



SCIO CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, August 14, 2017

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Councilors Wolfgang Borchard, Karen Eckhart, Joey Ferguson, Richard Nelson, Debbie Nuber.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Interim City Manager Ginger Allen, City Attorney Tre' Kennedy, Administrative Assistant Cathy Martin.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Council President Debbie Nuber called the Regular Session of the Scio City Council to order at 6:00 P.M. in the main meeting room of the Scio City Hall, followed with the flag salute.

**INTRODUCTION:**

**ROLL CALL:** Roll call was taken with Councilor Gray absent and Mayor Weaver excused.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

- Approval of the June 26, 2017 City Council Minutes
- Approval of June & July 2017 – Profit and Loss Reports – General, Road, Water & Sewer Funds
- Approval of Check Detail Report – June/July 31, 2017
- Approval of May 15, 2017 Library Board Minutes

***Councilor Nelson moved, Councilor Eckhart seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed 4/0***

**LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENT:** Presented by Carolyn Borchard, Library Board Chairperson – Beth Blumenstein, Library Board and asked that the Council appoint Jennifer James to the Library Board

***Councilor Ferguson moved, Councilor Eckhart seconded to appoint Jennifer James to serve on the Library Board. Motion passed 4/0***

**PRESENTATIONS:**

1. Linn County Sheriff's Report – Sgt. Greg Klein reported that 10 hours were dedicated to traffic enforcement. 103 hours total. Sgt. Klein stated that he would be attending a meeting with Ms. Allen and the Lebanon Police Dept. to review all of the preparations for the Scio Solar Eclipse event. Ms. Allen asked if the Sheriff's Office could address the running of stop signs and speeding in the south area of town. She also asked about reducing the residential speed zone. Sgt Klein stated that he could talk to Linn County and a contact at the State Police

regarding changing speed zones. Fifth and sixth streets are areas needing patrol and Sgt. Klein stated they could be placed on the focused patrol.

### **REGULAR SESSION:**

- 1) **Potential County Wayside Park – Presented by: Ginger Allen** – Ms. Allen stated that Councilor Borchard asked a few months ago about turning the property into a wayside park. There is a lot of work to be done if it is turned into a county park area. Borchard stated that it would be nice to be able to have some input on the project. Council members indicated that they would like to move forward with discussions with the county parks department.
- 2) **City Council Meeting and Work Sessions – Presented by: Ginger Allen** – Ms. Allen provided the council with the types of issues facing the city and why there is a need for Council Work Sessions. Ms. Allen stated that she would like to begin having work sessions in September or October. Work sessions help staff to keep in alignment with the direction that council wishes to proceed.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT: Presented by Ginger Allen** – Allen updated the council on the solar eclipse. Campsites have 650 confirmed reservations. People are making reservations for the parking and viewing party at the high school on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup>. Expecting about a 1,000 population influx; meeting Wednesday with Linn County Sheriff's Department and the Lebanon Police Department. City was on the News. The office is currently giving away solar eclipse glasses. Committee has worked very hard on the event. National Night Out was a success, despite the heat, wonderful comments about having the council members serving dinner. Ms. Allen thanked the council for their service. Drug take back event will be October 28<sup>th</sup> at the Fire Hall. Library Hours – becoming apparent that Tuesday evenings are the evening that people are coming in. The library will continue taking statistics to determine the most usage. Ms. Allen stated that Councilor Gray spoke regarding the need for a larger sign at the intersection of N 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Main Street – email from Darin Lane, Linn County Roadmaster indicates that they will be installing larger signs in September.

**City Attorney Report – Tre' Kennedy** – Proposed employment agreement with Ms. Allen a copy of the agreement was provided to the council for review.

***Councilor Eckhart moved, Councilor Borchard seconded the motion to accept the Employment Agreement for Ms. Allen as City Manager. The motion passed 4/0.***

**Business from the Public** – Doug Branch, President of the Scio Community Improvement Organization, thanked the council for their work at National Night Out. Thanked Ginger Allen for all of work she put forth on the event. S.C.I.O. will be providing a profit/loss statement to the council regarding the National Night Out. Branch asked the council to place the first Tuesday in August 2018 on their calendar for the next National Night Out event.

Katrina Clouse, 38971 West Scio Road, stated that the area owned by the county is 5.44 acres. Nuber thanked Ms. Clouse for looking up the acreage.

Allen asked the council to take a look at the upcoming city hall closures. She stated that the city will be installing the new financial account software in October, and that the Library will be closed the end of December for annual cleaning and maintenance.

### **Business from the Council:**

Borchard – Stated that the old fir tree at the corner of SW 2<sup>nd</sup> and Highway 226 has died, asked if the city could take it down. He stated that the house at located at the corner of SE Ash and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue is a safety issue. Ms. Allen stated that she has a meeting with the homeowner scheduled for Tuesday. He also asked about the firewood stack on SW 3<sup>rd</sup> and Cherry Street. Borchard asked about the dirt on the Thomas Creek Park.

Eckhart – Welcomed Ms. Allen as City Manager, and stated that she was glad to have Ms. Allen as the official city manager.

Nelson – Reported that there is graffiti on SW 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Dogwood and Filbert Streets.

Nuber – Invited the public to come down and have some Coney Dogs next to the Museum during the Eclipse weekend.

Ferguson – Stated that she was happy to see the environmental health issues on the agenda. She noted that at the Walking Bridge she could see metal in the creek underneath the west of the bridge, and asked if the can city remove it. She thanked Ms. Allen and Doug Branch for the work on the National Night Out.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

The next regular meeting was scheduled for September 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Cathy Martin, Clerk  
Scio City Council