



SCIO CITY COUNCIL ELECTRONIC MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY April 13, 2020

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Chadd Weaver, Councilors Karen Eckhart, Joey Ferguson, Tom Gray, Tom Meyer, and Debbie Nuber, were all present via video.

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Ginger Allen, City Attorney Tre' Kennedy, and Administrative Assistant Cathy Martin were all present via video. Morley Thomas Law Associate Jeffrey Clayson was present via phone.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Sgt. Greg Klein & Lt. Brandon Fountain, Linn County Sheriff's Office, were present via phone. Katrina Clouse, business owner, was present via video.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Weaver called the Regular Session of the Scio City Council to order at 6:08 P.M. at Scio City Hall, followed with the flag salute.

ROLL CALL: Roll call was taken with Dennis Thomas absent. Mayor Weaver stated that he had received a letter of resignation from Councilor Thomas, effective March 13, 2020.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Mayor Weaver asked for comments.

Councilor Nuber moved, Councilor Meyer seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. A vote by raise of hands was taken. Motion passed 5/0

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Budget Committee Resignation was received from May Garland

PRESENTATIONS:

- **Linn County Sheriff's Report – Presented by Sgt. Greg Klein, Linn County Sheriff** – Sgt. Greg Klein stated that Lt. Brandon Fountain was also present on the phone. Mayor Weaver asked how the sheriff's office was doing with the COVID-19. Sgt. Klein stated that they have changed their approach with citizens. To the extent possible they handle complaints over the phone. On car stops social distancing is taking place, and then officers will make contact with the drivers but will not physically take documents from the drivers, they will obtain information verbally. All sheriff vehicles have PPE and wear masks when appropriate. Lt. Fountain stated that certain deputies have been assigned to each team and that will wear respirators, if it is a major investigation, where they believe the scene has been compromised with the virus. The sheriff's office is prepared but every day is different. Mayor Weaver asked if the sheriff's office was seeing more crimes or fewer crimes. Lt. Fountain stated that there has been an increase in burglaries. Sgt. Klein reviewed the monthly report for March 2020 (see attached). Klein spoke to council about the 110 hours spent in March. About 25 of those hours were dedicated to the investigation of two sex offenses. One individual has been lodged in juvenile detention. There will be additional

time charged to these incidents as the investigation and court proceedings happen in the future. Ms. Allen asked Sgt. Klein to give an update on the fireworks issue that has been happening on weekends. Klein stated that they have not been able to determine the source of where the mortars are being set off. This has been put on focus patrol and deputies are going out on Saturday and Sunday nights to try to see if they can locate the source.

Sgt. Klein and Lt. Fountain left the meeting after their presentation.

REGULAR SESSION:

1. **City Hall and PW Shop Financing Options – Presented by: Ginger Allen, City Manager** – Ms. Allen reviewed the financing comparison chart in the council packet. Allen stated that there are not many differences. Allen stated that interest rates have gone up slightly. Mayor Weaver asked for comments.

Councilor Gray stated that in the original presentations by the bank, one of them did present a two-year drawdown option. Allen stated that the Washington Federal now offers the two-year drawdown as well. Gray asked which bank that was. Allen stated Washington Federal.

Mayor Weaver stated that Columbia Bank has been good to the city and that they have been willing to work with Scio, they deserve our business.

Councilor Nuber stated that the more we do with Columbia the more they are with us on things. We have a good relationship with them.

Councilor Meyer asked if Columbia Banks requirement to have a project manager raise any concerns. Allen stated that it does not, that the city actually needs to have a project manager regardless, as staff is not qualified to manage this type of project. Councilor Eckhart stated that this was her question as well and that it sounds good.

Councilor Nuber moved, Councilor Ferguson seconded, to partner with Columbia Bank to finance the construction of the new city hall and public works shop. A roll call vote was taken. Motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

2. **Resolution No. 20-02 – Presented by: Ginger Allen, City Manager** – Ms. Allen stated that now that the council has decided on a loaning institution a resolution must be passed in order for the city to borrow funds. A resolution has been prepared by the city's bond council Courtney Dausz of Mersereau Shannon. The city has to pass the resolution giving permission for the city move forward with funds and the loan proceeds.

