

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

The 1459th Regular Commission Meeting of the Scottville City Commission was held on October 7, 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 Marcy Spencer
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Mayor	Bruce Krieger
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Also, in attendance were City Manager Magaluk, Clerk Lester, Chief Riley and Attorney Thompson.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion, by Cole and seconded by Spencer, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

Approve Agenda
19-151

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion, by Alway and seconded by Cole, to approve the 1458th regular meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Approve
Minutes
19-152

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Motion, by Benyo and seconded by Duncil, to approve the bills in the amount of \$28,411.20. Motion carried.

Approve Bills
19-153

HEARING OF THE CITIZENS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter of intent submitted by William Lehrbass to continue to represent Scottville on the MCRFA Board. Term will be up in December 2019. Magaluk will bring more details at that time.

PUBLIC HEARING

Motion, by Spencer and seconded by Cole, to close the regular meeting and open the Public Hearing for the purpose of discussing the rezone of 202 N Thomas St. Motion Carried.

Request for a public hearing to rezone property from CBD to R-3 was introduced 9/16/19. The building does meet all the R-3 standards with the exception of a porte cochere on Thomas St. Magaluk suggests they seek a variance as part of the site plan approval. The request was brought to the Planning Commission by the property owner; Margaret & Timothy Woltanski, in hopes to accommodate a potential buyer. The Planning Commission recommended unanimously to rezone the property. The need for additional housing within the city, and the benefits of bringing the structure back into active use were of the noted advantageous results.

Krieger noted the property tax increase post-remodel, and welcomed the opportunity to potentially bring in new city residents. Duncil questioned how long it would be before work could be started on the remodel. Magaluk provided 2 weeks was the standard waiting period following a rezone.

Melissa Reed spoke on behalf of both her husband (Patrick Patterson) and herself. They wish to purchase the property and currently own 10 rental properties within City limits. Their vision after the purchase of the property is to remodel the existing building into three, 2 bedroom/1 bath units.

Motion, by Cole and seconded by Spencer, to close the Public Hearing and re-convene the regular meeting. Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Duncil, Cole, Petipren, Benyo, Krieger

No: Spencer

Abstain: Alway

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

Open Public
Hearing
19-154

Close Public
Hearing
19-155

Roll Call
Vote
Ordinance
19-04

REPORTS CITY MANAGER

Manager Magaluk's report was submitted for review. Additional comment was made by Magaluk of her recent attendance to the MML Convention in Detroit. She found it very informative; in particular the session on small town government. She was grateful for the opportunity to attend.

CITY ATTORNEY

Will comment/assist with items later on agenda.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Riley's police report was submitted for review. Nothing additional to add.

TREASURER'S REPORT

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Finance/Ordinance: Looking into an IT person to assist City Hall employees with upgrading their current system and network issues. Discussed new and existing blight issues within the city, as well as means to address those issues. Discussed sidewalk project anticipated for 2020. Reviewed draft dog ordinance.

OLD BUSINESS

#1: Magaluk heard back from the BOE, who confirmed we are able to run separate ballots for a single precinct however it cannot be applied to wards. Thus, until a Charter Amendment is made The City of Scottville will continue to have 2 precincts; one for each ward. Magaluk noted we could add it as a single topic ballot issue on the next election.

#2: Attorney Thompson provided insight on both the charter amendment, and precinct consolidation. As mentioned before, any changes to the Charter would need to go through an official Charter Committee. Thompson noted the process differences for amendments vs. revisions, and brushed on a couple options we have in deciding which is the best course of action. He agreed to have more details prepared for the next Commission Meeting; 10/21/2019. It was agreed to schedule a committee of the whole discussion to precede the regular meeting.

#3 First reading of revised Dog Ordinance. Proposed ordinance changes include a leash law, a "scoop the poop" law, and a streamline procedure in the event a resident wishes to have more than two dogs.

Motion, by Alway and seconded by Spencer to approve the first reading of the Amended Dog Ordinance. Motion carried.

Thompson will start the publication process.

Approve 1st Reading of Amended Dog Ordinance 19-156

NEW BUSINESS

#1: Motion, by Spencer and seconded by Benyo, to approve the resolution as presented to place a special assessment on the 2019 winter tax roll for delinquent lot mowing. Motion carried

Approve Delinquent lot mowing 19-157

#2: Motion, by Spencer and seconded by Alway to approve the resolution as presented to place a special assessment on the 2019 winter tax roll for delinquent water bills. Motion carried.

Approve Delinquent Water Bills 19-158

Magaluk led the discussion on some of the above properties being occupied whilst the water is currently turned off. She has reached out to District Health Department #10 for assistance in addressing the issue. The Michigan Housing Act does not automatically apply to the City of Scottville due to the population, however with further consideration we could take action to opt into it.

HEARING OF THE CITIZENS

None

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Krieger made note of the wonderful job Sue Bershing did with the Halloween party at Riverside Park this past weekend.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Spencer and seconded by Cole to adjourn. So, carried at 6:06 p.m.

Adjourn 19-159

Bruce Krieger, Mayor

Kelse Lester, Clerk