



SCIO CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY March 11, 2019

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

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Ginger Allen, City Attorney Tre' Kennedy and Administrative Assistant Cathy Martin.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Weaver 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 all Councilor Dennis Thomas absent.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: There were no questions.

Councilor Nuber moved, Councilor Eckhart seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as Presented. Motion passed 5/0

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. A letter that has been sent by the City to the Lamb and Wool Board regarding the Scio Memorial Park. Ms. Allen stated that she has found out that they have been holding checks for over a year in order to get a total of 10 bricks to get engraved. Other communities do annual campaigns to make it cost effective.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Linn County Sheriff's Report – Sgt. Greg Klein reported on the February 2019 – 0 citations, 4 warnings, 1 traffic crash, 26 incidents, 2 hours dedicated to traffic enforcement, 72 hours. Calls for service in the city have gone down, which is nice. He stated that Scio runs an average of 35-40 calls during the summer. Councilor Gray asked if there could be extra patrol during the lunch hour at the High School.

REGULAR SESSION:

- 1) **City Council Votes in 2019 Council President – Presented by: Ginger Allen, City Manager –**

Councilor Ferguson nominated Councilor Nuber, Councilor Eckhart seconded the nomination and Councilor Nuber accepted the nomination as Council President. The motion passed 5/0.

- 2) **Cascades West Area Commission on Transportation – Council Appointment – Presented by: Ginger Allen, City Manager** – Ms. Allen stated that this position was formerly filled by Wolfgang Borchard. The meetings are held every other month and the next meeting is in March. The city can opt not to participate and just ask for minutes of the meetings. Councilor Nuber stated that the city needed a representative.

Councilor Meyer volunteered to fill the position. Mayor Weaver thanked Councilor Meyer for volunteering to serve on the Cascades West ACT.

- 3) **City Hall Structural Update – Presented by: Ginger Allen, City Manager** – Ms. Allen reviewed the report with the council. Ms. Allen stated that the inspector confirmed everything that the city suspected was wrong with the building. The inspector stated that “adequate” was because the building was still standing. To investigate further would require the hiring of specific professionals such as environmental and engineering specialists, which could be as high as \$50-\$100K. Allen asked the council if they wanted to spend more money investigations the conditions of the current city hall or begin looking into a new city hall for the future. Two different engineering firms that Allen spoke with stated that restoring the existing building would more than likely cost more than building a new city hall, plus the current space capacity is not meeting the services needs today. Ferguson asked about the front door – he didn’t talk about the doors? Allen said that he stated they are adequate but does not meet code. Report confirms that the building has issues. Gray stated that the city should only do repairs that have to be done.

CITY MANAGER REPORT: Presented by Ginger Allen – Ms. Allen reported on the following topics:

Five Year Public Event Application – Lamb and Wool Fair May 2019 the Linn County Lamb & Wool Fair Board submitted their Public Event Application, the insurance has been received and we are waiting for the OLCC Permit. No reason to believe that OLCC would not issue a permit. Therefore, as soon as it is received the city will issue the permit. This is part of the five year permit and will expire in May of 2021, at which time a new five year application will need to be submitted.

Just Around the Corner – Scio Community Clean-up Days – Will be held May 7th through May 10th. Ms. Allen has a meeting with Danielle Blackwell, Scio High School Principal tomorrow to see about getting the students involved in the clean-up days. She is also working with S.C.I.O. and the Beautification Committee to assist local merchants with their clean-up needs. City staff will be involved. City responsible for providing: gloves, garbage bags, dumpsters, grass edger, and advertisement through city newsletter, website and water bills. Councilor Gray volunteered to help pressure wash.

Parks and Tree Board Update – The ordinance is almost ready to be presented to council. Hope to have before the April council meeting. Once approved will begin application process, goal to have established on or before June 30, 2019.

Pacific Power Pole Lights – Information was provided on the process/requirements for adding additional street lights.

Staff Training – City Hall administrative office will be closed on Wednesday, March 20th for staff to attend audit training in Albany.

In addition, the city has received a “Gold” safety award from CIS. Allen announced that Matt Winans has passed his first exam and will take the second later this month.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT: Presented by Tre’ Kennedy – Kennedy stated that the letter was sent to Republic Services. A meeting has been set up for Tuesday, March 19th to discuss issues. Kennedy announced that he will be having office hours here in Scio, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm on the first Mondays of the month.

Business from the Council:

Ferguson – None

Gray – there is a pothole starting on Main Street in front of the Post Office. Ferguson stated that there is another one on the corner at NW 4th and Main. Gray stated that it would be nice to have centralized post office boxes on streets.

Eckhart – None

Thomas – None

Nuber – None

Meyer – None

Weaver – Alley north of Middle School needs to be fixed.

Business from the Public: Mike Jones, SW Filbert Avenue, stated that the council was doing a great job.

The regular session of the city council was adjourned at 6:42 p.m. and Mayor Weaver announced a 5 minute recess allowing the public to leave city hall prior to opening the Executive Session.

At 6:50 p.m. Mayor Weaver read the official language allowing the council to conduct an executive session:

Executive Sessions are closed to the public due to the 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.

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

There were no issues requiring a vote and therefore the executive session and regular session of the Scio City Council meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Cathy Martin,
Administrative Assistant