Councilor Nuber moved, Councilor Eckhart seconded, to pass Resolution No. 20-02.

Ms. Allen read Resolution No. 20-02 by title only. "A Resolution Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Full Faith and Credit Financing Agreement for the Purpose of Financing Real and Personal Property in an Amount not to Exceed \$2,000,000.00; Designating an Authorized Representative and Special Counsel;

and Related Matters.” Mayor Weaver asked for comments. Councilor Ferguson asked if we were going to secure the full \$2,000,000.00 Allen said, “Yes”. Councilor Nuber stated that if we don’t use the full \$2M we can turn back the remainder. Councilor Gray have we talked to other towns that have recently built new city halls to see what their costs were. He said he was interested in knowing “how did we come up with the \$2M figure?” Allen stated that the figure was based on what the banks would loan to the city.

A roll call vote was taken. Motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

CITY MANAGER REPORT: Presented by Ginger Allen – Ms. Allen reported on city activities for the time period of March 4, 2020 – April 8, 2020 (see attached report).

- Ferguson asked about the paperless billing. Martin explained that initial contact has been made with our utility billing software vendor and that further contact with Paygov.us the company the city uses for processing credit cards to see if the two vendors programs can communicate. Ferguson asked if all of the citizens will be able to do paperless. Martin stated that some people will go that way but others will still get the paper billing in the mail.
- Gray commented on the Smart Water Meters. He stated that he thought that was a great idea and would free up a lot of time for our public works staff. Allen stated that conversations with other cities who have installed them have been positive, that they are thrilled with the technology. Gray how much time is needed, by staff, to read the meters. Allen stated that two days are allotted for meter reading.
- Nuber asked if the meters were different than the ones that were installed in Thomas Creek. Martin stated that they are different, the city moved to the current meter system starting in 2004 and these allow the public works staff to read the meters using a wand, the smart meters allow the public works staff to drive routes and the meter reading will be transmitted via wireless. Allen stated that this will also help the city reduce the amount of water loss. Current meters do not meter as accurately. The meters will also alarm the city if someone tries to tamper with the meters.
- Allen also highlighted a few things:
 - a. Trust Management Grant for the Library
 - b. Staff will be contacting the seniors
 - c. Park at the Covered Bridge is being worked on.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT: Presented by Jeffrey Clayson & Tre’ Kennedy – Mr. Clayson stated they are working on finalizing the notices for the Alley Vacation. Once that is done they will be returned to the office to schedule the public hearings on the vacations. City Manager Review will be completed soon. Mr. Kennedy stated that the state is working on new rules for public hearings during virtual meetings. They are recommending that the hearings take place in two meetings. The first meeting allows for the presentation of the case and receipt of public comment. The second meeting

would be for the consideration of the comments and a decision would be made. Executive session meetings may need to be held on more secure meeting platforms.

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Katrina Clouse, 38971 W Scio Rd, stated that she wanted to thank the city for making this meeting accessible to people, for keeping up on the Facebook page. She thanked the city for helping the business with the water bills, that everyone appreciates it.

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:

Ferguson – asked how the campaign went for the Veteran’s Memorial Brick. Martin stated that the city had received two brick requests. Ferguson asked if there was a minimum number. Martin stated that we were hoping for eight, but will be moving forward and having the ones that were turned in engraved.

Ms. Clouse asked to interject at this point as she wanted to update the council on the Lamb & Wool Fair. Ms. Clouse stated that she wanted to give an update with cancellation of this years’ event, the Lamb & Wool Fair board has decided to honor this years selected honorees next year, the senior students who had been selected to participate on the royal court will be allowed to be on the royal court next year as well. Nuber asked if the dog trials had been postponed as well. Ms. Clouse stated that she did not know.

Gray – asked about the city giving discounts to residents. Allen stated that the choice of assisting the businesses was based upon the fact that businesses were closed and did not have a choice. Nuber stated that she doesn’t know how we can pick and choose who is eligible. Allen stated the city is not charging any late penalty’s or door hangers. Martin stated that when staff was trying to figure out the different scenarios for the businesses, the main factor was that the businesses are closed and they are not using the water.

There were no other Council comments.

Allen thanked the council for calling and checking on staff.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Cathy Martin,
Administrative Assistant