

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

The 1382<sup>nd</sup> Regular Commission Meeting of the Scottville City Commission was held on July 18, 2016 and called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Maki.

Roll Call was taken with the following members present:

Commissioners	Leon Begue Sally Cole Connie Duncil Ann Genson Bruce Krieger Richard L. Maki Marcy M. Spencer
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Also in attendance were City Manager Williams, Clerk Howe, Chief Riley and Attorney Thompson.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Motion, by Krieger and seconded by Spencer, to approve the 1381<sup>st</sup> Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE BILLS**

The Commissioners questioned the following bills:

- George Smith – New phone case for the phone that is used during work hours.
- Gen Knudsen and Laura Payne - refund of vendor fees for the craft sale that was scheduled to be held during Summerfest, but was cancelled.
- P.M. Historic Motoring Club – trailer that was rented and was used for a stage during Summerfest.
- Mac's Tree Service – cost to have trees trimmed and removed at Riverside Park.

Motion, by Spencer and seconded by Cole, to approve the bills in the amount of \$43,887.86. Motion carried.

**HEARING OF THE CITIZENS**

None.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Williams noted the Rural Fire Authority Minutes were submitted for review.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

Motion, by Genson and seconded by Spencer, to close the Regular Commission meeting and open the Public Hearing for the purpose of discussing the sign ordinance. Motion carried.

Williams stated the Planning Commission spent several months discussing a way to amend the sign ordinance that would require property owners to remove existing signage within 30 days of closing their business. Their recommendation will help a potential buyer of the property to visualize what the building could be used for instead of what it was used for. Begue would like the property owner to be required to replace the old signs with a sign that suggests what the building could be used for, but Thompson stated that could not be enforced and it would have to be something the property owner would be willing to do on a voluntary basis. Thompson stated if the sign is not removed by the 30 day deadline the City will have the authority to remove the sign at the property owner's expense.

No public reports were received.

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

## **REPORTS CITY MANAGER**

- Family Fun Nights will be held at the Scottville Clown Band Shell for three consecutive weeks each Tuesday beginning July 19.
- Linda and Roy Holden are willing to purchase a sign for the crosswalk by their store that would alert motorists to yield for pedestrians using the crosswalk. Williams appreciates the Holden's concern, but stated due to the width of the street the sign would interfere with farm machinery and semi-trucks passing in that area so she is not recommending that one be placed there. Williams stated she would do some research and try to come up with a way to make the crosswalk more visible.
- Scottville Fire Firefighter's Association has applied for the liquor licensed for the entertainment tent for the Harvest Festival.

- Williams stated there are several old items that are being stored at City Hall and no longer serve a purpose so they will be put up for bid to generate some revenue for the City.
- Five-Cap will be replacing a portion of their sidewalk and will take advantage of the 50/50 sidewalk replacement program the City offers to its residents.
- Plans are being made for City Hall's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. It will be held September 14 and will be a kick-off for the Harvest Festival events.

### **CITY ATTORNEY**

Thompson has been working on the issue of the stagnant swimming pool on Thomas Street that is a hazard to the community.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Riley stated his department handled a DOA incident at Thornwild Apartments and after an investigation it appears the person died from natural causes and no foul play is suspected.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Williams reviewed the June Financial Reports with the Commissioners.

### **DDA REPORT**

No reports were available.

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

None.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Motion, by Krieger and seconded by Spencer, to approve the amendment to the Sign Ordinance as presented. Motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Williams stated formal letters were sent out to all the appropriate parties regarding the property located at 205 Thomas that has a swimming pool. Thompson stated if the City begins the process of removing the pool

they could be held liable if it is not done right. Williams stated she talked to some professionals and they gave her two options, which were to remove all the concrete and fill it in or busting out just the bottom to allow for drainage and then fill it in. Discussion followed and in the end it was the recommendation of Thompson and the consensus of the Commission that the pool is a safety hazard and it would be in the best interest of the community to have it completely removed along with the diving board and fill it up with top soil and seeded. The cost will be placed on the property's tax roll as a special assessment. Williams stated once the pool is gone, the City can begin mowing the back yard at the cost of the home owner. Motion, by Begue and seconded by Spencer, to remove the pool completely and fill it in. Motion carried.

Williams stated she has been working with a company called AMEC who represents Wesco and Blarney Castle's State Street EZ Mart regarding contaminated soil near the intersection's the buildings are located on. The contamination is contained in the right-of-way and they are asking that the City enter into a DEQ Road Right-of-Way Alternate Institutional Control Document. MDOT has already entered into a similar document for the intersection of North Main and East State Street. Williams sent the documents to the City's environmental attorney for his opinion and he gave his approval for the City to enter into the agreements. These agreements will result in the two parties reimbursing the City for any contaminated soil that is removed in those areas. Motion, by Krieger and seconded by Spencer, to approve the Institutional Control Documents. Motion carried.

Williams stated she has been working with a power company regarding easements at the old landfill on First Street. The original easement was never defined back in the 1950's. Wolverine Power would like the easements to be more accurate as they are planning to replace the poles that run through the property. Williams stated there are several monitoring wells and a shed in the easement, which Wolverine Power is aware of, but they are asking not to build anything else from this day forward. Williams stated by entering into the amendment for easement Wolverine Power is paying the City \$854.93 for use of the land. Motion, by Krieger and seconded by Genson, to approve the amendment to existing easement. Motion carried.

## **HEARING OF THE CITIZENS**

None.

## **COMMISSIONERS REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

Krieger noted the ornamental light pole on the NW corner of State and Main Streets is in need of a new coat of paint.

Williams stated she would contact someone on the cost to paint it.

Krieger stated he has received some negative remarks about the new recycle carts.

Krieger asked if the construction project is on schedule.

Williams stated yes it is.

Genson noted that at least one of the holes in the area of the construction site has a lot of garbage in them.

Genson noted the USDA sign posted at the west end of the city limits is very small and hard to read.

Genson noted that since the water main project on North Main Street began some of her neighbors have noticed their water has a yellowish tint to it.

Williams stated the water in the City is tested on a regular basis and the yellow tint could be caused by the age of the pipes in their home.

## **ADJOURN**

It was moved by Spencer and seconded by Duncil to adjourn. So carried at 6:24 p.m.

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Richard Maki, Mayor

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Deborah A. Howe, Clerk

