The 1439th Regular Commission Meeting of the Scottville City Commission was held on December 3, 2018 and called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Krieger.

Roll Call was taken with the following members present:

Commissioners
Rob Alway
Sally Cole
Connie Duncil
Sue Petipren
Marcy M. Spencer

Mayor
Bruce Krieger

Absent
Leon Begue

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion, by Alway and seconded by Spencer, to approve the 1438th Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Motion, by Spencer and seconded by Cole, to approve the bills in the amount of $22,384.62. Motion carried.

HEARING OF THE CITIZENS

Barb Burwell, Beryl Street, stated she visited the medical Marijuana dispensary located in Evart, Michigan and she invited the Commissioners to visit the dispensary to see their setup.

Trinidad Rios, South Columbia, is concerned about some scary incidents that have occurred with his neighbor’s aggressive dogs and members of his family. Sgt. Williams stated he is working with animal control and the Mason County Prosecutor about the issues.

Beth Boyer, Hansen Road, Custer believes a medical Marijuana dispensary would be a valuable asset to the community.

Tim Petipren agreed that the dogs Mr. Rios was referring to are a problem. He would like the Commissioners to put their personal feelings aside when considering their decision whether to allow or not allow a medical Marijuana dispensary in Scottville.
COMMUNICATIONS

None.

REPORTS
CITY MANAGER

Representative VanderWall has scheduled his next coffee hour for Monday, December 17 from 8-9 a.m.

Williams stated the salt truck had to be towed to Grand Rapids because there was something wrong with it. The problem was quickly discovered and it is an easy fix involving minor repairs to a switch and a wire. The truck should be back in service this week.

The security cameras have been installed at City Hall. Williams is very pleased with the system.

CITY ATTORNEY

Thompson had no other business to report on other than what was on the agenda.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The monthly police report was submitted for review.

TREASURER’S REPORT

The monthly financial reports will be submitted for review at the next meeting.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

OLD BUSINESS

The Mason County Rural Fire Authority received one letter of interest for the At-Large vacancy on the Board, that being from Chuck Keller who currently holds that position. Motion, by Alway and seconded by Petipren to appoint Chuck Keller to the board of the M.C.R.F.A. as presented. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Williams stated she submitted literature regarding recreational Marijuana facilities. She suggested the issue be referred to the Ordinance Committer for further discussion and for their recommendation on how to proceed with the issue. A draft of the medical Marijuana Ordinance was presented to the
Commission a couple of months ago. Thompson believes it is more beneficial to concentrate on a recreational Marijuana Ordinance than a medical Marijuana Ordinance because it would be difficult for both of them to co-exist in the same area. He stressed an Ordinance needs to be in place to not allow recreational Marijuana dispensaries in Scottville if that is the wish of the Commission. The City’s current zoning laws would not be effective regarding this issue.

Williams stated she received a court order to allow the City to demolish the home located at 203 Crowley and place the cost on the tax roll. Thompson suggested an additional line item should be added to the job specifications that the person awarded the bid would be responsible for all fees associated with the demolition. The deadline to submit bids is Friday, December 28 and the demolition needs to be completed by March 31, 2019. It will be up to the person holding the contract to decide if anything in the interior or exterior of the home is salvageable. Williams will set up a date and time the house will be open for inspection to help people finalize a bid for the project. Motion, by Alway and seconded by Spencer, to seek bids for the demolition based on the amendments as suggested by Thompson. Motion carried.

HEARING OF THE CITIZENS

Bill Keran introduced himself as the new director for the Scottville Senior Center.

Tim Petipren, Barb Burwell, Beth Boyer and Darlene Franklin all support having a medical Marijuana dispensary in Scottville.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Spencer and seconded by Duncil to adjourn. So carried at 6:13 p.m.