

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

The 1497th Regular Commission meeting of the Scottville City Commission was held at the Optimist Hall 105 Green St: on May 17, 2021. Called to order at 6:30pm by Mayor Marcy M. Spencer.

Present at Roll Call

Bruce Claveau

Sally Cole

Ryan Graham

Brian Benyo

Mayor Marcy Spencer

Absent: Alway, Yeomans and Lester.

Additions/Deletions to Agenda

ADD: New Business; Item E; Rental Inspector Agreement with City of Ludington.

21-80 **Approval of Agenda**

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

21-81 **Approval of Consent Agenda**

Motion, by Benyo with support from Claveau to approve the consent agenda.

Correspondence

Letters received regarding the following items.

Notice to sue from City resident

Rate increase at Riverside Park

City Manager candidate selection process

City Employee Behavior while off duty

Department Reports

a. City Manager

Newkirk reported the DPW has been busy with Spring chores. McPhail Field, Riverside Park and Brookside Cemetery have opened for the season. May Special Election went well.

Interviews for the vacant DPW position will begin 6/1/21. Many zoning permits for home repairs and projects have been submitted by residents.

Newkirk commented on the letter submitted referencing a situation involving a current City employee that generated a police report. The incident occurred outside of City limits, on the employee's own time. The Prosecuting Attorney dismissed the case without charge. The employee was reprimanded accordingly and referred to outside counseling services. The Personnel Committee and Newkirk consider the matter closed.

b. Police Chief

Murphy and Spencer have been working closely with Newkirk to bring the CM up to date on the happenings within the city. Office and DPW staff have been readily available to ease the transition between Murphy and Newkirk. The city has been bustling with good vibes!

c. Attorney

Alvarado has also been working closely with Newkirk to bring him up to date on current legal matters. He has executed 3 FOIA requests. He commented on a specific letter from communications; submitted by a resident announcing intent to sue The City of Scottville. His legal counsel provides the "intent to sue" does not adhere to Michigan law, which is reserved for personal injury/malpractice suites, not administrative cases.

d. Mayor

None

e. Treasurer

None

f. Committee/Board Reports

1. Ordinance

Spencer reported the group discussed outdoor storage in the CBD, updating forms for the City's website, and the rental inspection agreement with the City of Ludington.

2. Parks/Recreation

Graham reported the group discussed public comments regarding fee increases at the park, and the execution of the Riverside Hiking Trail upgrades

Unfinished Business

a. Riverside Rate Change 2022

Public feedback noted issues with 2 presented items, Seasonal rate increase and number of Seasonal sites. Spencer offered the reasoning for the price increase being overdue repairs to the park. The in-ground infrastructure systems are in dire need of attention. Benyo commented our fee schedule including the increases is still quite comparable to other Campgrounds. Graham suggested maybe a 60/40 increase noting such a large increase all at once rather than a gradual increase is the cause for concern to most campers. Motion, by Benyo with support from Graham to Increase the seasonal rate at Riverside Park from \$2250 to \$2750 for the 2022 season.

Roll Call Vote

Nay: Spencer, Claveau, Cole

Yay: Benyo, Graham

Motion Fails.

21-82

Motion, by Spencer with support from Claveau to increase the seasonal rate at Riverside Park from \$2250 to \$2550 for the 2022 season.

Roll Call Vote

Nay:

Yay: Claveau, Cole, Spencer, Graham, Benyo.

Motion Carried

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- 21-83 Motion, by Spencer with support from Benyo to approve items 2-6; monthly nightly weekly and winter storage rates presented from Parks & Recreation. Item 7; number of seasonal sites shall remain as is, 13 sites.
Motion Carried.
- 21-84 b. Adoption of Budget by Resolution 21-12
Motion, by Claveau with support from Graham to approve resolution 21-12 as presented.
Motion Carried.

New Business

- 21-85 a. Chicken Request 114 S Elm
Motion, by Benyo with support from Claveau to approve the request as presented.
Motion Carried.
- 21-86 b. Special Assessment Resolution 21-11 on Delinquent Utility Billing Accounts
Per legal counsel, Governor Whitmer has announced municipalities will be receiving funding through the second portion of the CARES ACT. He suggested waiting to see what funding is allocated to be used towards utility billing accounts affected by COVID-19.
Motion, by Benyo with support from Graham to table Resolution 21-11.
Motion Carried.
- 21-87 c. MCC Fireworks Request (Prom 5/28/21)
Tuka reached out to Newkirk asking permission for a licensed Firework Operator to put on a show at the MCC Community Field for Prom.
Motion, by Benyo with support from Claveau to allow MCC to have a firework show 5/28/21.
Motion Carried.
- 21-88 d. MDOT Resolution for Street Administrator Designation
Motion, by Spencer with support from Cole to designate O'Neil James Newkirk III as the Street Administrator through MDOT.
Motion Carried.
- 21-89 e. City of Ludington Shared Rental Inspector Agreement
Upon approval from the COS this item will be presented to the COL for Commission approval.
Motion, by Benyo with support from Claveau to approve the draft agreement as presented.

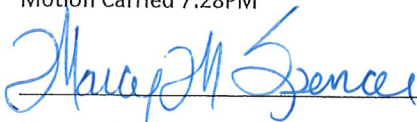
Public Comment

Tom Rotta
Tom Bingham
Sharon Bingham
Bill Lehrbass

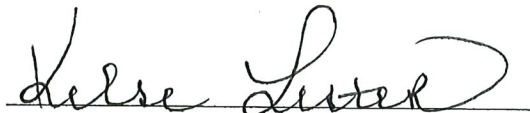
Council Member Comments

None

- 21-90 Adjourn
Motion, by Benyo with support from Claveau to adjourn.
Motion Carried 7:28PM



Mayor, Marcy M. Spencer



Clerk, Kelse Lester