

SCOTT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 4th, 2021

Call to order: A meeting of the Council was held on October 4th, 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, Jack Howard, Kenny Page, Victor Phillips, Cody Page and Mike Rhymer.

Absent: Councilman Gary Spinks and Councilwoman Heather Ingvalson

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 Randy Morse. Pledge was led by Mayor Norman Brant.

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve October 4th, 2021 meeting agenda made by Councilman Mike Rhymer; Seconded by Councilman Jack Howard. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve September 20th, 2021 meeting minutes made by Councilman Victor Phillips; Seconded by Councilman Kenny Page. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills: Motion to approve bills in the amount of \$51,549.38 was made by Councilman Victor Phillips; Seconded by Councilman Mike Rhymer. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Public Forum:

- Chris Burton – Asked Council to approve his contract for outside city water. The cost for Mr. Burton would be a \$955 meter tap fee and \$500 outside city limit contract fee. The water bill for outside city user is 75% higher than inside city users. Mr. Burton would also have to run his own line. Also note that when a leak occurs and shut off needs to take place outside users are first to be shut off. Motion to approve Mr. Burton's request for outside city limit water service approved by Councilman Mike Rhymer; Seconded by Councilman Kenny Page. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.
- David Green – Asks Council the plan for Perkins/Colony Park ditch. Mayor Brant responded the City is bidding for ditch clean out work.
- Randy Modglin – States Monty Keese's dirt work has helped with flooding issues. Recommends to Council that they consider putting him on payroll to routinely clean out ditches for the City. Mr. Modglin asks that he be able to ask questions at the end of the meeting. Mayor Norman Brant and Council agreed he would be able to do so in a cordial manner.

New Business: 1 Ordinance/3 Resolutions

- **Bill #1247 Ordinance #1256:** An ordinance amending budget to reflect receipt of American Recovery Funds. Motion for first reading made by Councilman Jack Howard. Motion for second reading made by Councilman Mike Rhymer. Motion to accept Bill #1247 Ordinance #1256 made

by Councilman Kenny Page; Seconded by Councilman Mike Rhymer. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. **Roll Call Vote: Randy Morse-AYE; Jack Howard-AYE; Kenny Page-AYE; Victor Phillips-AYE; Cody Page-AYE; Mike Rhymer-AYE**

- **Resolution #615:** A resolution authorizing conveyance of strip of land to the William Schwartz Revocable Trust. Motion to accept made by Councilman Victor Phillips; Seconded by Councilman Kenny Page. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.
- **Resolution #616:** A resolution authorizing sale of real estate to Eric Welter with amendment that he shall maintain ditch with the exception of mopping every 2-3 years. Motion to accept made by Councilman Mike Rhymer; Seconded by Councilman Cody Page. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.
- **Resolution #617:** A resolution authorizing sale of property to Eric Welter. Motion to accept made by Councilman Mike Rhymer; Seconded by Councilman Kenny Page. 5 in favor. Victor Phillips opposed. Motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

- Recently met with the Southeast Missourian about Use Tax and Scott County deciding to put on the ballot for November an additional ¼% sales tax. City was not in favor of this being on the ballot when discussed prior. This tax is for centralized dispatching among other things. Scott City dispatch just upgraded their 911 system. The project was very costly even with grant funds to help with costs. County Commissioners state the purpose of this tax is to bring more money into the City but will be restricted funds. The passing of this tax will result in losing approximately \$24,000 of City Revenue and Ambulance/Dispatch money initially. Scott County wants dispatch to be centrally located in Benton. If dispatch were to be consolidated and our City no longer have dispatch, would we have to repay the grant money awarded for the new 911 system? Also keeping in mind jobs would be consolidated/lost and response times could be longer. Emergency Management Director, Dan King, stated that County will appoint a board for this tax and will decide how the funds are to be spent. County is having a meeting to discuss the tax this Thursday. Talked with other surrounding municipalities and they were not aware of the County tax being on the ballot. Motion to support not being in favor of this additional tax imposed by Scott County made by Councilman Mike Rhymer; Seconded by Councilman Jack Howard. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.
- The City has the Use Tax question on the ballot for November. A use tax is a sales tax imposed on the purchase of goods by Missouri residents from out-of-state vendors. This tax the City is in favor of and will generate more Revenue for the City.

City Administrator, Mike Dudek:

- Please visit the City website to find out more about Use Tax and what it means for Scott City.
- Thanked Police Chief, Larry Rutherford and all of Dispatch for a great job remodeling and cleaning up dispatch. There has been a lot of hard work put into the dispatch and investments on updated equipment. This is a major reason we do not want to be centralized and possibly lose our dispatch center.
- Trunk or Treat event coming up this month. Great family event hosted by the City and area businesses.

Department Reports: Randy Morse, Admin/Finance: Nothing to report.

Police Chief, Larry Rutherford: Nothing to report.

Emergency Management, Dan King: Nothing to report.

Victor Phillips, Police: Nothing to report.

Shawn Jackson, Fire Chief: Nothing to report.

Kenny Page, Fire: Nothing to report.

Skylar Cobb, Park Director: Nothing to report.

Cody Page, Parks: Nothing to report.

Dustin Whitworth, Public Works Director:

- Two years ago the water pressure issues for the East end of town were discussed. New water mains were put in. That didn't solve the issues. Any leak in the City affects the East end of town first. The best option is to put a booster station on the corner of Main and Missouri. This job has been engineered by Waters Engineering. Waters Engineering recommends Persons and Sons of Poplar Bluff, Missouri with a bid of \$340,871.00 for award of this job. Motion to approve booster station and contract with Persons and Sons made by Councilman Kenny Page; Seconded by Councilman Cody Page. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. Motion to accept location and plans for booster station made by Councilman Jack Howard; Seconded by Councilman Mike Rhymer. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.
- High service pump at water plant is having issues. Tests have been done, no answers as of yet. Impellor in pump is completely eaten away. No changes have been made to chemical levels to have caused this damage. Vandevanter is doing more research on this issue at this time. Dustin will update once there is more information on what could have gone wrong. Vandevanter will have a new impellor in a few days to install and is lowering our cost down to \$7000 for the replacement. Money is available in budget for replacement.
- Gathered pricing from 3 different businesses to seal and repaint the floors at water plant. Recommends Slinkard Flooring at \$7800 for the job. Motion to approve Slinkard Flooring at \$7800 made by Councilman Victor Phillips; Seconded by Councilman Kenny Page. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.
- Will need to run an ad in the paper to gather bids for sealing and painting the outside of water plant.

Mike Rhymer, Public Works: Nothing to report.

Gary Spinks, Cemetery: Nothing to report.

Heather Ingvalson, Ordinances: Nothing to report.

Jack Howard, Planning and Grants:

- During the Planning and Grants Committee meeting a Committee member was assigned to each department to compile a 5, 10 and 20 year plan.

Public Forum: Continued

- Randy Modglin – Questions directed to Public Works Director, Dustin Whitworth, on specifications of booster station.

Next meeting will be Monday, October 18th, 2021.

No further business being presented, motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Mike Rhymer; Seconded by Councilman Kenny Page. Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm. All in Favor; None Opposed; Motion Carried.

Attest:



Ashley Gentry, City Clerk



Norman Brant, Mayor

