The 1461st Regular Commission Meeting of the Scottville City Commission was held on November 4th, 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

Mayor
- Bruce Krieger

Also, in attendance were City Manager Magaluk, Clerk Lester, and Chief Riley.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion, by Spencer and seconded by Duncil, to approve the 1460th regular meeting minutes.

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Motion, by Spencer and seconded by Cole, to approve the bills in the amount of $41,593.11.

Motion carried.
HEARING OF THE CITIZENS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

Mason County Rural Fire Authority minutes.
Ludington Mass Transportation Authority meeting minutes.

Kris Steinberg from the U.S. Census Bureau provided a short presentation regarding the upcoming Census and ways in which we can help ensure that the City's residents are fully counted. The Census also offers part-time employment opportunities that may be of interest to our residents. Positions will be temporary, 200 people are needed, and will be paid $14.00 hourly.

REPORTS

CITY MANAGER

Manager Magaluk’s report was submitted for review. Magaluk added that her and Mayor Krieger were able to attend the Pere Marquette River Restoration Council meeting in Baldwin. Kickstarting the effort on restoration/bank stabilization at Riverside Park. They will be working on revised plans to minimize costs. A total of $10,000 was previously allocated for this project, if no or minimal additional fundraising is needed, this project could be ready to bid Spring 2020.

Updated IT equipment was installed at City Hall to continue the effort on improving our real time communications system. We’re moving towards presenting an “online bill-payment” option to City residents.

Magaluk commented on a few seasonal items;
  *Riverside Park is closed now until May.
  *Burials at Brookside are now scheduled on a case by case basis.
  *On street parking restrictions are now in effect per City ordinance 72.01.

CITY ATTORNEY

Attorney Thompson was not present, however Krieger confirmed they will both be attending court on 11/6/2019 in regards to the ongoing blight case at 112 S Reinberg Ave. Will provide an update at next meeting.
POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Riley’s report was submitted for review. Riley added Officer Skinner has been working diligently on a variety ordinance violations. He also noted his satisfaction with automotive work performed by LMTA to the Police Department vehicles.

TREASURER’S REPORT

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Finance/Ordinance committee set to meet Friday, 11/8/19.
2. Infrastructure committee has not met.
3. Building & Grounds/Public Safety committee has not met.
4. Personnel committee has not met.
5. Parks & Recreation has not met. Petipren made general comments on needed improvements.
6. Charter committee did not meet.

OLD BUSINESS

#1: Attorney Thompson provided a resolution to amend sections 1.3, 4.3, 4.5 and 6.1 of the Scottville City Charter. This change would consolidate two wards into one, and require all seven commissioners to be elected at large. If adopted by Commission tonight Thompson will then forward it to the State Attorney for final approval.

Motion, by Spencer and seconded by Cole to approve the adoption of the draft resolution as presented to amend the city’s current charter.
Motion carried.

#2: Tree removal update. MDOT has removed a total of 4 tree’s along State St at no cost to The City. Magaluk will continue to work with residents on tree replacement, planning specifically to plant in Fall 2020.

NEW BUSINESS

None
HEARING OF THE CITIZENS

Bill Lehrbass presented a hard copy of the MCRFA Audit. Linda Holden wondered if literature for the 2020 Census would be provided to business owners looking to promote. Kris Steinberg advised there are printable files located online, in addition that word of mouth is often the best form of advertisement.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Petipren commended the MCRFA on their contribution to our community. Duncil offered her thanks to our DPW for their diligence with leaf collection and sanitary aspects of the City.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Spencer and seconded by Cole to adjourn. So, carried at 6:08 p.m. Motion carried.

Bruce Krieger, Mayor

Kelse Lester, Clerk