

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

The 1446th Regular Commission Meeting of the Scottville City Commission was held on March 18, 2019 and called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Krieger.

Roll Call was taken with the following members present:

Commissioners	Rob Alway Brian Benyo Sally Cole Connie Duncil Sue Petipren
Mayor	Bruce Krieger
Absent	Marcy M. Spencer

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion, by Alway and seconded by Duncil, to approve the 1445th Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Motion, by Alway and seconded by Cole, to approve the bills in the amount of \$275,331.63. Motion carried.

HEARING OF THE CITIZENS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

The Mason County Planning Commission notified the Commissioners they would begin the process of updating the County's Master Plan and once the draft is complete it would be sent to them for review at which time, they would be able to forward any comments they had.

PUBLIC HEARING

Motion, by Cole and seconded by Alway, to close the regular Commission meeting and open the Public Hearing for the purpose of discussing the DNR Acquisition Grant. Motion carried.

Williams stated the Optimist Club would like to get rid of their building and along with the DDA they have come up with a plan to sell the building to the City. The City would remodel the building to make it a desirable indoor/outdoor venue along with developing the adjoining green space into a park type setting which would include a historical sculpture that will be part of the Mason County Historical Trail. The estimated cost of the whole project is \$500,000. The City has an opportunity to apply for a DNR Acquisition Grant in the amount of \$141,300, based on the appraisal from a local appraiser. This amount could change if the DNR's appraisal is different. The Optimist Club in turn have agreed to donate to the City \$48,000 to use for upgrades to the building so no City money would be used. Alway stated the Sculpture Committee has plans to kick off their fundraising in the near future. Most of the Commissioners were on board with the project and think it is wonderful vision, but Mayor Krieger has reservations with the cost.

Bill Kerans is in favor of the project.

Ed Hahn suggested that the public be kept informed of the amount of money that is raised during the fundraising.

Motion, by Cole and seconded by Alway, to close the Public Hearing and reconvene the Regular Commission Meeting. Motion carried.

REPORTS CITY MANAGER

- Interviews will be conducted the following week for the office position.
- Comments regarding the brochure for the new city manager position were forwarded to Kathy Grinzinger and she will be finalizing it within the next week or so.
- The Board of Review will meet for the last time on Monday, March 25 from 1:30 - 7:30 p.m.

CITY ATTORNEY

Thompson is wrapping up some projects for Williams before she leaves in April.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The annual Family Affair event held the previous Saturday was a success and a lot of free stuff was distributed to those who attended the event.

The monthly police report was submitted for review.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The monthly financial reports were submitted for review.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Williams submitted the budget for the Commissioners to review in preparation for the Public Hearing that will be held on April 1. The Finance Committee has reviewed and approved the proposed budget. She explained the new format that the BS&A software uses and highlighted a few items of interest and they were, but not limited to the following:

- Took into consideration the proposed salary for a new manager as recommended by Kathy Grinzinger.
- \$5,000 in revenues over expenditures.
- General Fund is in good shape.
- Refuse is holding its own.
- Motor Pool-Much needed projects will be done at the DPW property.
- Major and Local streets were able to set money aside for future projects.

Anyone with concerns or questions about the budget can contact her for further explanation.

Each year the Planning Commission is required to submit the annual Planning Commission Report, which was submitted for the Commissioners to review.

NEW BUSINESS

Every year the Board of Review is required to adopt the Federal Poverty Guidelines that they use for reference when considering Hardship Exemption applications. Motion, by Krieger and seconded by Duncil, to approve the poverty guidelines as presented. Motion carried.

Williams noted the Planning Commission held a Public Hearing to make changes to the zoning map regarding the property the Scottville Optimist Club owns, the property where Jabrocki Excavating is located at and a portion of the west parking lot. Currently these properties are zoned Industrial, but the Planning Commission believes it is in the best interest of the City if it was rezoned Central Business District. Jabrocki Excavating will be grandfathered in, but if the property is sold to anyone else and does not remain an excavating company then the property would be governed by CBD guidelines. Williams noted no negative comments were received. It was the recommendation of the Planning Commission to amend the zoning map. Motion, by Alway and seconded by Benyo, to approve the changes to the zoning map as presented. Motion carried.

Williams stated the City's retirement system (MERS) is offering the employees an opportunity to save for retirement (457 Plan) above and beyond what they currently receive from the City. This is a voluntary plan and is no

extra cost to the City. Motion, by Cole and seconded by Petipren, to approve the MERS 457 Plan as presented. Motion carried.

Motion, by Cole and seconded by Duncil, to approve the submittal of DNR Acquisition Grant. Motion carried.

HEARING OF THE CITIZENS

Ed Hahn asked if the sidewalk that will be installed on Maple Street between the schools would be cleared of snow so students do not have to continue walking in the street. He was told the school plans on taking care of that.

Ed Hahn asked if it would be possible to have the City pickup leaves in the spring for all those residents who did not have a chance to get rid of theirs before the weather turned nasty last fall. Williams stated that could be done.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Petipren and seconded by Benyo to adjourn. So carried at 6:19 p.m.

Bruce Krieger, Mayor

Deborah A. Howe, Clerk