

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

The 1491st Regular Commission Meeting of the Scottville City Commission was held virtually on February 15, 2021. Called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Marcy M. Spencer.

Present at Roll Call:

Sally Cole
Nathan Yeomans
Bruce Claveau
Brian Benyo
Ryan Graham
Rob Alway
Mayor Marcy Spencer

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

Additions/Deletions to Agenda:

ADD: New Business; F; Planning Commission Appointment

Approval of the Agenda

Approve
Agenda
21-31 Motion, by Cole with support from Always to approve agenda with noted addition.
Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried

Approval of Minutes

Approve
Minutes
21-32 Motion, by Yeomans with support from Benyo to approve 1490th Regular Meeting
Minutes as presented.
Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried

Approval of Bills

Approve
Bills
21-33 Motion, by Alway with support from Cole to approve the bills in the amount of
\$37,936.36.
Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried

Public Comment:

Tom Rotta of Ludington "Please allow me to make a few points as an outside observer about what's happening in the City of Scottville. I've made these observations after having read the report from Detective Sailors one sided investigation report and certain inefficiencies and the former City Managers non-refuted responses and other public records provided to me on request. Ms. Magaluk was willing able and capable of taking a couple of hours to fill in the revenue sharing report she claims the police chief and

treasurer would not allow her to do it even though she was not yet on maternity leave. This resulted in the part time Treasurer claiming 25 hours of OT that week including holiday pay. Chief Murphy claimed 20 hours comp time during that same pay period. Shafer the implacable rules do not allow Shafer to claim OT nor was it warranted by her superior, which was at the time Ms. Magaluk; nor should she be getting other full-time benefits, which would more than double her wages. Chief Murphy doesn't qualify for comp time because of his position and his income. In other words, the investigation, and its follow up did not uncover wrongdoing or profiteering by Ms. Magaluk but did catch blatant fraud and profiteering by the City Treasurer and the current acting City Manager. That is where the discipline should be occurring. Thank you."

Theresa Nutter spoke on behalf of her daughter Shelby Nutter at 108 Reinberg. She reported Shelby is working on the plumbing and painting issues at this residence. Bruce Krieger reported he has received a \$3000 grant/donation on behalf of the Bank Erosion project at Riverside.

Communications:

- Poverty and Tax Exemption resolutions presented. This is paperwork required through the Tax Review performed by the State of Michigan through our Assessor; Greg Barnett; on behalf of the City.
- Spencer reported the Buildings/Grounds/Infrastructure Committee will now be Chaired by Commissioner Bruce Claveau.

Reports:

- City Manager/Police Chief

Murphy reported the DDA is moving forward with the 10&31 Celebration this year, with a moveable date of August 6th & 7th. \$34,000 of stimulus grants were made available to local businesses through the Chamber of Commerce. Murphy noted the effort and performance of our DPW staff while responding to a water line break near the Beryl and Reinberg intersection. This incident coincided with a major snowstorm, which resulted in exemplary dedication on their behalf. The Police Department has delivered over 70 food boxes from the USDA to residents. Mayor Spencer helped with this project.

- City Attorney

Alvarado provided he attended the DDA and Ordinance Committee meetings this past week. He has been working on several FOIA requests. He has been working on the sell back of a burial plot located at Brookside Cemetery. This Commission will need to act on this item; therefore, it will need to be tabled until the March 1, 2021 meeting.

- Treasurer

Shafer reported that the Revenue/Expenditure Report provided in this packet does reflect previously approved budget amendments.

- Committee Reports
 - Buildings/Grounds/Infrastructure

- None.
- Finance
Water Rates/Vacant DPW Position/Electrical work at City Hall/
Temporary Storage/Investment Allocations.
- Public Safety
None
- Parks/Recreation
Grants/Banner Sponsorships
- Ordinance
Parking lot tags/outdoor storage in the CBD/108 S Reinberg/ Water
shut off procedures (will continue throughout 2021 per COVID)
- Personnel
DPW Supervisor Position

Old Business

A. Remote Meeting Authorization

Alvarado continues to monitor COVID regulations pertaining to the Open Meetings Act. This hybrid schedule allows a mixture of in person and virtual attendance within jurisdictions. Current restrictions are in place until 3/29/21.

B. Temporary Storage at Riverside Park

Item from Parks/Rec and Finance; Specific details provided to Commission in packet. Yeomans questioned the actual location of where things would be stored. Graham provided behind the dump station, in the open field, and will not affect the disc golfers or MCC Cross Country. Claveau noted this is a unique idea but will provide a revenue stream none the less.

Motion, by Alway with support from Claveau to approve temporary storage at Riverside Park during the regular open season.

Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

C. Conservation Resource Alliance/ Bank Erosion at Riverside Park

DJ Shook presented an agreement of preconstruction to the Commission detailing stages of this necessary project. This contract does reflect a payment schedule on behalf of the City of Scottville and would start in 2022.

Motion, by Alway with support from Graham to approve the agreement between the City of Scottville and the Conservation Resource Alliance.

Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

New Business

A. Tax Assessment Resolutions

Motion, by Yeomans with support from Claveau to establish poverty guidelines for the 2021 Tax season.

Roll Call Vote

Temporary
Storage
21-34

CRA
Agreement
21-35

Poverty
Resolutions
21-36

Motion Carried.

Motion, by Cole with support from Benyo to allow written protest from City residents to board of review.

Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried.

B. Temporary Wage Increase

Interim Manager Murphy commented all departments are operating short staffed and have taken on a multitude of additional responsibilities. Murphy requested a temporary flat rate wage increase be approved for the Clerk, Treasurer and DPW Staff until these open positions are filled.

Motion, by Alway with support from Yeomans to approve a temporary wage increase for Clerk, Treasurer and DPW Staff.

Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

C. Fee Schedule

Spencer provided this item has made its way through the Finance Committee, where appropriate revisions were made for 2021.

Motion, by Alway with support from Benyo to approve the Fee Schedule as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

D. City Manager Search

Alvarado advised this item to be forwarded to the Personnel Committee. A potential contract template should be drafted, then presented to the full Commission for permission to proceed.

Motion, by Spencer with support from Claveau to forward the City Manager Search item to the Personnel Committee.

Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

E. Rental Inspector Agreement

Interim Murphy has been working with Mitch Foster from the City of Ludington on an agreement which would allow the City of Scottville to share an inspector. He requests permission to move forward on the construction of a contract between the two cities. A draft would be presented to the Ordinance Committee, and then full Commission prior to any legal commitment.

Motion, by Claveau with support Benyo to allow Murphy and Alvarado to move forward on a draft contract with the City of Ludington regarding a shared rental inspector.

Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

Public Comment

Temporary
Wage
Increase
21-37

Fee
Schedule
21-38

City
Manager
Search
21-39

Rental
Inspector
Agreement
W/COL
21-40

F. Planning Commission Appointment

Planning
Commission
Appointment
21-41

Motion, by Spencer with support from Alway to appoint Al Deering to the Planning Commission.

Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

Spencer announced the release of her position on this committee. The City of Scottville will be accepting letters of interest to fill this position.

Public Comment

None

Commissioner Comment

- Claveau presented a letter of gratitude to Justin Coolman, Marc Hansen, and Chief Murphy from resident Sue Petipren regarding the broken water line.
- Alway thanked Spencer for her time on the Planning Commission.

Adjourn

Adjourn
21-42

Motion, by Yeomans with support from Cole to adjourn.


Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

7:51pm



Mayor Pro-Tem Rob Alway



Clerk, Kelse R. Lester