

**City of Scio  
City Council Minutes  
January 8, 2024**

**LOCATION:** SCIO CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, 38957 NW 1<sup>ST</sup> AVENUE, SCIO  
Public was allowed to attend in person or via Zoom.

**Time Start:** 6:00 P.M.

**Time End:** 7:19 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Debbie Nuber. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken by Cathy Martin, Administrative Assistant.

**COUNCIL MEETING ATTENDANCE LOG**

COUNCIL	SCIO STAFF
Mayor Debbie Nuber	Ginger Allen, City Manager
Councilor Karen Eckhart	Cathy Martin, Administrative Assistant
Councilor Joey Ferguson	LaVonne Murray, Librarian
Councilor Tom Gray	
Councilor Tom Meyer - Excused	
Councilor Dennis Shaffer	
Councilor Luke Zedwick	

**AUDIENCE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Dustin Blumenstein	Dean Schrunk
Nadji Vogel	

AGENDA	ACTIONS
<p><b><u>CONSENT AGENDA</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• November 13, 2023 Council Minutes</li> <li>• November &amp; December 2023 Statement of Revenues &amp; Expenditures</li> <li>• November &amp; December 2023 Payment Journal</li> </ul>	<p>Motion from Councilor Ferguson seconded by Councilor Gray to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.</p> <p><b>Motion passed 5 yeas / 0 nays</b></p>
<p><b><u>Correspondence</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preliminary 2023 Population Estimate Report</li> <li>• Public Notice for Scio Public Meetings</li> </ul>	
<p><b><u>PRESENTATIONS</u></b></p> <p><b>Linn County Sheriff Report</b></p> <p>a. November &amp; December 2023 Reports – Sgt Frambes</p>	<p>Sgt. Frambes reviewed December’s report with the council. Arrest was made for mental health concerns.</p> <p>Investigation of death was for natural causes.</p> <p>No property crimes in the Month of December.</p> <p>Busy training individuals. Will have a 2023 Year summary report at the February meeting.</p>

<p><b>Library Report</b></p> <p>a. <b>Presentation by LaVonne Murray, Librarian</b></p>	<p>Scio’s crime rates are amazing. Proactive patrols, visible in the community help this.</p> <p>Nuber asked about the activity on Main Street over the weekend. Frambes stated that he will check into the incident and send a report to Ms. Allen.</p> <p>Eckhart asked about shootings on highways between Albany and Scio. Frambes stated that these incidents are being investigated by the Oregon State Police as occurred on the state highways. Publicity has stopped the incidents in the area.</p> <p>Gray great to see the deputies involved with the schools.</p> <p>Ms. Murray reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gingerbread House contest 26 entries – Adults to preschoolers,</li> <li>• Childrens programming – STEM Day</li> <li>• Took advantage of Black Friday sales and received over \$190 in free books for the library</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>PUBLIC COMMENTS</u></b></p> <p>a. Dustin Blumenstein, 38840 N Ash Street</p> <p>b. Nadji Vogel, 38932 NW 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue</p> <p>c. Dustin Blumenstein</p>	<p>Mr. Blumenstein registered his concern about the Covered Bridge Bakery closing. Ms. Allen stated that is not the nature of the city to call property owners over businesses that open or close. However, the city has been receiving calls and Ms. Allen stated she will be contacting Mr. McDonald and Mr. White.</p> <p>Mr. Blumenstein also asked about the new construction taking place near SW 3<sup>rd</sup> and SW Beech Street. It was noted that the construction was required by the developer of the city block, the infrastructure improvements must be completed before building permits can be issued.</p> <p>Ms. Vogel stated that she was curious about man living under bridge. She stated that she has seen him in town twice. She stated that she does not know for sure that he is staying under there. Ms. Allen stated that the city has no information.</p> <p>Mr. Blumenstein reported that he was aware of another individual, that comes and goes at the Scio Baptist Church. He does not know if it is the same person. May be staying with some people in the area.</p>

Ms. Allen will speak with Sgt. Frambes about the individuals.

**REGULAR SESSION**

City Manager Allen requested to move Agenda Item 2 to the first item of discussion. Council Agreed to the move.

