

SCOTT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 4th, 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 4th, 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, Tim Porch, Kenny Page, Victor Phillips, Robert Foulk and Mike Rhymer.

Absent: Councilwoman Heather Ingvalson

Also, Present: City Attorney, Frank Siebert; City Administrator, Mike Dudek; City Prosecuting Attorney, Rebecca Reed; Public Works Director, Dustin Whitworth; Fire Chief, Trent August; Police Chief, Michael Culler.

Prayer and Pledge: Prayer was led by Public Works Director, Dustin Whitworth. Pledge was led by Mayor Norman Brant.

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve agenda was made by Councilman Victor Phillips; Seconded by Councilman Gary Spinks. All in favor; None opposed; Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve minutes from April 20th, 2020 made by Councilman Randy Morse with a correction to wording; Seconded by Councilman Victor Phillips. 6 in Favor; None opposed; Councilman Kenny Page abstained. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills: Motion to approve bills in the amount of \$29,917.77 was made by Councilman Tim Porch; Seconded by Councilman Mike Rhymer. All in favor; None opposed; Motion carried.

Public Hearing: N/A

Public Forum: No public participation.

New Business:

Resolution # 595: A Resolution authorizing contract with JAC3 Contracting, LLC for Demolition of 508 Elmwood for the sum of \$3400.

Motion was made by Councilman Kenny Page to accept Resolution #595; Seconded by Councilman Mike Rhymer. All in Favor; None oppose. Motion Carried.

Resolution # 596: A Resolution authorizing contract for paving services with Paving Pros, LLC. Contract to remove line "Minimum of \$150,000 to be paid to contractor".

Motion was made by Councilman Mike Rhymer to accept Resolution #596; Seconded by Councilman Gary Spinks. All in Favor; None oppose. Motion Carried.

Bill #1178 Ordinance #1187: An ordinance amending section 230.060 of the Scott City Code relating to removal of debris. Motion for first reading was made by Councilman Victor Phillips; Motion for second reading was made by Councilman Gary Spinks. Motion to accept Bill #1178 Ordinance #1187 was made by Councilman Mike Rhymer; Seconded by Councilman Kenny Page. All in Favor; None opposed; Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote: Randy Morse-AYE; Gary Spinks-AYE; Tim Porch-AYE; Kenny Page-AYE; Victor Phillips-AYE; Robert Foulk-AYE; Mike Rhymer-AYE

Bill #1179 Ordinance #1188: An ordinance amending section 215.060 of the Scott City Code relating to impoundment and violation notices. Motion for first reading was made by Councilman Victor Phillips; Motion for second reading was made by Councilman Mike Rhymer. Motion to accept Bill #1179 Ordinance #1188 was made by Councilman Gary Spinks; Seconded by Councilman Kenny Page. All in Favor; None opposed; Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote: Randy Morse-AYE; Gary Spinks-AYE; Tim Porch-AYE; Kenny Page-AYE; Victor Phillips-AYE; Robert Foulk-AYE; Mike Rhymer-AYE

Mayor's Report: Mayor Norman Brant requested motion to appoint Brenda Moyers to Historical Society with Council approval. Motion to approve appointment of Brenda Moyers to Historical Society was made by Councilman Tim Porch; Seconded by Councilman Gary Spinks. All in favor; None opposed; Motion carried.

Ben Harrison, Dispatch Supervisor, has applied for a 911 Grant to get all new 911 system with the help of Deb Mckay.

There will be a quick closed session towards the ends of the Council meeting.

City Administrator, Mike Dudek:

- Attended meetings with Cape and Jackson City Officials regarding Covid-19 and the plan for the next phases. We have a slow approach to opening back up the City and getting back to normalcy while maintaining all required guidelines.
- "Reclaim Our Region Campaign" supports local businesses, take the pledge.
- Covid-19 has affected the budget process along with flaws in the new software program. The budget is still being worked on and moving forward and should have more updates soon.

Department Reports:

Randy Morse, Admin/Finance: Confirmed meeting between Dustin and homeowner about house on Dearborn St that needs cleaning up. Dustin to meet with homeowner at 9am on 05/05/2020 about the issues. If homeowner shows he should be ticketed.

