

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

The 1447<sup>th</sup> Regular Commission Meeting of the Scottville City Commission was held on April 1, 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, Chief Riley and Attorney Thompson.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Motion, by Benyo and seconded by Duncil, to approve the 1446<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE BILLS**

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

**HEARING OF THE CITIZENS**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Motion, by Alway and seconded by Cole, to close the Regular Commission Meeting and open the Public Hearing for the purpose of discussing the budget. Motion carried.

Williams submitted a summary of the budget and highlighted some areas of it. Those included, but were not limited to:

- The exterior work of City Hall was not included because it is not known when that project will begin.
- Zoning and blight expenses will be broken down to keep better track of it.
- Major and Local Street work will be funded by Act 51 money from the State.
- Sewer Fund-Lift Station Project was not budgeted for, but an amendment will have to be done once the cost is known.
- Maintenance projects at the DPW property and building.

Mayor Krieger asked if there was money budgeted for those residents who want to install or replace a sidewalk. Williams stated yes there was and it was a 50/50 program.

Always noted the new sidewalk on Maple Street is being paid for partially by MCC Schools and will also be maintained by the school.

No public comments were received.

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

### **REPORTS CITY MANAGER**

- A copy of the brochure advertising the city manager's job and a timeline for hiring a new city manager was submitted for review. Kathie Grinzinger is asking the Commissioners to start to consider dates for interviews. She will be asking the Commissioners to review the applicants in closed session during the week of April 13<sup>th</sup> and then interview the applicants the week of May 27. Williams asked the Commissioners to be prepared to set those dates during the May 15 Commission meeting.
- Kelse Lester was hired for the new front office position and will begin working on Monday, April 8.
- Williams and Krieger met with a contractor to look at the repairs that are needed at the pavilion at Riverside Park. It would be cost effective if skilled people who have carpentry experience would volunteer their time to replace/repair the roof and do other maintenance to the building, but the building will be restored this year even if a contractor has to be paid to do the work. 0

### **CITY ATTORNEY**

Thompson has been working on some ordinances including the one regarding fireworks and has also been doing work for the police department.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

The monthly police report was submitted for review.

### **TREASURER'S REPORTS**

Reports will be available at the next meeting.

## **ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Matt Biolette from Republic Waste explained that changes have occurred to the processing and selling of recyclable items, which has caused the cost of the recycle program to increase and that expense will have to be passed on to the City. To continue with the recycle program as it is now will cost the City approximately \$8,000 more. Williams stated a cost-effective option would be to go from twice a month pickup (\$1.50 per resident cost) to once a month pickup (\$.96 per resident cost). About 60% of the residents take advantage of the recycle program (the average is 40%) and Williams feels going to once a month pickup would not be popular with the residents. Mr. Biolette gave a step-to-step explanation of what happens with the recyclables after they are picked up from the residents. Williams noted the cost of the refuse bags, refuse carts and the refuse millage pay for the refuse contract with Republic Waste and for monitoring the closed landfill. Motion, by Alway and seconded by Cole, to approve the Republic Waste Contract extension. Motion carried. Motion, by Cole and seconded by Duncil, to approve the amendment to the recycle contract. Motion carried. Williams noted she would be in contact with Biolette to discuss the possibility of having recycles picked up twice a month instead of every other week.

Williams stated some of the Parks and Recreation Board members have conflicts with the current meeting dates and would like to change them. Motion, by Krieger and seconded by Alway, to approve the new 2019 Parks and Recreation Board Meeting dates as presented. Motion carried. Alway requested an update every so often as to what the board is doing.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Williams stated she received a request from Jim and Renee Jensen to keep ducks (4) and chickens (16) at their residence on South Elm Street. By ordinance, residents have to receive permission from the Commission to keep fowl on their property. They plan on fencing in the birds and there will be no roosters on site. Duncil is a neighbor and has no problem with the request. Motion, by Duncil and seconded by Benyo, to approve the Jensen's request to keep chickens and ducks as presented. Motion carried.

## **HEARING OF THE CITIZENS**

Ed Hahn wanted to know how much money the City makes off of the cell phone towers that are placed on the water tower.

Ed Hahn asked why the City sells garbage bags.

Krieger stated it was to help pay for the refuse fund.

Hahn would like the City to get rid of the contract for refuse and let each resident be responsible for their own refuse contract.

Bill Lehrbass stated the Rural Fire Authority purchased several vehicles and in May or June the vehicles will be on display for the public to view.

### **COMMISSIONERS REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

Krieger noted after the next Commission meeting on April 15 an open house for outgoing City Manager Williams would be held from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Krieger noted rocks are still needed for the erosion problem at Riverside Park and anyone who has some they would like to donate should contact him.

### **ADJOURN**

It was moved by Cole and seconded by Alway to adjourn. So carried at 6:21 p.m.

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Bruce Krieger, Mayor

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Deborah A. Howe, Clerk