

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

The 1477th Regular Commission Meeting of the Scottville City Commission was held July 20th, 2020. Called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Bruce Krieger.

Roll Call:

Present:

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

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

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

A. Change meeting location (New Business Item D)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion, by Cole and seconded by Benyo to approve the agenda with noted additions.
 Motion carried.

Approve
 Agenda
 20-76

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from 1476th meeting are unavailable due to Clerk Lester's absence. A draft copy will be posted online, and presented to the Commission for approval at the next regular meeting 8/3/2020.

Approve
 Minutes
 20-77

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Motion, by Spencer and seconded by Cole to approve the bills in the amount of \$58,260.35.

Approve
 Bills
 20-78

Krieger questioned the bill for "Drug Screen Plus." Magaluk responded this is a routine but random test required through MDOT for our DPW staff.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Lauren Kreinbrink introduced herself as a candidate running for Mason County Prosecutor. She urged everyone to utilize their right to vote in the August 4th, Primary.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

REPORTS:

A. City Manager:

Report provided. Magaluk was happy to report the closing of the Optimist Property Acquisition. She has been working this week on a number of grant applications with quick turn-around under the CARES Act. Filming on South Main Street happening currently, Magaluk noted what a unique opportunity this was for the City.

B. City Attorney:

Tracy thanked the City for the opportunity to serve as their legal representation for 23 great years. He is confident with the City's choice in Carlos Alvarado Law in partnership with Olson, Bzdok & Howard. He will work closely with the new team to transition any existing cases.

C. Police Department:

Report provided. Chief Murphy is working with Magaluk on above grant acquisition. MDOT is reimbursing the City for the overtime paid to Officer Skinner during the detour. To date the department has roughly 200 more response calls than this time last year.

D. Committee:

- a. Finance met recently and discussed the rental inspection program.
- b. Personnel met and discussed the DPW work schedule changing to four, ten-hour days rather than five, eight-hour days. The committee felt "scheduling" falls under

the City Managers realm, and that any changes should be made at her discretion.

- c. Parks & Recreation met for the first time under newly appointed membership. Graham touched on a number of projects and goals the committee will be working on. Including picnic tables, new playground equipment, and electrical upgrades at Riverside. DPW staff assisted in the assembly of a new basketball hoop. Officer Skinner continues to get can/bottle donations, with a running total of over \$2000 raised. Youth football camp will be pushed back to the middle/end of August. New shingles (donated in part through Standard Lumber) are ready for installation on the bathrooms at McPhail. They also plan to build bat racks, and paint the bathrooms, press box and bleachers.

CITY ASSESSOR INTERVIEWS:

Each candidate was permitted five to ten minutes to introduce themselves and share a brief overview of their practice and experience with the Commission. Specific proposals were previously provided to all Commission members for review.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. City Attorney Contract for Services:

Motion, by Krieger and seconded by Graham to hire Carlos Alvarado as the new City Attorney.

Motion carried.

Carlos
Alvarado
20-79

B. City Assessor RFP Selection:

Motion, by Alway and seconded by Graham to table the selection of City Assessor to the next regular scheduled meeting 8/3/2020.

Motion carried.

Assessor
RFP
Table
20-80

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Proclamation of Appreciation for Tracy Thompson:

The City would like to thank Thompson for 23 years of dedicated service. During that time Thompson has worked alongside six City Managers, four Police Chiefs and numerous Mayors.

Motion, by Krieger and seconded by Spencer to approve the Proclamation of Appreciation for Tracy Thompson.

Motion carried.

Thompson
Proclamation
20-81

Variance
202 N. Thomas
20-82

B. Set Variance at 202 N Thomas St for Public Hearing:

This property was rezoned last year from Commercial to Residential with the expectation of the owners to seek a variance for the porte cochere at the front of the building. A formal application was filed with City Hall last week.

Motion, by Benyo and seconded by Alway to set a public hearing date for Variance at 202 N Thomas St.

Motion carried.

C. City Hall Phone and Internet Upgrades:

Phone and internet service provider change from Charter Communications to Syncwave. This would include a two-part changeover, and was anticipated in the 2020-2021 Budget. Initial startup cost of \$6,780.00 to upgrade all systems, followed by a monthly fee of \$581.83. A modest cost increase for a more appropriate and dependable system.

Motion, by Alway and seconded by Spencer to approve phone and internet upgrades at City Hall.

Motion carried.

Phone/Internet
upgrade
20-83

D. Commission Meeting Venue Change:

Motion, by Alway and seconded by Graham to change the Regular Commission Meeting location to The Optimist Hall at 106 Greene St.

Motion carried.

1478th
Com. Mtg
Location
20-84

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Art Wallager of 404 N. Main St. spoke in favor of the call-in option for Commission meetings. He works out of town and is unable to attend meetings in person. This allows him to still play an active role in City politics. He did however note the sound quality is poor.

COMMISSIONER COMMENT:

Krieger brought forth his dissatisfaction with the rental inspector Mark Niesen. He has been unable to successfully contact him in some time. He requested Attorney Alvarado send a letter on behalf of the City. Additionally, Krieger questioned the status of a blight issue at 404 S. Main. The owner is deceased, however Attorney Thompson noted legal council is actively going through the proper order of procedures to appease a situation of this nature.

Adjourn
20-85

ADJOURN:

It was moved by Spencer, and seconded by Alway to adjourn.

So, carried at 6:20 P.M.

Motion carried.

Bruce Krieger, Mayor

Kelse Lester, Clerk