

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

The 1433rd Regular Commission Meeting of the Scottville City Commission was held on September 4, 2018 and called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Krieger.

Roll Call was taken with the following members present:

Commissioners	Sally Cole Connie Duncil Ann Genson Sue Petipren Marcy M. Spencer
Mayor	Bruce Krieger
Absent	Leon Begue

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion, by Cole and seconded by Spencer, to approve the 1432nd Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Motion, by Spencer and seconded by Genson, to approve the bills in the amount of \$33,722.25. Motion carried.

HEARING OF THE CITIZENS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

Williams received correspondence from MDOT that they are approving the request to add two streets into the certified local street total. The changes will result in an addition of .05 miles.

The Mason County Rural Fire Authority Minutes were submitted for review.

PUBLIC HEARING

Motion, by Spencer and seconded by Cole, to close the regular Commission meeting and open the Public Hearing for the purpose of discussing the Residential Rental Property Inspection Ordinance. Motion carried.

Williams stated this ordinance came about as a recommendation from the Planning Commission and it has been an ongoing process for several months. An outside firm will be hired to do the inspections. Those proposals are due back by September 18.

Thompson noted this has been a long process and landlords will have until May 1, 2019 to register their property with the City. A fee schedule has to be established and forms have to be created.

There were no Commissioner's reports or comments.

Bill Stechschulte asked what the motive was behind the ordinance. He believes it is unfair to single out tenants of rental properties and not of the home owner.

Williams stated they have had complaints in the past from tenants about the condition of their rental property and the current ordinance only allows the City to fight blight on the exterior of the property and not the interior. Williams stated this is not a money-making issue for the City and any fees collected will go directly to the outside firm as no money will be payable to the City.

Rob Alway, chairperson of the Planning Commission stated they wanted to be uniform across the county and used the ordinance that the City of Ludington recently approved as a guideline for writing Scottville's ordinance.

Motion, by Spencer and seconded by Duncil, to close the Public Hearing and re-convene the Regular Commission Meeting. Motion carried.

REPORTS CITY MANAGER

- DPW employees have been hauling brush for the residents as a result of the storm damage the previous week.
- DPW employees worked on a water leak at the intersection of State and Columbia over the weekend.

- The crack sealer has been ordered.
- The DEQ is asking that a full inspection of the water tower be completed as the last one was done in 2008. Williams contacted Dixon Engineering, the firm that has performed inspections in the past and they submitted a proposal for the work at an amount of \$2,500. The cost would have been greater if it wasn't for the fact the City has a warranty inspection due now for the interior painting project.

CITY ATTORNEY

The paperwork that will allow the court to appoint a guardian or conservator to oversee Cherrie Moffett's welfare is currently being finalized. Once that happens it will make the process of condemning her property move more smoothly.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Riley noted the monthly police report was submitted for review.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Shafer stated she continues to work out some bugs with the new BS&A software.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion, by Spencer and seconded by Duncil, to approve the Residential Rental Property Inspection Ordinance. Motion carried.

Spencer and the Finance Committee have been reviewing the Schedule of Fees and upon comparing our cost with other municipalities they have recommended increasing the fees in a few areas, one being that the fees be adjusted for cemetery services based on whether a person has a resident or non-resident status. Williams noted the fees will take affect January 1, 2019 to allow time for the Brookside Cemetery manual to be updated. Motion, by Spencer and seconded by Cole, to approve the changes to the Schedule of Fees as presented. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

HEARING OF THE CITIZENS

None.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Krieger stated he recently met with the Mason-Lake conservation District and the P.M. Watershed regarding the erosion along the banks of the P.M. river. He learned there is no money available for them to step in and resolve the issue so he is asking for the help of the public who have rocks they do not want to donate them to the City. The rocks that were placed along the banks in the 1970's have settled, which is causing the erosion.

Petipren was pleased with how great the campground looks after the employees cleaned it up from the storms that swept through the area the previous week.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Spencer and seconded by Cole to adjourn. So carried at 6:00 p.m.

Bruce Krieger, Mayor

Deborah A. Howe, Clerk