



SCIO CITY COUNCIL ELECTRONIC MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY May 11, 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 and Administrative Assistant Cathy Martin were present via video.

**AUDIENCE MEMBERS:** Sgt. Greg Klein, Linn County Sheriff's Office, present via phone. Katrina Clouse, business owner, present via video.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Weaver called the Regular Session of the Scio City Council to order at 6:00 P.M., followed by the flag salute.

**ROLL CALL:** Roll call was taken with all members present with one council seat vacant.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:** Mayor Weaver asked for comments.

*Councilor Nuber moved, Councilor Ferguson seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. A vote roll call vote was taken. Motion passed 5/0*

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Mental Health Proclamation – May 2020 - Weaver will sign
- City Council Vacancy Announcement – Ms. Allen stated that City Attorney Kennedy advised the city that the vacancy needed to be posted publicly to allow all persons interested in the position a chance to apply.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

- **Linn County Sheriff's Report – Presented by Sgt. Greg Klein, Linn County Sheriff** – Sgt. Greg Klein reviewed the monthly report for April 2020 (see attached). Klein spoke to council about the 78 hours spent in April. There were 20 complaints investigated, this was down from April. Klein also said that they had followed up on the fireworks complaints and not yet determine where they came from.

Weaver asked if any of the complaints were related to the COVID-19 situation. Sgt. Klein stated that no complaints have been related to COVID.

Sgt. Klein asked if the COVID-19 situation is lifted if the Scio Lamb & Wool Festival will hold any events that are related to the festival. Katrina Clouse, a representative for the Linn Co. Lamb & Wool Fair said, "no".

Sgt. Klein left the meeting after his presentation.

Weaver asked if the community parade in May was doing anything to honor Scio Seniors? Ms. Allen stated that the Scio School District asked the city to assist them in putting up banners for each of the seniors. We have figured out a way to use our banner poles and our Christmas banner poles to hang them. They are going to put double sided banners up on a single pole rode. There will be 27 banners total.

### **REGULAR SESSION:**

**1. City Hall and PW Shop Update – Presented by: Ginger Allen, City Manager**

Ms. Allen reviewed the memo dated May 6, 2020 with the council. The city engineering firm Dyer Partnership will be able to serve as our Project Management Firm on the new public works shop and the new city hall. We have discovered some land use issues that the city will need to address. The appropriate applications have been filed and the city is moving forward. The only thing the city is not guaranteed at this time is the interest rate of 2.4% as we cannot take out a loan until early 2021. The city must wait for the land use issues to be finished. This may take up to 6 months. Both lending institutions are predicting that the interest rates will continue to stay low.

Ms. Allen stated that she wants to keep the council and the public informed on the progress. Town Hall meetings will be scheduled for public input.

**2. Budget Committee Appointment – Presented by: Ginger Allen, City Manager –** Ms. Allen stated that there were two applications submitted. Mr. Schrunk and Mr. Blumenstein both submitted applications to back-fill the position left open by May Garland.

Councilor Ferguson asked who submitted application first. Ms. Allen stated that Mr. Blumenstein had expressed interest several months ago, however the application from Mr. Schrunk was submitted first.

Weaver asked if a decision needs to be made on filling the position tonight? Allen stated she would prefer that the council make a decision tonight, because budget documents need to be sent out by the end of May for budget preparation and to allow the budget committee members plenty of time to review the budget and call in for one on one discussions. The budget meeting will take place of Zoom.

Discussion was held by the council.

Gray asked how many openings were on the budget committee at this time. Allen stated there is only one.

*Councilor Nuber moved, Councilor Ferguson seconded, to Appoint Dustin Blumenstein to the Scio Budget Committee. 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 April 8, 2020 – May 6, 2020 (see attached report).

- Ms. Allen stated that she will be having a meeting with Mayor Weaver and Council President Nuber regarding what reopening of city services and what that will look like for the city.
  - a. Curbside Library Services
  - b. Senior Services
- Weaver asked if there was any way as a city that we could request any COVID-19 testing. Allen stated that she will be working with Joe Larson and the Linn County Health Department with what the city will be required to do with our senior population, in regards to senior services.
- Allen had Ms. Martin share information regarding Paperless Billing. Martin stated that the cost of going to a paperless billing outweighs the cost of continuing to mail them.
- Allen also highlighted a few things:
  - a. Staff plans to have the budget out prior to the Memorial Day weekend.

**BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:**

Nuber – asked if there will be flower baskets in town. Allen stated that they are being picked up today and will be up this week.

Weaver – asked if funds were still needed for the flower baskets. Allen stated that S.C.I.O. is the organization that is in charge of flower baskets.

Eckhart – stated that the previous community parade was very touching. She really appreciated it.

Ferguson – stated that on SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, behind the laundry mat, the home next door has a couch sitting on the edge of the street. This has been sitting out for a minimum of two weeks. Allen stated she will contact the resident and have them move it. Another concern, by the west side of the walking bridge, a large limb has fallen into the creek from a large tree. Allen will contact the property owner.

Weaver – asked about the goat in the neighborhood. Allen stated that the only ordinance that allows any farm animals inside the city limits is Chickens. Weaver stated he will talk to the city if it is still there tomorrow.  
There were no other Council comments.

**BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Katrina Clouse, 38971 W Scio Rd, stated that the community parade will be starting at 6:30 from the fire station.

John Whalen, 38332 SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, asked about RV regulations. Allen stated that the current regulations do allow for someone to have a visitor that can park on the street for up to two weeks. Whalen stated he was asking about RVs on property. Allen asked if

addresses could be provided to the city so that an investigation can be done. Weaver stated that he would like us to be lenient as possible during this COVID situation.

Weaver thanked everyone for being here.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Cathy Martin,  
Administrative Assistant