

# SCOTT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Call to order:** A meeting of the Council was held on September 7<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: Randy Morse, Gary Spinks, Jack Howard, Kenny Page, Victor Phillips, Cody Page, Heather Ingvalson and Mike Rhymer.

**Absent:** N/A

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

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

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting agenda made by Councilwoman Heather Ingvalson; Seconded by Councilman Mike Rhymer. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting minutes made by Councilman Victor Phillips; Seconded by Councilman Jack Howard. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. Motion to approve August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 special meeting minutes made by Councilwoman Heather Ingvalson; Seconded by Councilman Victor Phillips. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

**Approval of Bills:** Motion to approve bills in the amount of \$74,056.07 was made by Councilman Victor Phillips; Seconded by Councilwoman Heather Ingvalson. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. Motion to expense prisoner boarding cost from Mississippi County Sheriff's Office out of Court budget and not Police budget going forward made by Councilman Victor Phillips; Seconded by Councilwoman Heather Ingvalson. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

## Public Forum:

- Randy and Cindy Modglin – Noticed the City was accepting bid for a booster station that will be located next to their business off Main St. The property the booster station will be placed is City owned. The Modglin's are concerned putting the booster station close to their business will cause more flooding in that vicinity. Council assured them that our City Engineer, Rich Cochran has put his approval on the job and would not cause their business to flood. The booster station is going to give more water pressure to all of old Illmo and Park Place subdivision. Mayor and City Administrator will get in touch with Rich Cochran about having some documentation provided to the Modglin's regarding this concern.

## Mayor's Report:

- Park Board would like to re-appoint 3 members: Robin Foulk, Ricky Keller and Casey Hilleman. Each are active members. Motion to accept the above Park Board members for re-appointment

made by Councilman Randy Morse; Seconded by Councilman Cody Page. 5 in favor; H. Ingvalson, V. Phillips and G. Spinks opposed. Motion carried.

- Police Board has an opening and Mayor Brant would like to recommend Mike Hensley to fill that position. Motion to approve Mike Hensley to the Police Board made by Councilwoman Heather Ingvalson; Seconded by Councilman Gary Spinks. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

**City Administrator, Mike Dudek:**

- Covid is coming back around. See Covid Policy in Council packet. This policy is compiled from other municipalities guidelines, MML information and rules from the Health Department. Would like approval to put the policy in place now and then review again in December.
- Council asks to change wording on the Covid policy and ensure the policy states facts not opinions. Motion to accept preliminary policy with changes made by Councilman Victor Phillips; Seconded by Councilman Kenny Page. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.
- Paperless Billing Incentive information given in Council packet. Customer will receive a one time instant \$5.00 credit when signing up for paperless billing. This will run for a trial period for 3 months (Oct-Dec). Customers must keep paperless/email billing for a year to keep \$5.00 credit on their account. Motion to accept Paperless Billing Incentive made by Councilman Randy Morse; Seconded by Councilman Cody Page. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.
- City expenditures are up. Revenues are down. It is just the start of the new fiscal and we should see more balance going forward. Updated budget reports are given to the department heads prior to Council meetings for review.

**Department Reports:**

**Randy Morse, Admin/Finance:**

- City received \$450k in ARPA money. The City will spend \$100k of those funds for the Main St ditch project. The remaining \$350k is recommended for ditch clean out (Plan A). This would go from Interstate 55 to Oak St then Perkins to Cherry. Also this would include work on the Main St ditch across from Rhodes. The City would like to take the funds as far as they can go. When the second installment of the ARPA money comes through next year we will continue with a Plan B. Motion to proceed with direction of Plan A made by Councilman Victor Phillips; Seconded by Councilwoman Heather Ingvalson. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

**Police Chief, Larry Rutherford:**

- Justin Bodendieck has previously been employed with the City as an Officer. Left for other employment. Would like to hire him back as a full-time officer. Motion to accept the re-hire of Officer Justin Bodendieck made by Councilwoman Heather Ingvalson; Seconded by Councilman Victor Phillips. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.
- Request an ordinance change to allow citizens an opportunity to learn about gun operation and safety at the City's run range.

**Emergency Management, Dan King:** Nothing to report.

**Victor Phillips, Police:**

- Sent Chamber Members a questionnaire on USE TAX. Will update when results come in.

**Shawn Jackson, Fire Chief:**

- Dispatched to 678 incidents for far this year.
- Engine maintenance issues being looked at and fixed.
- Account set up for Fire Recovery. Bills have started being submitted through them.

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

**Skylar Cobb, Park Director:**

- Outdoor Clinic was very successful.
- Fall Ball has 16 teams signed up.
- Christmas festival and parade will be December 4<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Dustin Whitworth, Public Works Director:**

- Water Plant is in need of a blower. The cost is \$49,339.00 for this replacement with Vandevanter. The funds for this will come from the Debt Bond money. If ordered this week there is a 17 week waiting period to have it installed. Motion to accept Water Plant air compressor purchase for \$49,339.00 with Vandevanter made by Councilman Mike Rhymer; Seconded by Councilman Randy Morse. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

**Mike Rhymer, Public Works:** Nothing to report.

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

**Heather Ingvalson, Ordinances:**

- Thank you to the Police Department for a noticeable presence in town.

**Jack Howard, Planning and Grants:**

- Would like to gather ideas from other Council for a 5 year plan for the City.

**Motion to go into closed meeting was made by Councilman Mike Rhymer; Seconded by Councilwoman Heather Ingvalson. 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; Heather Ingvalson-AYE**

**Closed session begins at 8:08pm**

**Motion to go back into open session made by Councilman Kenny Page; Seconded by Councilman Mike Rhymer. 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; Heather Ingvalson-AYE**

**Re-opened session at 8:55pm.**

**Next meeting will be Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**

No further business being presented, motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Jack Howard; Seconded by Councilman Mike Rhymer. Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm. All in Favor; None Opposed; Motion Carried.

Attest:

  
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Ashley Gentry, City Clerk

  
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Norman Brant, Mayor

