

**City of Scio  
City Council Minutes  
March 14, 2022**

**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:** 7:24 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**COUNCIL MEETING ATTENDANCE LOG**

COUNCIL	SCIO STAFF
Mayor Chadd Weaver	Ginger Allen, City Manger
Councilor Debbie Nuber	Cathy Martin, Administrative Assistant
Councilor Karen Eckhart	Jeffrey Clayson, Assistant City Attorney
Councilor Joey Ferguson	
Councilor Tom Gray	
Councilor Tom Meyer	
Councilor John Whalen (via Zoom)	

**AUDIENCE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Lea Hackler	Jack Mochnik
May Garland	Michael Harr

AGENDA	ACTIONS
<p><b><u>CONSENT AGENDA</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• February 14, 2022 City Council Minutes</li> <li>• February 2022 Statement of Revenue &amp; Expenditures</li> <li>• February 2022 Payment Journal</li> </ul>	<p>Eckhart asked for information on the payments to Correct Equipment &amp; Healthy Home Pest</p> <p>Allen stated that the payment to Correct Equipment was for water meters, Scada system. The payment to Healthy Home Pest control was due to a pest problem – the city had a beaver working along Peters Ditch, trapper caught over 24 nutria and 1 beaver, there is another beaver. Must hire a certified trapper to trap. Trapper worked the ditch through December.</p> <p>Motion from Councilor Nuber, seconded by Councilor Eckhart, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. <b>Motion passed 6:0</b></p>
<p><b><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u></b></p> <p>a. None</p>	

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Linn County Sheriff's Report**

- a. February 2022 Report – Lt. Beth Miller & Sheriff Beth Duncan

Lt. Beth Miller reviewed the report for February. Extra patrol occurred. Criminal activity is down. Stolen vehicle incidents have increased. A total of 72.25 hours of Sheriff coverage for the month of February.

Planning to do some sweeps in the North County to try to make some warrant arrests. Hopefully will have some success in arresting some offenders.

Allen asked if the jail is opened to full capacity. Lt. Miller deferred to Sheriff Duncan.

Sheriff Michelle Duncan addressed the council.

Sheriff's office continues with their hiring campaign. Patrol is down, but city contracts are still being covered. Several deputies moved over to Oregon State Police. Hiring and Retention is a priority. One day hiring event in January. Dispatch, Nursing, Patrol – 21 applicants for Patrol alone. Have 13 candidates waiting on backgrounds (6 openings). Oregon Training Academy is behind. Scheduling a deputy for training is as far out as August & Sept. (12 useful positions a missing)

They are planning on doing outreach at some Sportsman's Shows to try to find individuals who may be interested in a career in law enforcement.

Employee wellness program – (state statute) – training, peer support group, programs that bring staff together, team building.

Levy – Linn County does not have a mental health crisis center. When deputies encounter an individual with a mental health issue, have no place to take them (jail or medical emergency room only current options). Facility would allow immediate treatment – Yellow Line Project.

Jail – still wearing masks in jail. 231 bed facility, COVID, courts, down below 100 at one time. Currently at 140 inmates. Have to follow CDC guidelines, to prevent improper suits. Jail was not built for COVID. 13 blocks – had to separate – COVID, Men, Women, High Risk, Medium Risk, Close Contact, etc. Recent updates, isolate within the block they are in.

Hoping for more guidance, distancing. Hope to see more people.

<p>b. Council Discussion</p>	<p>Testing of new inmates.</p> <p>Once all of this comes in should be back up to normal running of the jail.</p> <p>Councilor Ferguson asked if the jail is fully staffed. Yes, but COVID has affected staffing issues.</p> <p>Jail and Dispatch function.</p> <p>Sheriff Duncan stated she would try to attend council meetings two time a year.</p> <p>Council thanked Sheriff Duncan and Lt. Miller for attending the meeting and sharing the information.</p>
<p><b>Update on Garage Sale Committee</b></p> <p>a. Staff Report – Cathy Martin</p> <p>b. Council Discussion</p>	<p>Ms. Martin stated that the committee met and that a second meeting was forth coming that would include Assistant City Attorney, Jeffrey Clayson.</p> <p>It was noted that the Community Garage Sale weekend will be held August 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, &amp; 14<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>None</p>
<p><b>Recommendation for Appointment to Parks &amp; Tree Advisory Committee</b></p> <p>a. Staff Report – Ginger Allen</p> <p>b. Council Discussion</p>	<p>Ms. Allen presented Lea Hackler to the council. Ms. Hackler generously volunteered to serve on the Parks and Tree Committee. She lives in the Thomas Creek Estates area.</p> <p>Consensus 6/0 to appoint Mrs. Hackler to the Parks &amp; Tree Advisory Committee.</p>
<p><b><u>REGULAR SESSION</u></b></p> <p><b>Public Hearing for the Vacation of Property</b></p> <p>Public Hearing opened at 6:29 pm by Mayor Weaver</p> <p>a. Staff Report – Ginger Allen</p>	<p>Mayor Weaver asked for Exparte Contact.</p> <p>Clayson, read ORS script for the hearing.</p> <p>None Declared by the council.</p> <p>Ms. Allen presented the staff report. Ms. Allen stated that this was originally presented months ago. This alley was located underneath the store. Along with the sale of part of the tax lots adjacent. City had to get a survey; this</p>

