



SCIO CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY March 9, 2020

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Councilors Karen Eckhart, Joey Ferguson, Tom Gray, Tom Meyer, and Debbie Nuber.

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Ginger Allen, Morley Thomas Law Associate Jeffrey Clayson, and Administrative Assistant Cathy Martin.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Council President Nuber called the Regular Session of the Scio City Council to order at 6:00 P.M. at Scio City Hall, followed with the flag salute.

**ROLL CALL:** Roll call was taken with Dennis Thomas absent and Mayor Weaver excused.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:** Council President Nuber asked for comments.

*Councilor Gray moved, Councilor Meyer seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed 4/0*

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- COG Community Service Program Correspondence.
- Salem Read Art Exhibit 2020.
- 2020 Scio Veterans Memorial Spring Brick Campaign

**PRESENTATIONS:**

- **Linn County Sheriff's Report – Presented by Sgt. Greg Klein, Linn County Sheriff** – Sgt. Greg Klein reviewed the monthly report for February 2020 (see attached). Klein spoke to council about a traffic crash involving a hit & run incident at the Scio Store. Klein also spoke about an odor investigation on February 17<sup>th</sup>, called in as an odor complaint as it smelled like gas; think it was more likely fireworks. Scio Fire went out found nothing. An abandoned vehicle by the Christian Church has been taken care of and moved.

Allen shared with the council regarding the Small Cities Sheriff's Meeting. Many of the small cities are looking at using digital speed signs for traffic control. The city can purchase through the Linn County Sheriff's Department. City may want to consider purchasing 2 of the signs, they can be moved. The data can be logged in to the Linn County Sheriff Office and they can see where and when speeding issues are occurring. Allen asked for permission to add this purchase to the budget for FY 20-21. Ferguson stated that she would need more information. Michael Breedlove, 38888 Highway 226, Scio – submitted information about digital speed signs that he obtained from Lebanon Police Department.

Greg Klein stated that he could try to get the city of Millersburg and Lebanon Police to have come and give presentation, information.

Ferguson asked about needles found on walking bridge. This was noted on Facebook. Klein stated if called in treat it as biohazard.

Gray asked if they were full. Klein they are destroyed as biohazard. Ferguson asked if the sheriff department can confirm if they were empty. Klein would have to check record. He stated that they can continue to walk the bridge.

Council asked if the city could get estimates on the cost of installing new cameras.

## **REGULAR SESSION:**

1. **Oregon Cascade West Council of Government Report – Update – Presented by: Ginger Allen, City Manager** – Ms. Allen stated that in addition to the letter that was included as correspondence. A breakdown of the cost of services provided by the Cascade West Council of Government. Ferguson asked for breakdown of stats. Scio and surrounding area – 39 families, when asked for addresses, only 6 families were inside the city limits. Eckhart asked about # of meals per household – no more than 2 meals in the household. Nuber stated that this is important, it is about the citizens. Ferguson stated that she was happy with the data provided. Allen stated that the city doesn't have to be a member of the COG for our citizens to be able to participate in the Meals on Wheels. Ferguson asked if the city could put something on the website to promote the program. The city has been added to the list of recipients of the semi-annual data. Allen reviewed the cost of IT services, SMTA flat rate would be \$80 per hour plus cost. Allen stated the more services we have with SMTA the bigger dividend check the city receives. Allen asked for consensus vote to move IT services to SMTA.

