

SCOTT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 22nd, 2022

Call to order: A meeting of the Council was held on February 22nd, 2022 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, Rick Brashear, Heather Ingvalson, Jack Howard, Jack Howard, Kenny Page, Victor Phillips and Cody Page.

Absent: Councilman Mike Rhymer

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

Prayer and Pledge: Prayer was led by Brother Ben Harrison. Pledge was led by Mayor Norman Brant.

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve February 22nd, 2022 meeting agenda made by Councilman Jack Howard; Seconded by Councilwoman Heather Ingvalson. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve February 7th, 2022 meeting minutes made by Councilman Victor Phillips; Seconded by Councilman Jack Howard. 4 in favor. Councilmen Kenny Page, Cody Page and Rick Brashear abstained. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills: Motion to approve bills in the amount of \$61,752.24 was made by Councilman Victor Phillips; Seconded by Councilman Kenny Page. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Public Forum:

- Dustin Dowd – Purchased Oakwood Estates (trailer park). In the process of cleaning up that area. Would like to re-zone property to multi-use. Would like the City to help with some of the infrastructure. Dustin Dowd was asked by Mayor and Council to get a set plan or two together to present so the necessary Committees could meet and move forward.

New Business: 1 Resolution

- **Resolution #628:** A resolution authorizing corrective quit claim deed to Coop Investments, LLC. Motion to accept Resolution #628 made by Councilman Heather Ingvalson; Seconded by Councilman Cody Page. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

- Almost all prepaid Historical books are gone. Currently selling more to the public. Historical Society would like to take excess money made from the book sales to go towards roof repairs at the Museum.

City Administrator, Mike Dudek:

- Push "Use Tax" on April ballot coming up. Spread the word on the benefits of it passing. Employee retention is our concern at this time.
- Fire Truck is a total loss. Shawn will give more information in his report.
- Councilwoman Heather Ingvalson asked about the Farmer's Market status: Mike stated Alishia has stepped down from overseeing the Market. Councilwoman Heather Ingvalson recommended to meet with Parks Director Skylar Cobb and discuss options of a not for profit organization to help with the Market.

Department Reports: Randy Morse, Admin/Finance:

- Finance meeting held this evening before the start of Council meeting. Looks like we are right on target for 7 months into the Fiscal. Looked at ways to have more detailed classification lines going forward. We will start looking at next years budget in April.

Emergency Management Director, Dan King:

- Reimbursement from 911 grant should be coming in soon
- Be aware of more winter weather this week.

Victor Phillips, Police:

- Chamber meeting is this week on Thursday.

Shawn Jackson, Fire Chief:

- Fire Truck is a total loss as Mike stated. In 2003 when the truck was purchased the MSRP was \$375,000. MOPERM insurance is paying \$315,975. There are some fees and expenses that will come out of that amount for towing etc. We will end up getting around \$294,000 out of the truck. Councilwoman Heather Ingvalson looked at the insurance policy and found some clauses that may be able to get the City more money from the claim. Precision may be giving us a quote to purchase the truck for parts. More information to come in the next couple weeks.
- A new fire truck is around \$700,000. Looking into leasing options and to use insurance money possibly as a down payment.
- Thought about purchasing a mini pumper. This would cut down use on the more expensive fire trucks. On March 8th at 6pm there will be a mini pumper demo at the station.
- Received 2 applications for volunteer firefighter. Dakota Blue and Alexander Rumsey. Motion to accept the two applicants named above upon passing background check and drug test made by Councilman Victor Phillips; Seconded by Councilman Kenny Page. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.
- County 911 board is going to do a budget review and discuss what funds can be put in reserve.
- Had a fire truck out of service until yesterday. Crucial to get another fire truck soon.

Kenny Page, Fire: Nothing to report.

Skylar Cobb, Park Director:

- Youth League sign ups are coming to a close. Season starts April 25th.
- Started on ballpark playground last week. Will gradually add to that area over time.
- Park board meeting tomorrow night.

- Spoke with Salvadore about the Conservation Grant. They have more questions which is positive news. Salvadore will keep us updated as he knows more.
- Monty reached out to his plumber about finishing the concession/bathroom project for the ballpark. Will let me know when he hears something.

Cody Page, Parks: Nothing to report.

Dustin Whitworth, Public Works Director:

- Spoke with Dustin Dowd earlier today. He wants to invest in our City and in favor of helping him any way we can.
- Asks Council to begin condemnation process for the shed at 414 State St. (Passed photos around of the shed to Mayor and Council). Motion to start the condemnation process made by Councilman Victor Phillips; Seconded by Councilwoman Heather Ingvalson. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.
- Hopper St trailers are going to be removed.
- Prepped and ready for the incoming winter weather.
- Ditch clean out project is starting.
- The City was not awarded the sidewalk grant.
- During the consistent rain recently, it flowed well and noticed the flooding was much less. The work that has been done to help with water flow when it does rain is a major improvement. There was some mud on the streets and storm grates that needed to be cleaned out. Overall minimal issues from the rain.
- Would like to proceed with condemnation process for 108 Mar Elm, 510 Oak St Rear and 1411 Mary St. Motion to proceed made by Councilman Victor Phillips; Seconded by Councilman Kenny Page. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.
- Motion to set public hearing for condemnation of 706 3rd St E, on April 4th at 7pm made by Councilman Victor Phillips; Seconded by Councilwoman Heather Ingvalson. All in favor. None opposed.

Mike Rhymer, Public Works: Absent

Rick Brashear, Cemetery: Nothing to report.

Heather Ingvalson, Ordinances:

- Would like to have budget amended. Need to inquire with Frank on what is required for that per the ordinance. May need to have the ordinance changed to just allow a budget amendment with Council vote.

Jack Howard, Planning and Grants:

- Met with Dustin to review Public Works 5 year plan last week. Next we will meet with PD on their 5 year plan.

Motion to go into closed meeting for reason 3, 13 and 18 on agenda was made by Councilman Cody Page; Seconded by Councilman Victor Phillips. All in favor; None opposed: Motion carried. Roll Call

Vote: Kenny Page-AYE; Victor Phillips-AYE; Jack Howard-AYE; Rick Brashear-AYE; Cody Page-AYE; Randy Morse-AYE; Heather Ingvalson-AYE

Closed session begins at 7:59pm

Motion to go back into open session made by Councilwoman Heather Ingvalson; Seconded by Councilman Victor Phillips. All in favor; None opposed; Motion carried. Roll Call Vote: Kenny Page-AYE; Victor Phillips-AYE; Jack Howard-AYE; Rick Brashear-AYE; Cody Page-AYE; Randy Morse-AYE; Heather Ingvalson-AYE

Re-opened session at 8:07pm.

Next meeting will be Monday, March 7th, 2022.

No further business being presented, motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Heather Ingvalson; 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