

# CITY COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2020

**Call to order:** A meeting of the Council was held on January 6<sup>th</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: Randy Morse, Tim Porch, Victor Phillips, Robert Foulk, Kenny Page, Mike Rhymer and Gary Spinks.

**Absent:** Heather Ingvalson

**Also, Present:** City Attorney, Frank Siebert; Chief of Police, Michael Culler; Parks Director, Skylar Cobb; Public Works Director, Dustin Whitworth; Fire Chief, Trent August.

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

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda was made by Councilman Mike Rhymer; Seconded by Councilman Gary Spinks. All in favor; None opposed; Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** from December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Motion to approve minutes from December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 made by Councilman Tim Porch; Seconded by Councilman Gary Spinks. All in Favor: 5 Ayes (2 abstained, Kenny Page and Randy Morse); Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** from December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 (closed meeting)

Motion to approve minutes from December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 made by Councilman Mike Rhymer; Seconded by Councilman Victor Phillips. All in Favor: 6 Ayes (1 abstained, Gary Spinks); Motion carried.

**Approval of Bills:** Motion to approve bills in the amount of \$17,969.03 was made by Councilman Tim Porch; Seconded by Councilman Kenny Page. All in favor; None opposed; Motion carried.

**Public Forum:** Resident Rob Short approached the Council on the grass alley running from Mississippi to Mildred. A neighbor has been using it rutting up the alley and parking in it. Rob short suggested to vacate the alley. Motion was made by Councilman Kenny Page to vacate alley from property line to Mississippi and only allow an entrance and exit to be made from Mildred. Seconded by Councilman Gary Spinks. All in favor: 7 Ayes; Motion carried. Mr. Rob Short and Mr. Donnie Wright to pay attorney fees.

## **New Business:**

- **Bill #1160 Ordinance #1169:** An ordinance amending chapter 235.010 of the Scott City code relating to definition of "junk". Motion for first reading was made by Councilman Gary Spinks; Motion for second reading was made by Councilman Tim Porch. Motion to accept Bill #1160 Ordinance #1169 was made by Councilman Randy Morse; Seconded by Councilman Victor Phillips. Roll call vote: R. Morse (AYE), G. Spinks (AYE), T. Porch (AYE), K. Page (AYE), V. Phillips (AYE), R. Foulk (AYE), M. Rhymer (AYE). AYES: 7; NAYS 0; Motion carried.

- Bill #1161 Ordinance #1170: An ordinance amending section 235.045 2 of the Scott City code relating to vehicle parked on the rear or side of premises. Motion for first reading was made by Councilman Tim Porch; Motion for second reading was made by Councilman Mike Rhymer. Motion to accept Bill #1161 Ordinance #1170 was made by Councilman Kenny Page; Seconded by Councilman Gary Spinks. Roll call vote: R. Morse (AYE), G. Spinks (AYE), T. Porch (AYE), K. Page (AYE), V. Phillips (AYE), R. Foulk (AYE), M. Rhymer (AYE). AYES: 7; NAYS 0; Motion carried.
- Bill #1162 Ordinance #1171: An ordinance amending section 255.030 A of the Scott City code relating to prohibition of sweeping litter into public places. Motion for first reading was made by Councilman Randy Morse; Motion for second reading was made by Councilman Victor Phillips. Motion to accept Bill #1162 Ordinance #1171 was made by Councilman Robert Foulk; Seconded by Councilman Victor Phillips. Roll call vote: R. Morse (AYE), G. Spinks (AYE), T. Porch (AYE), K. Page (AYE), V. Phillips (AYE), R. Foulk (AYE), M. Rhymer (AYE). AYES: 7; NAYS 0; Motion carried.
- Bill #1163 Ordinance #1172: An ordinance amending section 125.250 of the Scott City code relation to educational expense reimbursement to include members of the volunteer fire department. Motion for first reading was made by Councilman Gary Spinks; Motion for second reading was made by Councilman Randy Morse. Motion to accept Bill #1163 Ordinance #1172 was made by Councilman Mike Rhymer; Seconded by Councilman Kenny Page. Roll call vote: R. Morse (AYE), G. Spinks (AYE), T. Porch (AYE), K. Page (AYE), V. Phillips (AYE), R. Foulk (AYE), M. Rhymer (AYE). AYES: 7; NAYS 0; Motion carried.

**Mayor's Report:**

- Retention basin work to start tomorrow.
- Monday, January 13, 2020 scheduled to close on property purchase with Ken and Judy Heisserer.
- Made contacts with Illmo Special Road District and they will join with City and Quarry to widen Rock Levee Road.

**City Administrator, Mike Dudek:**

- Recycle grant has been sent off for picnic table and benches.
- Department head meeting scheduled for Tuesday January 7<sup>th</sup> 9 am.
- Working with and training Ashley.
- Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup> Chief Culler, Chief August and I will attend a meeting for Regional Crisis Plan.
- Ameren UE will be conducting a safety workshops for working around power lines. The Police, Fire and Public Works will be asked to attend.
- Preparing midterm evaluations for Department Heads.
- First Friday Coffee is at Cape Drury Plaza January 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Department Reports:**

**Randy Morse, Admin/Finance:** Nothing to report

**Police Chief, Mike Culler:**

- Another fender bender involving one of our police officers. We have set some disciplinary actions and have found a free training to send officers to. This training will help them pay better attention while driving.
- 409 calls since last meeting with 10 arrests.
- Two officers short, will talk more on this in closed session.
- New dispatcher has started.
- CVS Pharmacy has a small grant which will allow them to install a free armored box in the Police station lobby for the disposal of medications.
- Requested permission of Council to sign a 5-year contract with the State for a Life Scan Grant. This Scanner will scan fingerprints in State and Federal databases.

