

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

The 1495<sup>th</sup> Regular Commission meeting of the Scottville City Commission was held at the Optimist Hall 105 Green St: on April 19, 2021. Called to order at 6:30pm by Mayor Marcy M. Spencer.

**Present at Roll Call**

Rob Alway

Brian Benyo

Bruce Claveau

Sally Cole

Ryan Graham

Nathan Yeomans

Mayor Marcy Spencer

Also, in attendance Chief Matt Murphy, Attorney Carlos Alvarado, and Clerk Kelse Lester

**Additions/Deletions to Agenda**

ADD: New Business; Item C; Chicken ownership request at 406 Thomas St.

21-70 **Approval of Agenda**

Motion, by Cole with support from Benyo to approve the agenda with noted additions.

21-71 **Approval of Consent Agenda**

Motion, by Alway with support from Claveau to approve the consent agenda as presented.

**Correspondence**

Spencer presented a letter submitted by Carla Hansen Director of Arch Staffing donating their service fee of \$5000 for the City Manager Search to McPhail Field.

**Department Reports**

a. Interim City Manager

Spring chores are underway for the DPW. Opening preparations for both McPhail Field and Riverside park are being completed efficiently.

b. Police Chief

Officer Skinner has started working with residents on blight infractions and Ordinance Compliance. School Resource Officer Steve Case will begin work May 1<sup>st</sup> after his training completion. Murphy and Skinner will participate in a 12-hour active shooter training course with the City of Ludington.

c. Attorney

Alvarado has been working on FOIA request completion. He continues to monitor COVID regulations pertaining to the Open Meetings Act.

d. Mayor

Nothing to report

e. Treasurer

Revenue and Expenditure Report provided.

- f. Committee/Board Reports
1. Finance  
Graham reported the group held a work session 4/15/21 for budget review.
  2. Ordinance Spencer reported the group met 4/13/21 and discussed outdoor storage in the CBD, updated forms on website
  3. Parks & Rec  
Graham announced the hiring of Jennifer Griffith as the new Park Manager at Riverside. He thanked Sue Bershing for her years of service. The group discussed seasonal sites at the park. Jackie Krieger will serve as co-chair to the committee.

#### Unfinished Business

- 21-72 a. City Manager Hiring Update  
Motion, by Alway with support from Cole to extend an offer of employment for the position of City Manager on behalf City of Scottville to O'Neil James Newkirk III; while also allowing Attorney Alvarado and Mayor Spencer to begin contract negotiations with Newkirk with consultation from the Personnel Committee, with the expectation to ratify the contract at the 5/3/21 Regular Commission meeting.  
Roll Call Vote  
YES: 7  
NO: 0  
Absent: 0  
Motion carried.
- 21-73 b. Appeal of FOIA request  
Motion by Yeomans with support from Benyo to approve the appeal of the FOIA request.  
Motion Carried.

#### New Business

- 21-74 a. Joan Young Presentation—Riverside Park Trails  
Joan presented a PowerPoint displaying the status of the walking trails at Riverside Park. She offered to head the project of clearing the trail for civilian use. Volunteers requested.
- b. Swm Lessons at Riverside Park  
Motion, by Alway with support from Yeomans to allow instructor Tess Hallead-Versluis to utilize the pool at Riverside Park to offer swim lessons (for a fee) to the public.  
Motion Carried.
- 21-75 c. Motion, by Claveau with support from Benyo to approve the request to house 6 chickens at 406 Thomas St.  
Motion Carried.

#### Public Comment

Susan Evans

Tom Rotta

Jennifer Griffith

Sue Petipren

**Council Member Comments**

Spencer thanked Joan for her presentation. Bruce Krieger for his assistance with recent grant acquisition for the Bank Erosion Project. Carla Hansen for her generous donation, and the three candidates who interviewed for the city Manager position.

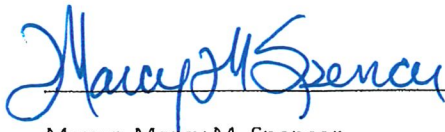
Graham thanked City staff for their dedication the past few months, specifically DPW Justin Coolman and Chief Murphy.

Alway echoed these statements.

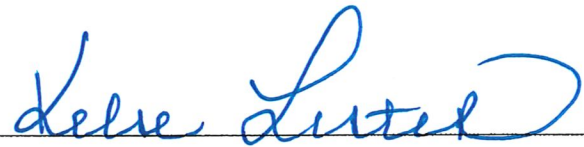
21-76 **Adjournment**

Motion, by Yeomans with support from Claveau to adjourn.

Motion Carried 7:38PM



Mayor, Marcy M. Spencer



Clerk, Kelse Lester

