

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

The 1473rd Regular Commission Meeting of the Scottville City Commission was held on May 18th, 2020 via Zoom meeting. Called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Bruce Krieger.

Roll Call:

Present:

Connie Duncil
Sally Cole
Marcy Spencer
Ryan Graham
Brian Benyo
Rob Alway
Mayor Bruce Krieger

Also, in attendance: City Manager Magaluk, Clerk Lester and Chief Murphy.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

A. Property abatement.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion, by Alway and seconded by Cole to approve the agenda with noted revisions.

Roll call vote taken, passes unanimously.

Motion carried.

Approve
Agenda
20-40

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion, by Cole and seconded Graham by to approve the 1472nd regular meeting minutes.

Roll call vote taken, passes unanimously.

Motion Carried.

Approve
Minutes
20-41

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Approve Bill:
20-42

Motion, by Spencer and seconded Alway to approve the bills in the amount of \$17,411.44. Krieger questioned the "Property Owner Door Hanger" expense, Magaluk provided they are used for Ordinance enforcement notification. Roll call vote taken, passes unanimously. Motion Carried.

HEARING OF THE CITIZENS:

Bill Kerans voiced that "Project Fresh" coupons are available to residents at the Senior Center. Please call 757-4705 to make arrangements for pick up. Additionally, Bill requested on behalf of the Census team that a "Make Mason Count" sign be placed in the parking lot near the Optimist Hall, where the new "hot spot" is located. The commission voiced unanimously that would be fine.

Steve Hull from the Mason County Board of Commissioners extended well wishes to the City of Scottville, and offered the County's assistance in any way. He noted County offices will be closed to the public until the middle of June 2020.

Chuck Smith thanked the Police Department for their service.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

REPORTS:

- A. City Manager: Report provided. Magaluk added that City Hall and the DPW are still closed to the public, but returned to full time staffing today. McPhail Field is now open for general use, dawn to dusk. The alley between Scott St. and Crowley St. has not been vacated, we will continue to pursue this clean up request. Public hearing is set for June 1st 2020 to amend parking/storage ordinances. The Ordinance committee will be meeting later this week to discuss this further/make any changes prior to Public Hearing. We are exploring options to meet in person, possibly at Riverside Park.
- B. City Attorney: Thompson had nothing new to report.
- C. Police Department: Report provided. Chief Murphy noted his department has been working diligently on

seasonal Ordinance violations. He brought to attention that MDOT will be starting a \$2.4 Million project on US 31 June 1st 2020. This will be implemented in three phases. Phase two will impact the City of Scottville the most. Traffic from the highway will be detoured down Main St through the stoplight, which will compromise day to day operations. A specific concern are the semi-trucks. In preparation, Chief has requested with MDOT and the Sheriffs Department that the speed limit by G2S Academy be temporarily reduced.

D. City Treasurer: No report provided.

E. Committee Reports:

- a. Finance: Spencer reported the committee met 4/20, 5/7, and 5/13 to discuss water/sewer rate increases, hazard pay and equipment for the Police Department, the 2021 budget, and tree removal and street repair.
- b. Ordinance: Spencer reported the committee met 3/10 and 4/8 to discuss the postponement of Spring cleanup, blight enforcement, and the parking/storage amendments. Committee recommends to the Commission no change in the Marijuana Ordinance.
- c. Personnel: Spencer reported the committee met 4/23 to discuss the SRO updates, parks and recreation management, RFP's for City Attorney/ Assessor, hazard pay for the Police Department, and City Hall returning to full time staff.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. 2020/2021 Budget:

Report provided.

Preview discussion of 2020/2021 budget to review, ask questions, and direct any proposed changes. Formal Public

Hearing set for 6/1/2020. Most notable changes to the budget included anticipated reductions in state funding, addition of a School Resource Officer, the acquisition of the Optimist Hall, and the impact of COVID canceled events such as the 10&31 Celebration. No change is proposed to the millage or refuse tax. The Commission discussed that the budget may need further monitoring and amendments as a clearer understanding of the financial impacts of COVID develops.

B. Police Radar and Light Bar:

Chief Murphy communicated the importance of up to date equipment for Police Department vehicles, pointing out that the items being requested are more than a decade old.

Motion, by Alway and seconded by Benyo to approve the purchase of two new radar units, and one new light bar for the SPD patrol cars.

Roll call vote taken, passes unanimously.

Motion carried.

Police Dept
Equipment

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C. Parks & Recreation Committee Appointment:

Magaluk voiced the potential this particular committee has, noting its importance within the community. Their focus would be the revitalization of both Riverside Park and McPhail Field. Alway requested precedent be given to city residents. Magaluk agreed to make sure residence is noted on applications.

D. Property Abatement:

The following property owners have been found by the Police Department to be in violation of the International Property Maintenance code(s); 302.4, 302.8 and were given ample time to make the necessary improvements.

209 W. 1st St.

404 S. Main St.

108 S. Reinberg Ave.

Thompson opted not to advise legally at this time but commented that he will look into the best course of action to initiate notice to abate.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

None.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS & COMMENTS:

None.


ADJOURN

It was moved by Spencer and seconded by Duncil to adjourn. So, carried at 6:26 P.M.

Roll call vote taken, passes unanimously.

Motion carried.

Adjourn
20-44



Bruce Krieger, Mayor



Kelse Lester, Clerk