

**City of Scio  
City Council Minutes  
May 9, 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:** 7:52 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Council President Debbie Nuber. 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 - absent	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	

**AUDIENCE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Nadji Vogel	Pat Schrunk
Karen Borchard Isaac	Dean Schrunk

AGENDA	ACTIONS
<p><b>CONSENT AGENDA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• April 11, 2022 City Council Minutes</li> <li>• April 2022 Statement of Revenue &amp; Expenditures</li> <li>• March 2022 Payment Journal</li> <li>• August 25, 2021 Planning Commission Minutes</li> </ul>	<p>Motion from Councilor Ferguson, seconded by Councilor Whalen, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. <b>Motion passed 5:0</b></p>
<p><b>PRESENTATIONS</b></p> <p><b>Linn County Sheriff's Report</b></p> <p>a. April 2022 Report – Sgt. Steven Frambes</p> <p>b. Council Discussion</p>	<p>Sgt. Steve Frambes reviewed the report for April. April was a quiet month. No criminal reports. 18 calls from citizens. Impressed with the figures.</p> <p>Discussion of calls in Garden Drive area. Need official call-in.</p> <p>Allen thanked the councilors on their work on Neighborhood Watch. Allen stated that the city will be placing the purchase of two additional speed radar signs in the next FY Budget. There will be a presence of deputies at Lamb Fair.</p>

Whalen – what is criteria for putting a name in the record. If enforcement is taken that results in a citation, then names are often placed in the record.

**REGULAR SESSION**

**IGA with Lebanon Justice Court**

a. Staff Report – Ginger Allen

Ms. Allen stated that Sgt. Frambes suggested that the city consider signing an IGA with the Lebanon Justice Court allowing Linn County Deputies to cite offences into Lebanon Justice Court. Most of the small cities in Linn County already use the IGA agreements to enforce municipal codes. The city would split the collections of fines 50/50 with the justice court.

b. Council Discussion

Eckhart asked if there is a fee upfront? Allen stated they get ½ of the fine.

Ferguson asked why this didn't automatically happen.

Frambes, currently sited into circuit court, they often get dismissed. These will just go straight to Lebanon, and won't get dropped.

Allen stated that the courts have jurisdictional boundaries which the IGA would eliminate. The agreement will help with nuisance ordinance violations. Justice court will process, while Circuit court doesn't have time to process.

c. Council Decision

Motion from Councilor Eckhart, seconded by Councilor Ferguson, to approve the IGA with Lebanon Justice Court.  
**Motion passed 5:0**

**Water and Sewer Rate Increase**

a. Staff Report – Ginger Allen

Ms. Allen presented information to the council regarding need for Water & Sewer Rate Increases. Ms. Allen spoke regarding the history of rate increases and the rate structures.

- Water – Base \$45.40, graduated incline step rate
- Sewer – Base \$32.09, one step overage

Allen went over project needs from the Water and Sewer Master Plans.

- Water – reservoir, well
- Sewer -12 projects (\$4.5 Million)

b. Council Discussion

Discussion was held on aligning the base gallons for both water and sewer charges, potential revenue generated by rate increases of 10%, 12% or 15% on the water rate and 12%, 15% or 18% on the sewer rate, and the need to increased revenue to set aside funds for future projects.

<p>c. Council Decision</p>	<p>Councilors considered different rate increase scenarios and what that increase meant to a customer who used 2500 gallons, 5000 gallons or 10,000 gallons of water.</p> <p>Motion from Councilor Ferguson, seconded by Councilor Whalen, to make the sewer base usage match the water usage, starting at 2500 gallons, and continuing with the steps as they are. <b>Motion passed 5:0</b></p> <p>Council President Nuber stated that the base rate for both the water and sewer rates will be 2500 gallons. Discussion continued on the amount of the rate increases. It was decided to increase the water rate by 10% and the sewer rate by 12%, beginning July 1, 2022.</p> <p>Motion was made by Councilor Whalen and seconded by Councilor Meyer. <b>Motion passed 5:0</b></p> <p>Whalen asked about getting the word out to the citizens. Allen stated that she could begin work on a city-wide newsletter and include the increase in the newsletter.</p> <p>Ferguson asked that the newsletter include tips on ways to conserve.</p>
<p><b>COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY STAFF</b></p> <p>a. City Manager's Report</p> <p>b. City Attorney's Report</p>	<p>Ms. Allen reviewed the City Manager's report dated May 4, 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PW Shop Update – meeting with contractor &amp; project manager this week, issues with supplies.</li> <li>• New Scio City Hall, Safe Routes to School Project &amp; Small City Allotment Project – meeting with engineer week of May 16th and get updates. Price quotes good for 7 days, some very three days.</li> <li>• City Charter -</li> <li>• Public Restrooms and Parkland Development Grant –</li> <li>• June 2022 Employee Handbook –</li> <li>• Lamb Fair – issue event permit as soon as the liquor License is received from</li> <li>• Salem Reads Art Exhibit</li> </ul> <p>Jeffery Clayson stated that sending the citations to Lebanon Justice Court is the way to go.</p>
<p><b>ITEMS FROM THE COUNCIL</b></p> <p>a. Councilor Meyer</p>	<p>None</p>

<p>b. Councilor Ferguson</p> <p>c. Councilor Eckhart</p> <p>d. Councilor Gray</p> <p>e. Councilor Whalen</p>	<p>Question: How many Pump Stations does the city have. Ginger – two Lift Stations, 14 step-systems. Budget to replace one of the pumps at Thomas Creek Lift Station as they are close to 18 years of age.</p> <p>Question: Will Main Street will be cleaned before the Lamb &amp; Wool Fair. Ms. Allen stated that the Logger Pride cleanup day is May 18<sup>th</sup>. The city provides gloves and garbage sacks, pick up debris, and helps to deliver bark dust where needed.</p> <p>Ms. Eckhart asked if the Street Sweeper was fixed. Allen stated that it was not and asked if there were specific concerns. Councilor Eckhart stated that the gutters along Main Street were really dirty.</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p>
<p><b><u>PUBLIC COMMENTS</u></b></p> <p>a. Karen Borchard Isaac, PO Box 373, Scio – representing the Linn County Lamb &amp; Wool Fair</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lamb Fair – thanked city for donation, brought fair books,</li> <li>• Weather is affecting the fair. Numbers are down for vendors</li> <li>• Need for volunteers, sponsorships</li> <li>• 29 events</li> <li>• FFA is not doing chicken dinner due to lack of volunteers.</li> </ul>