

# SCOTT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020

**Call to order:** A meeting of the Council was held on September 21<sup>st</sup>, 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: Gary Spinks, Jack Howard, Kenny Page, Victor Phillips, Cody Page, Randy Morse, Heather Ingvalson and Mike Rhymer.

**Absent:** None

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

**Prayer and Pledge:** Prayer was led by Pastor Jeremy Sells. Pledge was led by Mayor Norman Brant.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 meeting agenda made by Councilman Mike Rhymer; Seconded by Councilwoman Heather Ingvalson. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting minutes made by Councilman Kenny Page; Seconded by Councilman Victor Phillips. All in favor; None opposed; Motion carried.

**Approval of Bills:** Motion to approve bills in the amount of \$61,263.69 was made by Councilwoman Heather Ingvalson; Seconded by Councilman Gary Spinks.

**Public Hearing:** None

**Public Forum:** Resident Ray Parker spoke during public participation.

**New Business: Resolution 598:** Authorizing contract with Twin City Auto and Towing, LLC. Motion to approve Resolution 598 made by Councilwoman Heather Ingvalson; Seconded by Councilman Kenny Page. All in favor; None opposed; Motion carried.

## Mayor's Report:

- Scott County DAEOC would like to use out parking lot twice monthly to set up their trailer. They are willing to upgrade out electric at the parking lot in return. All in favor; None opposed; Motion carried.
- Ad for 1905 Mary demo bids has been published in the Southeast Missourian.
- Patty Bickings does not own the property she was referring to from the last Council meeting.
- Once ball season is over work will resume on the Ball Park bathrooms.

**City Administrator, Mike Dudek:**

- Debt Bond Flyer has been distributed to Council for approval and/or changes. This is regarding the November 3<sup>rd</sup> Election. Please note any changes to be made in the next week or two so the flyer can be disbursed quickly.
- Siren by the school is completely out of service. This repair will cost \$4000 roughly. All in favor to move forward; None opposed; Motion carried.
- Currently working on a grant for Public Works. This involves surveying the towns people. Asking Council for help with surveying in near future.

**Department Reports:**

**Randy Morse, Admin/Finance:** Fish Fry for Food Baskets raised over \$1600. The next Fish Fry will be to raise money for Women's Club. There will be a meeting soon with the dispatchers regarding virtual consolidation. Dispatch team is concerned with the changing of the system to be able to merge with Scott County 911, that their jobs are on the line. The meeting is to discuss their job security and the plans for expansion/growth.

**Police Chief, Mike Culler:**

- Picked up a \$10,000 grant for car radars.
- There will be a \$500 deposit coming in this week for training purposes/reimbursement.
- Will be fishing tomorrow to stock City Pond for the field clinic event this weekend.

**Victor Phillips, Police:** Raffle tickets still up for grabs.

**Ben Harrison, Dispatch Supervisor:**

- Able to move forward with 911 grant. Contract will be ready to sign soon.
- One dispatcher is out this week due to sickness.
- Recent officer training and dispatch training have kept dispatch busy recently.
- Trainings have mostly been virtual.
- Will need to hire another dispatcher. Council agreed to allow acceptance of application now.

**Trent August, Fire Chief:**

- On vacation last week.
- Shawn done a great job in Trent's absence. Finished up work at the Fire Station.
- 42 runs in the last 2 weeks.
- Recent training for Fire Dept was for extrication.
- Covid purchased are starting to come in.

**Kenny Page, Fire:** To the Fire Dept, keep up the good work.

**Skylar Cobb, Park Director:**

- Asked Councilman Mike Rhymer to be at Park Pond Saturday morning around 7am for event.
- Fall ball is off to a great start.

- Things are ready for Saturday Field Clinic event. Close to 50 kids are already registered for the event. The Conservation fishing trailer will be there the morning of.

**Cody Page, Parks: Nothing to report**

**Dustin Whitworth, Public Works Director:**

- Survey's that need to be completed is for an \$800,000 storm water grant. A list is being put together now with names and numbers to call for the survey. The survey has to be completed by phone call or in person. 500 people will be chosen and out of the 500, 400 must complete the survey.
- More homes in the area have been reported to not have water or electric. However, it has been discovered that they are illegally getting power and water from other sources. This is also a danger/safety concern. This issue needs to be looked at further and kept up on.
- Code Enforcement Officer, John Reeves, goes above and beyond in his duties. He is doing a great job in cleaning up the City.

**John Reeves, Code Enforcement Officer:**

- Would like to move forward with condemnation process for 415 Scott and 408 Grand. Neither property has made progress to clean up or repair.
- Condemnation process started for 1915 Mary St. This property meets 5 of the 14 criteria of chapter 525 in the ordinance book. They are 4, 5, 9, 12 and 13. Recommends fix or tear down. Motion to move forward with condemnation process made by Councilwoman Heather Ingvalson; Seconded by Councilman Victor Phillips. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

**Mike Rhymer, Public Works:** Driving around Scott City checking on work being done and everything is looking good.

**Gary Spinks, Cemetery: Nothing to report**

**Heather Ingvalson, Ordinances:** Copies were given to ordinance committee on a few changes. Would you like to have a meeting to discuss or note any changes to Heather and she will take them to Frank?

**Jack Howard, Planning and Grants:** Bicentennial is coming together.

**Motion to go into closed meeting was made by Councilwoman Heather Ingvalson; Seconded by Councilman Mike Rhymer. All in favor; None opposed: Motion carried. Roll Call Vote: Kenny Page-AYE; Gary Spinks-AYE; Victor Phillips-AYE; Jack Howard-AYE; Mike Rhymer-AYE; Cody Page-AYE; Randy Morse-AYE; Heather Ingvalson-AYE**

**Closed session begins at 7:53pm**

**Motion to go back into open session made by Councilman Mike Rhymer; Seconded by Councilwoman Heather Ingvalson. All in favor; None opposed; Motion carried. Roll Call Vote: Kenny Page-AYE; Gary**

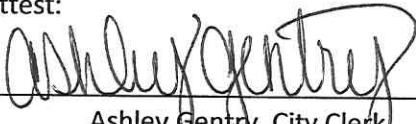
Spinks-AYE; Victor Phillips-AYE; Jack Howard-AYE; Mike Rhymer-AYE; Cody Page- AYE; Randy Morse-AYE; Heather Ingvalson- AYE

Re-opened session at 8:22pm.

Next meeting will be October 5th, 2020

No further business being presented, motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Kenny Page; Seconded by Councilman Mike Rhymer. Meeting adjourned at 8:23pm. All in Favor; None Opposed; Motion Carried.

Attest:

  
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Ashley Gentry, City Clerk

  
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Norman Brant, Mayor