Motion by Councilman Tim Porch to allow the police to sign a 5-year contract with the State for the Life Scan fingerprint scan. Seconded by Councilman Gary Spinks. All in favor, motion carried.

- Still working to get license for SEMA Emergency Management. After this license is obtained several grants are out there to obtain.

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

**Trent August, Fire Chief:**

- Rental home inspections started today. Four addresses done and all went well.
- Stats for 2019: 16 working fire alarms, 955 calls, 63 mutual aid given, 19 mutual aid received, 211 PR work hours, 581 training hours.
- Fire Fighting 1 & 2 begins Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>.
- One Fire Fighter has passed his EMT training.

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

**Skylar Cobb, Park Director:**

- Festival and Parade was December 7<sup>th</sup>. \$417.00 was raised for the toy drop and a box of toys collected to support the School Christmas gift drive.
- Park Sign is redone.
- Pool roof fascia repair will start soon.
- All Christmas lights are down.
- Talked to the company installing the chemical system in the pool. They will begin in a couple weeks.
- Youth League Sign-ups starting Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at the school.
- Working with Monty Keese, Rob Hodo, and Mayor, Norman Brant on the ballpark concession stand and bathroom remodel.
- Purchased ice machine from the O'Charley's restaurant sell out. Paid \$125.00. Will have to have a professional install.

**Heather Ingvalson, Parks:** Absent

**Dustin Whitworth, Public Works Director/ John Reeves Code Enforcer:**

- Public works are still working on ditches and waterlines.
- Waterline install at Ramsey Creek complete.
- GIS company in town.
- Christmas Eve lost VFD which cost \$12,000.00 and has been ordered. It should be installed next week. After this is installed both high service pumps will be updated.
- Three dogs to Humane Society in December.
- Served notices on a lot of disabled vehicles.
- Addresses for condemnation:
  1. 1912 Mary St. was on the list but, they have obtained a Demolition Permit and a Building permit to build back new home.
  2. 508 Elmwood Ave. owned by Jerry Robison has 14 things to make it a dangerous and substandard home. These defects are found under section 525.010 of the City Ordinances paragraph A. 4, 5, 6, 9, 12 & 13 of the City ordinances.
  3. 348 Wheeler Dr. owned by Christopher Young is unsafe where the fire started in the September 2019 fire. These defects are found under section 525.010 of the City Ordinances paragraph A. 3, 4, 5, 8, 12 & 13 of the City ordinances.
  4. 509 E Maple St. owned by Lloyd and Tommy Hale has roof damage allowing water in. The water bill is in Tim Kraft Sr. name and is shut off with a balance of \$264.00. These defects are found under section 525.010 of the City Ordinances paragraph A. 4, 9 & 13 of the City ordinances. Also, someone was living in the outside shed. Action has been taken to insure no one will live there.

Motion made by Councilman Mike Rhymer to start condemnation procedures on 508 Elmwood, 348 Wheeler Drive and 509 E Maple St. Seconded Councilman Randy Morse. All in favor motion carried.

- Need a time limit for dumpsters to sit at residential either empty or remove by a limit of days.
- Can the ordinance of livestock be changed to reflect the property line not dwelling residence of the neighbors?

**Mike Rhymer, Public Works:**

- Checking in with Public Work Director, Dustin Whitworth regularly.
- Thank you to Public Works for assisting Park in moving the Ice Machine

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

**Tim Porch, Ordinances:**

- Will schedule an ordinance meeting to discuss livestock and dumpster time limit ordinances

**Robert Foulk, Planning/Grants:** Nothing to report

**Closed Session:**

Motion to go into closed session was made by Councilman Mike Rhymer; Seconded by Councilman Kenneth Page.

**Roll Call Vote:** R. Morse-AYE; G. Spinks-AYE; T. Porch-Aye; K. Page-AYE; V. Phillips-AYE; R. Foulk-AYE; M. Rhymer-AYE.

AYES: 7 NAYS: 0 Motion Carried. Went into closed session at 8:08 pm.

**Re-Open Session:**

Motion to go into open session was made by Councilman Kenneth Page; Seconded by Councilman Victor Phillips.

**Roll Call Vote:** R. Morse-AYE; G. Spinks-AYE; T. Porch-Aye; K. Page-AYE; V. Phillips-AYE; R. Foulk-AYE; M. Rhymer-AYE.

AYES: 7 NAYS: 0 Motion Carried. Went into open session at 8:30 pm.

Councilman Victor Phillips motioned to emergency hire Sean Sammut as police officer. Seconded by Councilman Kenneth Page. All in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Mike Rhymer presented a list of delinquent Personal Property taxes the City Collector, Tina Blattel had submitted to the Council for approval to send the City Attorney Frank Siebert to collect and take to court. After a brief discussion Attorney Frank Siebert was told to proceed with collections on the thirteen people listed.

No further business being presented, moved by Councilman Tim Porch; Seconded by Councilman Gary Spinks to adjourn at 8:35 pm. All in Favor; None Opposed; Motion Carried.

Attest:

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Ashley Gentry, City Clerk



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Norman Brant, Mayor