



SCIO CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY October 8, 2018

COUNCIL PRESENT: Councilors Wolfgang Borchard, Karen Eckhart, Joey Ferguson, Tom Gray, Tom Meyer, Debbie Nuber and Mayor Chadd Weaver.

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

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

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: There were questions by the council and Ms. Allen provided clarification on the following bills: Crystal Valley Decorating – Christmas Decorations purchased with grant funds; Hal's Delivery & Relocation Services – Courier Service for the Library; Valley Design & Printing – Door Hangers for the Smoke Testing and Envelopes; and the Olde Silver Dollar – Lunch with the Sewer Consultant.

Councilor Ferguson moved, Councilor Eckhart seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as Presented. Motion passed 6/0

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Sweet Home Capitol Christmas Tree Celebration Announcement
2. October Lake Oswego Reads Art Exhibit Announcement

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Linn County Sheriff's Report – Sgt. Greg Klein reported on the month of September 2018. 2 traffic citations, 1 adult arrested, 48 complaints, approximately 9 hours dedicated to traffic enforcement, with a total of 80 hours spent in Scio. Ms. Allen has asked if the focused patrol is continuing on 6th Avenue. Weaver asked if they had caught the person(s) who had robbed the people near the bridge. Klein reported that they have not. Gray asked about the police presence around the start of school year. Klein stated that this is something that they do, just to remind people about safety. Weaver asked if the traffic trailer could be brought back to town. Klein stated that Michael Mattingly is in charge of the trailer and will have him get in touch with the city.
2. Michael Wynhausen – Linn County District Attorney's Office – running for Circuit Court Judge Position 1. Mr. Wynhausen stated that he has worked for the DA's office for the past 15 years, while his opponent has less than 3 years as a licensed attorney, was inactive from 2010 to 2018, and worked for Oregon State University, as a Title 9 investigator. Mr. Wynhausen stated that it is important to

have a person who is experienced in the court room on the bench. Experience is the issue. Ferguson asked about drug problem in Linn County and where he stands on that issue. Wynhausen stated that going after the dealers is the key. Judges set the tone, recognize the people, to protect the citizens of Linn County. He stated that as a judge his first responsibility is Linn County.

3. May Garland stated that she would like to say a few words regarding Stephanie Newton, who is running for Linn County Commissioner, she asked that the council check into what she has to offer when making their election decisions. Ms. Garland then asked about the flower baskets that are still hanging up. It was noted that she needed to contact S.C.I.O. as they are the group in charge of the flower baskets. She further advised that while walking on Main Street she saw that one of the catch basins was blocked in front of a neighbors' yard and cleaned out the leaves so that it could drain. Ms. Allen thanked her for helping clean the drain and stated that the public works staff will be starting on the street sweeping tomorrow.

REGULAR SESSION:

- 1) **Update on the Vacation of City Owned Properties – Presented by: Ginger Allen, City Manager** – Ms. Allen wanted to update the council on the activities that have taken place over the past few months. Linn County Commissioners have agreed to release the properties that were deeded to the city by them. So the city can now move forward with plans to vacate or sell the proposed city owned parcels that are not needed for future infrastructure. It was noted that staff would prepare documents for the required public hearing. The public hearing will be scheduling after the first of the year due to holidays.
- 2) **Abatement Ordinance No. 446 – Presented by: Ginger Allen, City Manager** – Ms. Allen stated that she has been working with several property owners to clean up their properties, and have reached road blocks due to the outdated language and processes defined in the existing city ordinance. Ms. Allen stated that it needs to be updated and asked council for permission to work with the city attorney Kennedy to update the ordinance. Kennedy stated that there is a model ordinance with the League of Oregon Cities that would be used to develop the ordinance for the city. The consensus of the council was that it should be updated.

CITY MANAGER REPORT: Presented by Ginger Allen – Ms. Allen reminded the council that the city hall will be open from 7 am to 8 pm on November 6th, on Election Day. She complimented the Friends of the Library, the Library Board and Librarian LaVonne Murray, for all of their hard work and announced that the Lake Oswego Reads Artwork was available for viewing during the city hall and library hours. She stated that the city now has insurance for the volunteers, which will involve more extensive tracking of volunteer hours. The next Council meeting will be November 26th due to the

Veteran's Day Holiday on November 12th. City Newsletter has been well received, just today, we had someone come in specifically to get a library card due to an article in the Newsletter and they also stated that they like having all of the information about what was going on in town. Allen then advised that the Tale of Four Scio's Event will be held on September 27th and the city was sponsoring two tables and asked if there were any other council members who would like to attend.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT: Presented by Tre' Kennedy – Mr. Kennedy stated that one of the issues with the Nuisance Ordinance is that there are also about 5 or so additional ordinances that deal with nuisances and it makes it difficult to effectively advise on issues. He stated that the goal will be to encapsulate all these into one ordinance and eliminate the others. Eckhart asked if anything can be done with the cat problem as part of this process. Ferguson asked what the definition of a nuisance is. Kennedy explained nuisance is something that is offensive, comes down to health & safety issue.

Business from the Council:

Nuber – asked about the Veteran's memorial – dead palm trees, nothing seems to get done, went on to website a while back, someone stated had hard time getting brick for her dad, and had to get money back, and will go somewhere else. Weaver asked who is in charge. Allen stated that last fall, in review of paperwork on the Veterans site. The Veterans' group in Lebanon and the Lamb & Wool Fair were involved in the development/maintenance of the site. She reached out to the Lamb & Wool Board, and Pam Bush, representing the legion. At that meeting, it was decided that the Legion would be in charge of the flags and that they would replace (retire) them as needed; City is in charge of landscaping, (except for the bamboo and the palm trees) and the Lamb & Wool Fair would take care of the bricks and the bamboo and palm trees. CIS recommended taking down the chains to eliminate potential risk. Allen stated that she had written an email to the Lamb & Wool Fair earlier this year advising that the palms and bamboo would be removed unless they take care of. They removed the bamboo, but left the palms. We have also received comments as to the lack of contact when people have ordered bricks, that bricks have not been installed once paid for and some people have gone elsewhere to have their loved ones memorialized. Allen asked what the council for direction. Ferguson asked who is going to get the bricks done. Allen stated that the park is within the city's Park System, and either the parties that have agreed to take care of it, have to do it or the city needs to get more involved. Nuber stated that if we are responsible, then the city should take it over. Weaver will contact the Lamb & Wool Fair president to see if things can be resolved.

Nuber – asked about garbage recycling, if Republic Services had provided any list to the city about what can and cannot be recycled. There was a small mention in the garbage bill, but no real list. Allen will see if she can get a better list.

Eckhart – none

Meyer – none

Gray – none

Borchard – None

Ferguson – Asked about installing more lights around town.

Weaver – None

Business from the Public: none.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 26, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Cathy Martin,
Administrative Assistant