



SCIO CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, August 9, 2021

COUNCIL PRESENT: Councilors Karen Eckhart, Tom Gray, Joey Ferguson, Tom Meyer, Debbie Nuber, and John Whalen were present at City Hall.

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Ginger Allen and Administrative Assistant Cathy Martin, were present at City Hall. Assistant City Attorney Jeffrey Clayson was present via video.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS PRESENT: Pat & Dean Shrunk

CALL TO ORDER: Council President Debbie Nuber called the Regular Session of the Scio City Council to order at 6:00 P.M., followed the American Flag salute.

ROLL CALL: Roll call was taken with all councilors present.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Council President Nuber asked for comments.

Councilor Ferguson moved to accept and pass the Consent Agenda as presented; Councilor Whalen seconded. Motion passed 6/0.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

PRESENTATIONS:

- **Linn County Sheriff's Report – Presented by Lt. Brandon Fountain, Linn County Sheriff** – Lt. Brandon Fountain reviewed the monthly reports for June and July (see reports included in the council packet). He highlighted a few things, reports of thefts have decreased, a new law has gone into effect which changes how catalytic converters are recycled. Reports of stolen vehicles are happening throughout the Santiam canyon. A burglary in Mill City may be related to several of the reports that happened earlier this year in Scio. Eckhart asked about persons sleeping in vehicles around town, Lt. Fountain took information regarding a couple of concerns and will investigate.
- **Linn County Lamb and Wool Fair – Presented by Katrina Clouse – Ms.** Clouse was not present as expected, Ms. Allen will contact her and reschedule her presentation.

REGULAR SESSION:

1. **Public Event Permit Request – Bridges, Bikes and Brews – Scio Event Center Organization – Presented by Ginger Allen, City Manager**

Ms. Allen stated that the Scio Event Center is requesting a 5-year permit for a fall festival that is scheduled to take place on the 3rd weekend in September. She state that the city has received all items required to approve the application except for the liquor permit, they are a Non-profit organization. Ferguson asked about the 5 year permit. Ms. Allen stated that they intend to make this an annual event so they filed for a multiple year permit. They are still required to submit the information to the city manager each year to get approval, they just won't need to come before the council.

Councilor Ferguson moved to approve the permit pending the OLCC license, and waive the permit fee. Councilor Eckhart seconded. Motion passed 6/0

2. Public Works Shop Update – Presented by Ginger Allen, City Manager

Ms. Allen stated that City Engineer was unable to attend the meeting tonight due to unforeseen circumstances, therefore a presentation and bid opening will not occur at this meeting. Ms. Allen reviewed the process of bid selection with the council. At the September meeting, Clayson will give a presentation of how to review and select a bid. Quigley will then present the bids that were received. Information will be sent out ahead of the September meeting. Then the council will make a decision to award the bid. Several Resolutions will then be presented to complete process.

3. Sewer Lagoon System Update – Presented by Ginger Allen, City Manager –

Ms. Allen stated that the city had an anaerobic flip of the lagoon that occurred with the recent hot weather. She received multiple phone calls asking what the city is going to do. Ms. Allen handed out information on Lagoon Systems and what causes flips. She then reviewed photos that were taken before, during and after the event. Discussion was held regarding potential mitigation measures and system improvements that the city may consider. Allen stated that the city will continue to search for funding sources to assist with the cost of upgrading the sewer system.

CITY MANAGER REPORT: Allen asked if there were any questions regarding her report. Allen briefly reviewed the report that was included in the council packet.

Ms. Allen stated that the city is expecting to receive \$222,434.02 from the American Rescue plans. Water and sewer plans - \$111 on or before 10/1 - \$20K set aside for data center – currently have 7 interested parties. Will have to develop service contract. Possible to set up in the Senior Center.

It has been confirmed \$235K for the city improvements, public restroom and park development.

Public works shop site has been cleared.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Presented by Jeffrey Clayson – Mr. Clayson talked about home rule and presented a handout to the council. Mask mandates would be preempted as “Emergency Law” was a criminal law. Ferguson asked about mandates – how are school districts pushing back. Ferguson asked if the city would write a letter. Gray would like to make a motion to have a letter. Whalen stated that he would like to preview any letter before agreeing to support it. The council voted 5/1 to have a letter written.

ITEMS FROM THE COUNCIL:

- Meyer: Gleaners struggling for funding, they submitted a couple of grant applications to the Siletz Tribe and have recently received word that both grants had been approved. He stated that they regularly feed 500 people each week.
- Gray: None
- Eckhart: None
- Whalen: None
- Ferguson: Thanked the city for sweeping the streets. Allen stated that the public works staff have been out, but hard to pick up the debris without rain.
- Nuber: Asked about date for neighborhood watch. Eckhart stated that a meeting date has not been set.

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC: Andrea Gershpaecher, 38811 NW Cherry Street, stated that she was happy to hear more about home rule; that the Governor is threatening citizens with fines, and loss of licenses. She asked what can the city and the council do to help stand up for kids. Ferguson asked about meeting August 12th. Gershpaecher stated that it is a community zoom meeting that the school district is holding to discuss the mask mandates.

There were no additional comments

The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2021 at 7:15 p.m.

Cathy Martin
Administrative Assistant