*A consensus vote was taken. Passed with a vote of 4/0.*

2. **Covered Bridge Park – Main Street – Presented by: Ginger Allen, City Manager** – Ms. Allen stated that the clean-up of the park will happen on Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. Tree, shrubs and fence will be removed. This will be cleaned and spruced up for the Lamb & Wool Fair. After then the city will turn the project over to the Parks and Tree Committee once established, and let them decide as to the development. Ferguson asked about the budget for the parks, will some of the money be used for this? Allen yes.
3. **New City Hall/PW Shop Review and Discussion – Presented by: Ginger Allen, City Manager** – Discussion was held. Ms. Allen reviewed the answers from both of the banks; Columbia Bank has not been able to give a letter to the city with the interest rate. Allen recommended that the city give Columbia Bank

two weeks to provide this. City could make a decision at the next month's council meeting. Allen stated the interest rate has dropped tremendously – 2.98% to 2.44% decreases the amount of interest paid annually by over \$60K. Nuber – Allen – interest only payments during the first two years of drawdown, then principal/interest begins. Make sure that you need a project manager on the city hall but not the shop, gave list of architects and builders. Think the city should get the loan of \$2M – computers, phones can all be paid out of the loan.

Allen stated that she would like the council to make a decision as to move forward.

*Councilor Ferguson moved, Councilor Meyer seconded, to proceed with the building of a new city hall and Public Works building. Motion passed with a vote of 4/0.*

**CITY MANAGER REPORT:** Presented by Ginger Allen – Ms. Allen reported on city activities for the time period of February 5, 2020 – March 4, 2020 (see attached report).

- Building Demolition – Asbestos removal of roof will be removed tomorrow. – Partial closure of the street and alley.
- City Budget – working on this – bio solids plan. Will be meeting with three companies.
- Logger Pride Day – Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. City will partner and provide gloves, yard debris pick-up and disposal.
- Salem Readings – March 2020 & Lake Oswego Reads – April 2020: Back to Back Art Exhibits

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:** Presented by Jeffrey Clayson – Mr. Clayson stated working to set up office hours here at city hall. Hopefully 3 hours per month.

**BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Katrina Clouse, 38971 W Scio Rd – Lamb Fair – sheep run, working with the lamb fair, from bridge to high school. Horses and dogs, goal to have some sheep at the pavilion and a sheep shearing demonstration/competition on the stage. Fat Lamb Fiber Festival at the elementary school, Army National Guard, youth stuff at the school and quilt show at the middle school. Working on banners, final designs will be submitted to city to send in. Theme “Everything Old is New Again”. Visitation Center – people have been using it, getting lots of visitors. Art area in back of building for anyone interested. Ferguson asked if there was additional insurance needed. Gray asked how many sheep? Clouse – not sure the number. It will start at when the parade starts only from bridge – Gray asked about Royal Court. Clouse stated that they do have a court this year. Nuber stated she would like – sheep – Clouse there will be sheep at the fiber fest. Gray asked about the book – will be like the old hard cover books. Grand Marshall is in memory of Bea Baughman and Kay Roth. Ferguson asked about the buttons.

May Garland, 38795 N Main Street, spoke on the Salem Reads and Lake Oswego Reads Art projects. She stated that the Friends of the Library and the Senior Center are hosting an open house on Wednesday at 1:30 PM.

Nadji Vogel, 38932 NW 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, asked about the alley situation. Jeffrey Clausen stated that the city is working on the final decisions on the vacation of the properties. It will be finished soon.

The regular session of the city council was adjourned at 7:03 p.m. followed by a 5-minute recess.

**Executive Session:** Executive Sessions are closed to the public due to highly confidential nature of the subject. It is unlawful to discuss anything outside of the Executive Session. Final action/decisions are to be made in open session.

Per ORS 192.660(2) e) to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions.

**Reconvene Regular Session:**

The regular session was reconvened at 7:13 pm.

**BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:**

Gray – asked if the city was liable for any homes that may fall down. Allen reminded the council of previous conversation with Linn County regarding displacement of a homeowner. City has to be prepared to deal with the aftermath of a condemnation. Allen stated the home on Highway 226 has been received.

Ferguson – stated that she has a friend that has found dead rats on her property, and her dog is now sick. Allen stated that the city cannot make people take trash out of a building. If can declare a health situation, then the county can come in.

Meyer – None

Eckhart – None

Nuber – None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Cathy Martin,  
Administrative Assistant