Police Chief, Mike Culler:

- Recent search warrant was issued for a long time resident who had been dealing drugs and had stolen property.
- K-9 Raina along with Officer Brockmire has made multiple drug arrests.
- The curve on Covid-19 is flattening at this time.

- Compliments to City Administrator, Mike Dudek, for keeping the City running smoothly during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Victor Phillips, Police: Request from Councilwoman Heather Ingvalson to place “Children at Play” signs at Wheeler and Susan and also at Kimberly and Wheeler.

Trent August, Fire Chief:

- Calls are going up.
- Deb McKay is looking into a USDA grant for the Fire Dept.
- Inspection will be resuming in the new 2 weeks. (Mayor Norman Brant would like to start with a specific landlord and his properties first.)
- Would like to have front driveway of Fire Station fixed when Paving begins.
- Officer Brockmire would like to join the Fire Dept as a Volunteer. There is concern with his full-time job as K-9 handler. Trent assures that if accepted onto the Fire Dept that his full-time job will be priority.
- Chief Culler has not been informed by Officer Brockmire of his plans to join the Fire Dept at this time. Tabling for now until Officer Brockmire has conversation with Chief Culler.

Kenny Page, Fire: Nothing to report

Skylar Cobb, Park Director: Report sent previously, not requested to be present.

Heather Ingvalson, Parks: Absent

Dustin Whitworth, Public Works Director:

- Code Enforcement Officer, John Reeves, has been steadily going through abatements. Making sure all avenues are taken care of with his process.
- There are more abandoned homes in our town than we had originally thought. Research is being done on those properties at this time.
- Many lawns are needing tended to and warnings/tickets are being given out for lawns not being properly kept up.
- Hwy 61 Bridge work will be starting in June. This work could affect our water main lines going under the bridge. For 2 valves to be installed on the water lines would cost \$10,000. This is a cost that will have to be covered by the city. If the work started and a line breaks without the valve(s) there will be no way to stop the leak. MODOT will not pay for these valves because they don't directly interfere with their project.
- Motion to purchase and install one valve first and if needed a second valve was made by Councilman Victor Phillips: Seconded by Councilman Kenny Page. All in favor; None opposed; Motion carried.
- If one valve takes care of the direct issue of stopping flow then one will be all that is needed. Otherwise a second valve may be needed.

Mike Rhymer, Public Works: Public Works meeting at 6pm on Thursday, May 7th.

Gary Spinks, Cemetery: Local Florist will be doing Cemetery Clean up for the City. City Kiwanis would still like to move forward with City Wide Yard Sale.

Tim Porch, Ordinances: Submitted another letter from Pastor Ken Strong stating he, Paster Ken Strong, has NO issue with the liquor license approval for The Front Porch Rental Hall.

Robert Foulk, Planning/Grants: Nothing to report

Motion to go into closed meeting was made by Councilman Gary Spinks; Seconded by Councilman Kenny Page. All in favor; None opposed: Motion carried. Roll Call Vote: Randy Morse-AYE; Gary Spinks-AYE; Tim Porch-AYE; Kenny Page-AYE; Victor Phillips-AYE; Robert Foulk-AYE; Mike Rhymer-AYE

Closed session begins at 7:48pm

Motion to go back into open session made by Councilman Mike Rhymer; Seconded by Councilman Tim Porch. All in favor; None opposed; Motion carried. Roll Call Vote: Randy Morse-AYE; Gary Spinks-AYE; Tim Porch-AYE; Kenny Page-AYE; Victor Phillips-AYE; Robert Foulk-AYE; Mike Rhymer-AYE

Re-opened session at 7:59pm.

Motion to approve Mike Dudek's pay increase to \$45,000 annually was made by Councilman Mike Rhymer; Seconded by Councilman Victor Phillips. All in favor; None opposed; Motion carried.

Councilman Randy Morse and Councilman Robert Foulk suggest a City cell phone for Mayor Norman Brant also all Dept Heads. A policy will need to be written up and put in place. Will discuss in future meeting in further detail.


Next meeting will be May 18th, 2020 at 7pm.

No further business being presented, moved by Councilman Victor Phillips; Seconded by Councilman Robert Foulk to adjourn at 8:09 pm. All in Favor; None Opposed; Motion Carried.

Attest:



Ashley Gentry, City Clerk



Norman Brant, Mayor