<p>b. Citizen Comments</p> <p>c. Mayor Weaver closed the Public Hearing at 6:39 pm</p> <p>d. Council Discussion</p> <p>e. Council Decision</p>	<p>was done under the pretext that the owner of the store would pay for all of the costs.</p> <p>Mayor Weaver asked if council has any questions?</p> <p>Council Ferguson asked if the city had been reimbursed. Allen said the reimbursed would take place after council approves the vacation of property.</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>Motion from Councilor Eckhart, seconded by Councilor Whalen, to approve the Vacation of the Alley located under the Scio Stop-n-Save Store. <b>Motion passed 6:0</b></p>
<p><b>Ordinance No. 621 – Alley Vacation</b></p> <p>a. Staff Report – Ginger Allen</p> <p>b. Council Discussion</p> <p>c. Council Decision</p>	<p>Ms. Allen stated that the ordinance has to be recorded at Linn County. She read Ordinance No. 621, An Ordinance Ordering the Vacation of a Certain Alleyway Section Located on N. Main Street, City of Scio, Linn County Oregon. This alley is located under the current Scio Stop-n-Save Store.</p> <p>Ms. Allen read by title Ordinance No. 621, and Ordinance Ordering the Vacation of a Certain Alleyway Section Located on N. Main Street, City of Scio, Linn County Oregon for the second time.</p> <p>None</p> <p>Motion from Councilor Eckhart, seconded by Councilor Meyer, to approve Ordinance No 621, Vacating the Alley located under the Scio Stop-n-Save Store. <b>Motion passed 6:0</b></p>
<p><b><u>COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY STAFF</u></b></p> <p>a. City Manager’s Report</p>	<p>Ms. Allen reviewed the City Manager’s report dated March 10, 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Scio City Hall – Ms. Allen stated that staff received a rendition, but it did not contain some of the items that staff asked for. Have asked for a couple of renditions.</li> <li>• 2022-2023 Budget Season – Have received lots of notifications of increases in costs. She shared article in the Albany Democrat Herald for the City of Albany. Ferguson asked about rate increases.</li> </ul>

Allen stated that we will be looking at them in the budget process.

- City Charter and Employee Manual – Making some revisions and suggestions of language. Charters are voted on by the people. There are areas in the charter that need to be updated. Roles of the council, mayor, city administrator, and other positions that the council determines are necessary. Operational issues are fairly standard. Must get it approved to get on the ballot in November. Charter has priority over employee handbook.
- Safe Routes to school Project. – meeting with fire chief, school, and engineer – radius issues for emergency vehicles. Councilor Ferguson asked about making streets one way? Allen stated that these are some of the questions that have to be addressed by the City Engineer.
- Small City Allotment Project
- Public Restrooms and Parkland Development Grant – planning on just doing the pre-fab restroom, must get three quotes. Councilor Gray asked if we could email pictures. There was a lot of in-kind contribution pledges. Will need to have a ribbon cutting when finished. Councilor Eckhart stated city needs to promote on city website.
- National Night Out – S.C.I.O. is very interested in doing this year.
- High Beam light – comes on if you are going over 10 miles over the speed limit. Councilor Gray stated can't always read the sign, because of the sun reflection.
- Situation – March 4<sup>th</sup>, Well 4 – alarm. Pump went out. Electrician and Stettler's came up. Had to pull pump and replace it. Had to work on bringing up Well 3, samples had to be taken to the lab as the well had not been run in years. Had to call Linn County Health Department. Have now been notified that we have to do a series of tests. Stettler's built us a pump. Ferguson asked about Well 3 tests – All came back clean.

b. City Attorney's Report

Jeffery Clayson working with camping and RV issues.

Councilor Ferguson asked if Lebanon is seeing an increase in homeless population.

	Asst. Attorney Clayson stated there is a couple of places people are rotating through. Lebanon is looking at a couple places in town to designate for homeless camping.
<p><b><u>ITEMS FROM THE COUNCIL</u></b></p> <p>a. Councilor Ferguson</p> <p>b. Councilor Gray</p> <p>c. Councilor Eckhart</p> <p>d. Councilor Meyer</p> <p>e. Council President Debbie Nuber</p> <p>f. Councilor Whalen</p> <p>g. Mayor Weaver</p>	<p>Thanked Allen for the city manager’s report. Asked about seeing 1<sup>st</sup> submittal of city hall.</p> <p>Well 3 will it be on a schedule for testing from now on? Allen stated that the city will be putting together a plan.</p> <p>Thanked staff for avoiding disaster.</p> <p>Thank you for all you do</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p>
<p><b><u>PUBLIC COMMENTS</u></b></p> <p>a. Michael Harr</p>	<p>Mr. Harr stated that as a bicyclist, he can’t use bike lane, has branches, rocks, it is unusable. It has forced him to use the roadway.</p> <p>Allen asked which bike lane.</p> <p>Mr. Harr stated that it is the one located over the bridge. Allen stated that the city can take the sweeper over the bridge and sweep it.</p>