motion, by Begue and seconded by Cole, to approve the amendments to the refuse contract regarding recycling as presented. Motion carried.

Residents will be offered the option of using a refuse tote instead of buying city bags for their refuse. The totes will cost \$17.00 per month and will be included on the resident's water bill as a line item. Household garbage will need to be put in store bought bags to reduce blowing debris.

Pizza boxes and odd shaped items that do not normally fit into a bag can be placed in the tote.

Williams noted that Mr. Biolette met and discussed these issues with the Ordinance/Finance Committee and it is their recommendation to approve both amendments.

Motion, by Begue and seconded by Duncil, to approve the waste removal option as presented. Motion carried.

Williams stated a fuel tank for the generator at the 5th Street lift station was found to be leaking. The fuel tank is located inside another tank so there has been no external contamination, but it needs to be replaced instead of repaired because it is obsolete. The Finance Committee has reviewed this and it is their recommendation to move forward and replace the tank. The estimate for this project is \$11,942.50 and will be done by Cummins Sales and Service. Motion, by Begue and seconded by Cole, to replace the lift station fuel tank as presented. Motion carried.

HEARING OF THE CITIZENS

None.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Begue stated he has finished the Marijuana ordinance draft and will begin meeting with the different committees to discuss it and tweak it if necessary.

Petipren has heard pros and cons on this issue.

Duncil thinks it is a good thing for Scottville.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Begue and seconded by Duncil to adjourn. So carried at 6:28 p.m.

Bruce Krieger, Mayor

Deborah A. Howe, Clerk