**Library Collection Policy Recommendation**

Presented by – Carrie Jack, Advisory Committee Chairperson & LaVonne Murray, Librarian.

a. Council Discussion

b. Council Decision

**Planning Commission Appointees**

Staff report – Cathy Martin, Administrative Assistant

c. Council Discussion

Ms. Murray stated that Ms. Jack was unable to attend the meeting. Ms. Murray apologized for the length of time it took to get the revised policy to the council. Ms. Murray stated that the policy is what the Library Advisory Committee felt was reasonable for the city's library.

Ms. Allen stated that the questionnaire was reduced to 2 questions from 10.

Shaffer asked if there had ever been written requests to add or remove items in the collection. Ms. Murray responded that she has not received any during her tenure as Librarian.

Motion from Councilor Zedwick seconded by Councilor Ferguson to adopt Library Collection Policy as recommended by the Library Advisory Committee.

**Motion passed 5 yeas / 0 nays**

Ms. Martin asked that the council re-appoint the following planning commission members:

- Richard Androes
- Beau Buganski
- Katrina Clouse
- Eleanor Ferguson

Copies of the application forms for Ms. Clouse and Ms. Ferguson were handed to the Council. Mr. Androes and Mr. Buganski had verbally informed staff that they were willing to continue serving the city, however they did not submit the application forms.

Ms. Martin stated that by re-appointing these members, the planning commission will meet the minimum requirement for a quorum in order to conduct meetings. There will still be 3 open positions.

None.

<p>d. Council Decision</p>	<p>Motion from Councilor Ferguson seconded by Councilor Eckhart to appoint Richard Androes, Beau Buganski, Katrina Clouse and Eleanor Ferguson to the Planning Commission.</p> <p><b>Motion passed 5 yeas / 0 nays</b></p>
<p><b>TMDL 2023-2028 Five Year Implementation Plan – Thomas Creek</b> Staff Report – Ginger Allen, Scio City Manager</p> <p>a. Council Discussion</p> <p>b. Council Decision</p>	<p>Ms. Allen presented the TMDL 2023-2028 Five Year Implementation Plan for Thomas Creek to the council. She stated that this plan is very intense. It requires a lot of staff time to complete. Along with the items identified in the plan, there is annual reporting and a larger report at the end of each 5-year period.</p> <p>Ms. Allen stated that everything in the plan has passed the requirements of DEQ. Council has to approve the plan. If city does not do a certain number of things, the city would be fined.</p> <p>Allen stated that the actions needing to be completed by the city are consistent with other jurisdictions Scio’s size.</p> <p>Motion from Councilor Eckhart seconded by Councilor Shaffer to approve the TMDL 2023-2028 Five Year Implementation Plan – Thomas Creek.</p> <p><b>Motion passed 5 yeas / 0 nays</b></p>
<p><b><u>COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY STAFF</u></b></p> <p>a. City Manager’s Report</p> <p>b. City Attorney’s Report</p>	<p>Ms. Allen reviewed the City Manager’s report dated January 4, 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thomas Creek Park Improvements</li> <li>• Safe Routes to School Project</li> <li>• Small City Allotment Grant</li> <li>• City Hall Renovation Presentation #2</li> <li>• Scio’s Sweeping Beauty</li> <li>• Public Restroom Bid</li> </ul> <p>None</p>
<p><b><u>ITEMS FROM THE COUNCIL</u></b></p> <p>a. Councilor Shaffer</p> <p>b. Councilor Eckhart</p> <p>c. Councilor Zedwick</p>	<p>None</p> <p>Lights looked great for Christmas,</p> <p>Homeless funds – did anything come about on this issue?</p>

<p>d. Councilor Ferguson</p> <p>e. Councilor Gray</p> <p>f. Mayor Nuber</p>	<p>Nuber stated that there appeared to be some hidden stipulations concerning the funds and how they might be used.</p> <p>Allen agreed with Nuber’s statement and said that she still offered to place the item on the agenda for council presentation and the offer was turned down due to timing issues.</p> <p>Christmas Decorations were very nice.</p> <p>None</p> <p>Ms. Nuber stated she has concerns about vehicles crossing the walking bridge. Allen stated that additional bolsters could be placed that would prevent golf carts from crossing the bridge. Staff was tasked to look into the bolster possibility.</p>
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Meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.