

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

The 1487th Regular Commission Meeting of the Scottville City Commission was held virtually on December 21st, 2020. Called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Marcy M. Spencer.

Roll Call:

Present:

Sally Cole
 Nathan Yeomans
 Bruce Claveau
 Brian Benyo (arrived at 5:44pm)
 Ryan Graham
 Rob Alway
 Mayor Marcy Spencer

Also, in attendance: Chief Murphy, Clerk Lester, Treasurer Shafer, and Attorney Alvarado.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

1. Extend City Managers leave of absence to January 4th, 2021.
 (New Business, Item D.)
2. Change Item 11/D under Old Business from City Manager Investigation to read Revenue Sharing Report Committee Investigation Update

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Approve Agenda 20-161	Motion, by Spencer and seconded by Alway to approve the agenda with amendments. Roll Call Vote Motion carried.
-----------------------------	--

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approve Minutes 20-162	Alway requested the last sentence within the motion under New Business Item D "Revenue Sharing Report" be stricken from the record.
------------------------------	---

Motion, by Alway and seconded by Spencer to approve the 1486th regular meeting minutes with corrections.

Roll Call Vote.

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Approve
Bills
20-163

Motion, by Cole and seconded by Graham to approve the bills in the amount of \$41,639.36.

Roll Call Vote.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bobbi Anne Wallager thanked the City for the effort put into the beautiful Christmas Parade.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Standing Committee Schedule for the City of Scottville provided.

REPORTS:

A. Interim City Manager:

Report provided. Murphy thanked the Mason County Sherriff Department, Life EMS, area Fire Departments, Scottville Police Department, and Scottville DPW staff for their involvement with the Christmas Parade. A group effort brought forth a healthy turnout and positive response within the community.

B. City Attorney:

Alvarado offered he will provide insight on topics later in the agenda.

C. Police Department:

Murphy noted that despite area schools being closed for Christmas break, routine patrol is still being conducted. Department has recently completed annual training.

D. Treasurer:

Nothing to Report.

E. Committee Reports:

1. Building/Grounds/Infrastructure: N/A
2. Charter: N/A
3. Finance: Graham reported the group met 12/11 and discussed temporary storage at Riverside Park, water rates (Per Ludington Rate Increase), and budget amendments.

4. Public Safety: N/A
5. Ordinance: Met in November to discuss City parking lot tag program, winter sidewalk clearing, on street parking enforcement, and outdoor storage in the central business district
6. Personnel/Rules & Ethics: N/A

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Grant Opportunity Update:

Interim Murphy reported Clerk Lester has submitted a letter of intent to the State of Michigan for approval on the Drinking Water Asset Management Grant. Lester is also working with the Conservation Resource Alliance to update the City's five-year recreation plan on behalf of the Land and Water Grant. Both are in the very early application stages. Treasurer Shafer has completed an application concerning the COVID Relief Grant. The DDA is offering a matching grant to its downtown businesses, alongside the CARES ACT funding allocated to small businesses in Michigan.

B. Remote Meeting Authorization:

Alvarado reported the Senate has proposed an amended extension to the Open Meetings Act deadline allowing Commission to meet virtually through 03/31/2021 without reason. He will continue to monitor this situation carefully.

C. 108 S. Reinberg Ave Nuisance Abatement Update:

Nuisance
Abatement
108 S Reinberg
20-164

Health Department #10 has allotted a 30-day extension to the property owners, moving the improvement deadline to 01/07/2021. Alvarado recommends the Commission table this topic until the first scheduled meeting after the new deadline (01/18/2021).

Motion, by Benyo and seconded by Yeomans granting permission to Attorney Alvarado to contact the property owners advising them of their legal options VS the City's intent to move forward with abatement action.

Roll Call Vote.

Motion Carried.

D. Revenue Sharing Report Committee Investigation Update:

Alvarado advised the committee was provided a written report by Detective Aaron Sailor 12/17/2020. The public employee named in the report will be provided a copy of the report, given the opportunity to rebut the findings, and to request a closed session prior to the release of the report to the City Commission. Alvarado noted the Revenue Sharing Report Committee can answer questions only regarding

procedure followed. Disclosure of any substance of the content of the investigation would violate the rights and privilege of the named public employee.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. SRO Training Agreement:

SRO
Training
Agreement
20-165

Chief Murphy provided a copy of the agreement drafted by Attorney Alvarado. The agreement between Officer Steve Case and the City of Scottville dictates that the City will cover the cost of certification through MCOLS in the State of Michigan. In exchange, Case will have to reimburse the City for the full amount paid if he discontinues employment within 5 years.

Motion, by Alway and seconded by Benyo to approve the SRO Training Agreement as presented.

Alway commented with his appreciation of Chief Murphy's diligence and noted Officer Case is a welcomed addition to City staff.

Roll Call Vote.

Motion Carried.

B. Park & Rec Grill:

Grill
Purchase
20-166

Item forwarded from Finance Committee for approval to purchase a charcoal grill. The grill would be permanently placed at McPhail Field, near the playground and tennis courts. Officer Skinner received a \$100.00 donation, which would cover a portion of the total project cost.

Motion, by Benyo and seconded by Yeomans to approve purchase of grill for permanent placement at McPhail Field.

Roll Call Vote.

Motion Carried.

C. TNT Lawncare Early Bird Special:

Quote provided by TNT Enterprise has submitted a new contract for the 2021 mowing season, with a reduction in cost if accepted before February 1, 2021. Mayor Spencer suggested advertising an RFP in the local newspaper seeking the most cost-effective bid.

D. Extending City Manager's Leave of Absence to January 4, 2021.

Manager
Leave
Extension
20-167

Motion, by Cole and seconded by Benyo to approve the extension of City Manager Magaluk's leave through January 4, 2021.

Roll Call Vote.

Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMISSIONER COMMENT:

Mayor Spencer commended both Scottville Police Department and the Scottville Fire Department on their efforts regarding the Christmas parade. She also thanked Larsen's Landscaping /The Market for providing the beautiful float.

Mayor Spencer requested committee chairs begin setting up meeting dates for the 2021 calendar year, and to submit them to Clerk Lester. She suggested quarterly meetings as fit for some committees. She reminded Commission members who have not completed the public office training provided by Attorney Alvarado to contact Interim Manager Murphy. Alway commented how awesome it is that Mayor Spencer is friends with Santa.

Yeomans announced his excitement regarding the noted grant opportunities, and offered assistance to those completing applications etc.

ADJOURN:


It was moved by Alway and seconded by Cole to adjourn.

So, carried at 6:25 P.M.

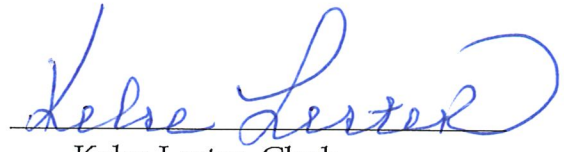
Roll Call Vote.

Motion carried.

Adjourn
20-168



Marcy M. Spencer, Mayor



Kelse Lester, Clerk