The 1431st Regular Commission Meeting of the Scottville City Commission was held on August 6, 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 Genson, to approve the 1430th Regular Commission Meeting. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Motion, by Spencer and seconded by Cole, to approve the bills in the amount of $60,999.85. Motion carried.

HEARING OF THE CITIZENS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

The concern from a citizen about the condition of a gravesite in Brookside Cemetery has been resolved.

A summary of the MCRFA Audit was submitted for review. The complete audit is available upon request.

Commissioners wanting to register for the MML conference that will be held in Grand Rapids should contact Williams.
REPORTS
CITY MANAGER

● The smoke testing that was done in the City provided key locations where there are problems that need to be addressed. Two of the major problems were at the school where a roof drain needs to be disconnected and South Main Street between Third and Fifth Streets. Homeowners with connections into the sanitary sewer line were sent letters giving them 30 days to correct the problem. Williams will follow-up with another letter for those that do not contact her. Williams plans to contact Michigan Rural Water to come back and do more smoke testing in some new areas that were identified as a potential problem as a result of the camera testing.
● Residents have begun receiving their new refuse carts that they have signed up for. Refuse carts will be delivered to the customers the last week of each month before the next month’s water bills come out.
● As of August 1, Republic Waste will no longer be accepting any glass containers for the recycle program, but they have come up with a solution for the customers of the City of Ludington, City of Scottville and Pere Marquette Township. A recycle container would be placed in a central location in the county and residents could use this for their glass items. Each municipality would pay a yearly fee of approximately $9,320 for the container. That cost would have to be passed on to the residents whether they took advantage of the service or not. Williams is a fan of recycling, but due to the cost and the inconvenience of the container not being located in the City she does not feel it is worth it. That was also the consensus of the Commission.

CITY ATTORNEY

Thompson would be going to court August 7 regarding the Cherri Moffett (203 Crowley) condemnation issue and he would give an updated report at the next meeting.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The monthly police report was submitted for review. Riley reviewed some of the bigger issues the officers are currently dealing with.

TREASURER’S REPORT

No reports were available.
COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ordinance/Finance
●A meeting will be held the following week once a date is finalized.

Infrastructure
●Did not meet.

Public Safety
●Did not meet.

Charter
●Did not meet.

Personnel
●Did not meet.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

New Business # 1 – Medical Marijuana Ordinance

Begue read a statement that explained why he was changing the agenda to address two things: to review and vote on the recommendations from the Commission’s review of the proposed ordinance and to introduce and vote on a motion to opt in for the development of the medical Marijuana ordinance.

Begue would like to move forward and have an ordinance in place before the November election so the Commission’s stand with a Marijuana facility does not create confusion that the Commission supports the use of recreational Marijuana if the proposal passes.

Krieger stated he has spoken to numerous people and an overwhelming majority of them are against this issue and he feels it is an injustice to go against their wishes.

Begue stated he has heard the opposite.

Spencer asked why it had to be added that night when she was under the impression they would just be reviewing the comments made at the meetings and she thinks it should wait to be voted on.

Begue believes this is the best process regardless of how the Commission votes on it.

OLD BUSINESS

Begue had submitted a draft of comments that were received from the committees he met with to discuss the possibility of allowing Medical Marijuana facilities to be located in the City of Scottville. Tom Rief was
in the audience and helped Begue draw up the draft. Begue reviewed each section and discussed any questions or concerns that were brought up from a Commissioner.

The first reading for the ordinance regarding the Residential Property Inspection was discussed. An outside firm or person will be hired to do the inspections. All property owners that do not have a homestead status on their tax roll will be sent a letter informing them they have to register their property with the City by May 1, 2019. Failure to do so will result in a non-registration fee of $500. Any fees that are associated with this issue will be established by resolution. Once the inspections begin a third of them will be done the first, second and third years and then they will be done on a three year basis. Motion, by Begue and seconded by Duncil, to approve the first reading of the ordinance as presented with all rental dwellings having to be registered with the City by May 1, 2019. Motion carried.

Williams received two quotes for repainting the lines for the parking spaces in the 100 block of South Main Street. The angle of the lines will be 45 degrees and two parallel parking spaces will be added on each side of the north end of the street. The first bid was for $9,100 and they will use the same type of paint that was last used for this project. The second bid was for $3,000, but the paint that will be used does not have the life span as the first bid does. Williams will confirm that the old lines will be removed before the new ones are painted on. Motion, by Spencer and seconded by Genson, to award the parking line painting project to Michigan Pavement Solutions in the amount of $3,000. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Begue made a motion to opt in and allow medical Marijuana facilities to operate in the City. Genson seconded the motion. Thompson noted the motion means nothing until a final draft of an ordinance is finalized and approved by the Commission so Begue withdrew his motion and Genson withdrew her support.

HEARING OF THE CITIZENS

Barb Burwell thanked Begue for everything he has done regarding the medical Marijuana issue. She has spent a lot of time educating herself regarding the issue and is in favor of a Marijuana facility opening up in Scottville.

Darleen Franklin believes a Marijuana facility would be a good thing for Scottville and supports having one open up in the City.
COMMISSIONERS REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Genson was appreciative for all the time and effort Begue has put into the medical Marijuana issue.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Spencer and seconded by Duncil to adjourn. So carried at 7:15 p.m.

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Bruce Krieger, Mayor        Deborah A. Howe, Clerk