

# SCOTT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

**Call to order:** A meeting of the Council was held on March 3rd, 2020 in the Council Chambers located at City Hall, 215 Chester Ave. Mayor Pro Tem Randy Morse called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The following council members were present: Heather Ingvalson, Kenny Page, Victor Phillips, Robert Foulk and Mike Rhymer.

**Absent:** Mayor, Norman Brant; Councilman Gary Spinks; Councilman Tim Porch

**Also, Present:** City Attorney, Frank Siebert; Chief of Police, Michael Culler; Public Works Director, Dustin Whitworth; Fire Chief, Trent August; Code Enforcement Officer, John Reeves; City Administrator, Mike Dudek; Parks Director, Skylar Cobb.

**Prayer and Pledge:** Prayer was led by Public Works Director, Dustin Whitworth and Pledge was led by Mayor Pro Tem Randy Morse.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda was made by Councilwoman Heather Ingvalson; Seconded by Councilman Victor Phillips. All in favor; None opposed; Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes from February 18th, 2020 made by Councilman Kenny Page; Seconded by Councilman Mike Rhymer. All in Favor: None opposed; Motion carried.

**Approval of Bills:** Motion to approve bills in the amount of \$46,648.01 was made by Councilman Victor Phillips; Seconded by Councilman Kenny Page. All in favor; None opposed; Motion carried.

**Public Hearing:** N/A

**Public Forum:** Larry Chastain, Director of North Scott Ambulance, spoke to the Council and Audience about Sales Tax to Reduce Property Tax Ballot Issue. This option on the ballot would increase sale tax but reduce property tax. The increase to sales tax would a ½ cent. Which would generate around \$500,000 in revenue. There will be an open forum for further information on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from 6pm to 8pm. Tours of the building are available at that time. Contact Larry for further questions.

**New Business:** N/A

**Mayor's Report:** Nothing to report

**City Administrator, Mike Dudek:**

- Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> the City will be hosting the Southeast Regional MML meeting. This will be held at The Front Porch, 6pm-8pm.
- Capital Tax Improvement handout is complete to look over and give thoughts and opinions on. This handout will go to customers and will be available at local businesses. Council approved handout.
- Bring in Code Books for code updates as soon as possible.

- Keep and share calendar will be sent to Council members to gather thoughts and opinions. Looking into other options as well that would give more options to show documents such as meeting minutes.
- Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> will be the Department Head meeting, 9am.
- Alex Landewee is not wanting to come down on his gym membership prices at this time due to not being teamed up with insurance companies.

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**Department Reports:**

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

**Police Chief, Mike Culler:**

- 319 service calls and 11 arrests since last meeting.
- Used emergency hire privilege to hire Adam Becquette as Patrolman.
- Recommends getting annual contract with a wrecker service. Will need to check with Tim Porch on wrecker service ordinance. Currently there is a rotation between Midwest, Twin City Auto and Baker's. The rotation may need a better system of operation.
- K9 Raena callout for \$18,000 drug bust. Unfortunately, since the call and arrest was the state's, Scott City will not receive funds from the arrest.
- Officer Brockmire is now a master trainer. Meaning he is able to train other K9's.
- Tanker traffic is down to a minimum since the new route has been established.

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

**Trent August, Fire Chief:**

- 73 calls in the past month
- Construction still going well. Would like to invite anyone to come take a look at the progress.
- A professional grant writer from Dexter has submitted paperwork for a Micro Grant. This grant would be for radios.
- Working on policies and procedures for the Fire Department.
- There has been 12-14 firefighters attending weekly training.
- Hose testing will be coming up soon.
- Florida trip went well. They were able to see top notch equipment.
- Planning a trip in April to Nebraska to look at ladder trucks.
- Up to 20 firefighters on the Department at this time. There is a need for more pagers at this time.
- To purchase 4 pagers by the end of March, with a 3yr extended warranty, the cost is \$2800.

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

**Skylar Cobb, Park Director:**

- The new park sign is up.
- On March 3<sup>rd</sup>, the new ballpark building for the addition should arrive.

- Meetings for Summer ball have been in place. Season starts April 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Summerfest will be June 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>. We will be using the same amusement company from a few years ago. We were please with them at that time.
- Museum will have their car show that Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. That will be incorporated with Summerfest.
- Awarded 2 State Tournaments July 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. We receive good revenue during these tournaments.
- With the bad weather lately there has been a lot of inside work getting ready for mowing season.

**Heather Ingvalson, Parks:** May be able to get the P&G diaper booth for the Summerfest this year. Also MODOT will be taking only so many feet out for their project instead of all the homes in that area.

**Dustin Whitworth, Public Works Director**

- As John Reeves, Code Enforcement Officer, gets around to area homes and gives citations, residents are getting mad. John is working hard to assist in cleaning up our city. If a resident needs a home or yard checked out again call Dustin. Together Dustin and John will tackle these issues as they arise.
- There have been negative comments and backlash found on social media surrounding Scott City. If you see or hear this talk please address it immediately with the department head. The Department Head will check in to the situation.
- MODOT will begin the bridge construction in June 2020. This is the bridge going to Hwy 61. There are 3 main water lines that run under the interstate. No valves are installed on either side. There is concern that the construction could cause any of the main water lines to break or bust. Dustin is reaching out to the state to possibly pay for valves to be installed on those main lines.
- Every find that occurs can be tracked/marked on the GIS.

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

**Gary Spinks, Cemetery: Absent**

**Tim Porch, Ordinances: Absent**

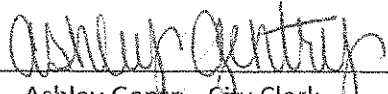
**Robert Foulk, Planning/Grants: Nothing to report**

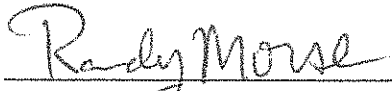
Two residents from the community asked to speak on their properties submitted for condemnation. Attorney Frank Siebert stated they would need to speak to our Code Enforcement Officer, John Reeves. John Reeves will report back to Council on the discussions after that point to proceed accordingly.

**Next meeting will be March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7pm.**

No further business being presented, moved by Councilman Victor Phillips; Seconded by Councilman Mike Rhymer to adjourn at 8:05 pm. All in Favor; None Opposed; Motion Carried.

Attest:

  
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Ashley Gentry, City Clerk

  
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Randy Morse, Mayor Pro Tem