

SCOTT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 18th, 2020

Virtual meeting held for the public to attend due to Covid-19 stipulations.

Call to order: A meeting of the Council was held on May 18th, 2020 in the Council Chambers located at City Hall, 215 Chester Ave. Mayor Norman Brant called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The following council members were present: Randy Morse, Gary Spinks, Heather Ingvalson, Tim Porch, Kenny Page, Victor Phillips, Robert Foulk and Mike Rhymer.

Absent: None

Also, Present: City Attorney, Frank Siebert; City Administrator, Mike Dudek; Code Enforcement Officer, John Reeves; Public Works Director, Dustin Whitworth; Fire Chief, Trent August; Police Chief, Michael Culler; Parks Director, Skylar Cobb; Dispatch Supervisor, Ben Harrison.

Prayer and Pledge: Prayer was led by Dispatch Supervisor, Ben Harrison. Pledge was led by Mayor Norman Brant.

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve agenda was made by Councilman Tim Porch; Seconded by Councilman Mike Rhymer. All in favor; None opposed; Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve minutes from May 4th, 2020 made by Councilman Gary Spinks; Seconded by Councilman Kenny Page. 7 in Favor; None opposed; Councilwoman Heather Ingvalson abstained. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills: Motion to approve bills in the amount of \$7816.24 was made by Councilman Tim Porch; Seconded by Councilman Gary Spinks. All in favor; None opposed; Motion carried.

Public Hearing: N/A

Public Forum: Scott City Resident Randy Modglin signed for public participation. Jeff Long with SEMissourian posted the question relating to hazard pay for our employees. Mayor Norman Brant replied Finance Committee will visit that topic in the future.

New Business: City Administrator, Mike Dudek gave information regarding cell phone stipend to each council member. The cell phone stipend would be \$75.00 monthly for 5 city employees. These would be the 4 Department Heads and the Mayor. The annual cost comes to \$4500 and will supersede any previous arrangements regarding cell phone reimbursement. Motion to approve this stipend was made by Councilman Tim Porch; Seconded by Councilwoman Heather Ingvalson. All in favor; None opposed. Motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

- Tie yard will be stocking more untreated ties in the coming weeks.

- Jerry Robinson sold 508 Elmwood to Carmen Jackson. Carmen will be boarding the home up to make it a secure structure until weather permits he is able to tear it down.

City Administrator, Mike Dudek:

- Request to meet with Councilman Randy Morse one on one to discuss budget. Then will meet with the Finance Committee on Thursday, May 28th2020.
- Meeting with Department Heads to get final budget proposals.
- Sales tax down due to COVID-19 and there will need to be cuts made on the budget.

Department Reports:

Randy Morse, Admin/Finance:

- Friday, June 5th there will be an Employee Appreciation fish fry at Scott City First Assembly. Families of employees are welcome. Starting at 4:30pm until 6:30pm. Go plates will be available also.
- What is left over from the fish fry will go towards Food Baskets for the Fire Department in July.

Police Chief, Mike Culler:

- 479 calls and 11 arrests
- More K-9 training taking place in the past 2 weeks.
- Stop made where dope, cash and illegal guns were confiscated.
- Officer Brockmire was assaulted during a stop.
- Officer Mazdra also assaulted during a stop where drugs and weapons were confiscated.
- Under 10% have tested positive for COVID-19 since March. State shows signs of economic improvement. Hopeful for a full recovery phase.

Victor Phillips, Police: Nothing to Report

Trent August, Fire Chief:

- Inspections resuming.
- Applying for grant to install sign for the front of the Fire House. The grant would cover all but 5% total cost.
- Continued work on policies and guidelines.
- 14 firefighters attended the live burn at 508 Elmwood.
- 1 Firefighter twisted knee during the live burn and did not need medical attention.

Kenny Page, Fire: Nothing to report

Skylar Cobb, Park Director:

- Season is starting to pick up.
- Youth League, Baseball and Softball are organized and ready to go. This will be a shorter season. Games will begin Monday, June 1st. T-ball will begin during that time as well.
- State Tournaments will be pushed back 2 weeks.

- Pool will not be open before June 6th. Lifeguards that have applied still need to get certified. They have not been able to get certified do to COVID-19. Plan is to have instructor come to Scott City to certify the lifeguards. We will be able to take up to 10 students for this certification.
- Pool has been clean and repaired and is ready to start filling up.
- Will be installing a separate meter for pool with Public Works Directors help.
- Summerfest will be June 11th – 13th. Firework show will take place at 9:30pm. Entertainment and Amusement Company are lined up for the event. If Summerfest needs to be postponed, the Fireworks that have been purchased already are good for a year.
- March and April month consisted of down time to do other projects. Prepping for mowing season, start of mowing, landscape projects, etc.
- Ballpark bathroom expansion is coming along with the help of other volunteers.
- Delivering trash cans to pavilions on Main St.

Heather Ingvalson, Parks:

- P&G will have a tent with products to give away at our Summerfest event in June.
- Ballpark is looking great.
- For the Farmers Market the tables and benches will need to be used as is since they are anchored down.

Dustin Whitworth, Public Works Director:

- Paving going as planned. Culverts are going in. Weed abatements are being done.
- Working on valve placement under bridge to Kelso. Had to wait on State permit. Permit has been received by us.
- Ramsey Creek Village wants to build 10 units. Unsure if the water lines to there are ours. Suggestion to provide meters and have them put them in. Also to have the meters that are at the building moved to property line.
- Several abandoned properties in town. Mowing and cleaning up these properties have begun. Attempts to contact owners have been made.
- 409 Deerborn house cleaned up and sent owner bill for work done. If not payed a lien will be put on property.

John Reeves, Code Enforcement Officer:

- 4 condemnations in Scott City:
 - 415 Scott- Wendy Gramm (deceased): Meets 5 of the 14 criteria in Chapter 525 of the ordinance book. They are 4, 8, 9, 12 and 13. Recommendation to fix or tear down house.
 - 108 Mildred- Jenetta Ward-Haley: Meets 6 of the 14 criteria in Chapter 525 of the ordinance book. They are 4, 5, 7, 9, 12, and 13. Recommendation to fix or tear down house.
 - 701 West Chesnut- Dave Shell: Meets 6 of the 14 criteria in Chapter 525 of the ordinance book. They are 4, 5, 8, 9, 12, and 13. Recommendation to fix or tear down shed.
 - 408 Grand- Danny Grayham (deceased): Meets 5 of the 14 criteria in Chapter 525 of the ordinance book. They are 4, 8, 9, 12 and 13. Recommendation to fix or tear down house.

Motion to approve the condemnations made by Councilman Randy Morse; Seconded by Councilman Tim Porch. All in favor; None opposed. Motion carried.

Mike Rhymer, Public Works: Drove around and looked at paving work and culverts. Everything looks good.

Gary Spinks, Cemetery: Nothing to report

Tim Porch, Ordinances: Nothing to report

Robert Foulk, Planning/Grants:

- Recommends a "Children at Play" sign on Ash St.


Next meeting will be June 1st, 2020 at 7pm.

No further business being presented, moved by Councilman Mike Rhymer; Seconded by Councilwoman Heather Ingvalson to adjourn at 8:08 pm. All in Favor; None Opposed; Motion Carried.

Attest:



Ashley Gentry, City Clerk



Norman Brant, Mayor