

# SCOTT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Call to order:** A meeting of the Council was held on January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 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: Jack Howard, Kenny Page, Victor Phillips, Cody Page, Gary Spinks, Randy Morse and Mike Rhymer.

**Absent:** Councilwoman Heather Ingvalson

**Also, Present:** City Attorney, Frank Siebert; Asst Fire Chief, Shawn Jackson; Police Chief, Larry Rutherford; Parks Director, Skylar Cobb; Public Works Director, Dustin Whitworth; Emergency Management Director, Dan King; Dispatch Supervisor, Ben Harrison

**Prayer and Pledge:** Prayer was led by Pastor Larry Rouse. Pledge was led by Mayor Norman Brant.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting agenda made by Councilman Gary Spinks; Seconded by Councilman Kenny Page. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 meeting minutes made by Councilman Randy Morse; Seconded by Councilman Gary Spinks. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

**Approval of Bills:** Motion to approve bills in the amount of \$18,889.53 was made by Councilman Mike Rhymer; Seconded by Councilman Victor Phillips.

**Public Hearing:** N/A

**Public Forum:** N/A

**New Business:** 1 Ordinance

- **Bill #1214 Ordinance #1223:** An ordinance enacting a new section of the Scott City Code relating to sales of personal property to other Governmental Entities. Motion for the first reading was made by Councilman Mike Rhymer; Motion for second reading was made by Councilman Gary Spinks. Motion to accept Bill #1214 Ordinance #1223 was made by Councilman Randy Morse; Seconded by Councilman Jack Howard. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. **Roll Call Vote:** Kenny Page-AYE; Victor Phillips-AYE; Jack Howard-AYE; Mike Rhymer-AYE; Cody Page-AYE; Gary Spinks-AYE; Randy Morse-AYE

**Mayor's Report:**

- While Mike Dudek, City Administrator was on vacation last week he received numerous calls and texts from City Employees, Department Heads and Council. These calls occurred on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Years Day and after business hours. These were not emergencies and could have waited until normal business hours. Mayor Brant stated that if a City Employee is out of the office on paid time off, and an individual has a question outside of business hours,

please contact Mayor first and he will contact the appropriate personnel after hours or on paid time off, if needed. This is to be done to be respectful of employee's time off and reduce calls/interruptions as everyone needs time off. Councilman Mike Rhymer stated that all salary-based employees should be available 24/7 no matter if on vacation or not and he can call at any time. Mayor Brant stated again that no calls need to be made if they can wait until working hours.

- Regarding vehicles/property to get rid of; Conversations/thoughts/ideas/recommendations are spoken of when it comes to this matter. Ultimately the decision is made by Council. Next Council meeting a list will be provided so that Council can review and decide how to proceed. One thing to keep in mind is that when switching vehicles/property around the departments, we could be causing the receiving department problems down the road. Possibly need to think about other options.
- Rob Elledge visitation will be tomorrow January 5<sup>th</sup>, from 5pm to 7pm at the Funeral Home.

**City Administrator, Mike Dudek:**

- Patrick (City Auditor) has finished up the audit for the City and will be at the meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> to give an overview. Our revenues are down and expenses up. Further detail to come during his visit. Court showed significant decrease in revenue.
- Last day for candidate filing is Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Please bring all Code books in to update.

**Department Reports:**

**Randy Morse, Admin/Finance:** Will have things to discuss in closed session.

**Acting Police Chief, Larry Rutherford:**

- Need a decision for the UTV ordinance. Are we going to allow mini trucks in the ordinance? Keep in mind mini trucks do not require an inspection. Motion to allow mini trucks in the City of Scott City made by Councilman Cody Page; Seconded by Councilman Mike Rhymer. 6 in favor. 1 opposed. Motion carried.
- Body cams have been ordered.
- Another agency is looking at possibly purchasing a vehicle from PD. The right price will need to be offered for the vehicle to proceed to the next steps.
- Police Board President, Ron Pratt recommends two in house promotions for PD. Officer Michael Valentine for Sergeant and Sergeant Alans Stevens for Captain. Both were interviewed and tested during the Police Board meeting. Motion to accept Police Board recommendation and promote Alan Stevens to Captain and Michael Valentine to Sergeant made by Councilman Mike Rhymer; Seconded by Councilman Gary Spinks. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

**Victor Phillips, Police:** Nothing to report

**Shawn Jackson, Asst Fire Chief:**

- Total calls for December: 83

- 2 fires last week: 4 minutes to get on scene for first fire. Ladder truck was used for the first fire. The second fire was contained in 11 minutes.
- Working on maintenance. Some issues are coming up. Will look into getting the issues priced and fixed.
- Ladder Truck decals going on this week.
- 2 applicants presented to add on Fire Department roster. Jeremiah Bain and Sydney Davis. Both will be moving to Scott City soon and have experience/skills (fire and medical) that will be beneficial to the Fire Dept. Motion to add Jeremiah Bain and Sydney Davis to the Fire Department roster made by Councilman Kenny Page; Seconded by Councilman Mike Rhymer. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.
- Up to 19 volunteers.
- Will be looking through turnout gear to suit the newcomers, Bain and Davis. If needed they will be used on the medical side to begin and later fire. Depending on turnout gear.

**Kenny Page, Fire:** Nothing to report

**Skylar Cobb, Park Director:**

- Started taking Christmas light down this week.
- Youth League sign-ups start this month and go through February. Season will start in April.
- Completing the letter writing campaign this week.
- Meeting with Conservation tomorrow to look at pond. They recommended the pond be our first project.
- Will get with Mayor to discuss finishing ballpark project.
- Summerfest is not scheduled with the amusement company yet. Still a priority to get set up soon.

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

**Dustin Whitworth, Public Works Director:**

- Routine work and clean up for Public Works.
- Spoke with a resident regarding his trailer on a lot zoned M-1. He has said he refused to move the trailer from that lot because he is under the impression he will lose the spot. Council and Attorney Frank Siebert confirmed if the spot is zoned M-1 he will not lose it.
- Ideas on Code Officer, John Reeves position and rental inspections. Where to go from here. No routine inspections have been done. Only emergency inspections only. Is someone is needing to move into a rental property. Employee, Dave Gore, has expressed interest in moving into a position to help John.
- Many letters have been received for the sidewalk grant. Deadline for those letter is tomorrow, January 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Working on Dog Kennel application for the State. For 2020 we have received 78 dogs and 8 cats. Returned 45 dogs and 1 cat to owners. Euthanized 6 dogs and 3 cats. Adopted out 26 dogs and 4 cats.

**Mike Rhymer, Public Works:** Public Works meeting will be on Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. Part of the meeting will be held at the Public Works building and part will be traveling around Scott City to look at a few things.

**Gary Spinks, Cemetery:** Teen Challenge contract will auto renew if both parties are in agreement. Will be reaching out to Braun Remodeling to look at the Gazebo for repairs.

**Heather Ingvalson, Ordinances:** Absent

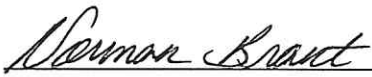
**Jack Howard, Planning and Grants:** Looking at doing a time capsule with the City and Museum. There is a State level time capsule we can send items in for also. Looking for ideas for future grants. Councilman Mike Rhymer mentioned a disability grant. This would help fund park equipment for disabled children. Will look into further.

**Next meeting will be Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**

No further business being presented, motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Mike Rhymer; Seconded by Councilman Victor Phillips. Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm. All in Favor; None Opposed; Motion Carried.

Attest:

  
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Ashley Gentry, City Clerk

  
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Norman Brant, Mayor