

REGULAR SESSION

Item No. 1 - Mayor Weaver's Letter of Resignation – Presented by Assistant City Attorney, Jeffrey Clayson

a. Back Filling Mayor's Seat

b. Council Decision

This item was led by Assistant City Attorney, Jeffrey Clayson. Clayson provided advise to council as to how the resignation needed to move through the process defined in the Scio City Charter:

1. The existing city council needed to officially accept Mayor Weaver's letter of resignation. The letter was read aloud by City Manager, Ginger Allen and there was a short discussion where all of the sitting councilors agreed that Mayor Weaver has missed a lot of meetings over the past year and that he needed time to take care of himself and his family. All of the council and the City Manager spoke well of Mayor Weaver and wishes him and his family the best. A motion was made by Councilor Ferguson to accept Mayor Weaver's letter of resignation, seconded by Councilor Eckhart and passed with a vote of 4 years and zero nays.

Clayson instructed the council on their options to back fill the mayor's seat according to the City Charter:

1. Option A: sitting council could nominate a sitting councilor and vote to back fill the mayor's seat with an existing sitting councilor. If they followed this process the person voted to resume the mayor's position would hold the seat for the remainder of the term, which would be December 31, 2025.
2. Option B: If none of the sitting councilors wanted the mayor' seat they could place the opening on the November ballot, allowing anyone residing inside the Scio city limits to run for the office.
3. Option C: The council could appoint, through the public application process, someone who resides within the Scio city limits to full-fill the remaining portion of the mayor's term, thru December 31, 2025.

After deliberation the council elected Debbie Nuber as Scio's mayor by a vote of 4 in favor and none against. Nuber will serve as Mayor for the remaining portion of Mayor Weaver's term, through December 31, 2025. The motion was made by Councilor Ferguson and seconded by Councilor Gray. Nuber was sworn into office by City Manager/City Elections Officer, Ginger Allen

<p><u>ITEMS FROM THE COUNCIL</u></p> <p>a. Councilor Meyer</p> <p>b. Councilor Ferguson</p> <p>c. Councilor Gray</p> <p>d. Councilor Eckhart</p> <p>e. Councilor Whalen</p> <p>f. Mayor Nuber</p>	<p>None</p> <p>Reported her attendance at the Legislative Tour of the Foster Farms Chicken Issue. After several minutes of discussion amongst all of the council it was decided to not take the city council would not take a formal, written, position on the issue, but did express some verbal concerns about the farm locations.</p> <p>Council Ferguson also asked Allen to pass on congratulations to city staff for a clean safety record and to do some type of celebratory function. Allen said she would arrange a luncheon for staff and pass on the councils best regards to the city staff.</p> <p>Elaborated on the Chicken Farm Issue and thought council should consider writing a letter to the Governor. Council Gray felt that most of the citizens he had spoken with were Not in favor of the farms.</p> <p>Thought it best that the council remains neutral given the fact that these farm locations are inside Linn County’s jurisdiction and not within the City of Scio city limits.</p> <p>Eckhart also reminded council of the up and coming National Night Out Event, scheduled for Tuesday, August 2nd, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. She asked councilors to help serve the food at the event: Councilors Ferguson, Meyers, Gray and Nuber agreed to help serve.</p> <p>Absent</p> <p>Echoed Councilor Eckhart’s comments, stating that any of the councilors have the ability to write a personal letter if they so choose.</p>
<p><u>PUBLIC COMMENTS</u></p> <p>a. Sue Ellis – PO Box 8, Scio, Oregon, 97374</p> <p>Meeting Adjourned at 7:05 p.m.</p>	<p>Ms. Ellis spoke to the council about the need to be careful where and when they, as council members, discuss council agenda items prior to the items being discussed in a council meeting. Ms. Ellis serves as an elected board member on the Scio Fire Board.</p>