

**City of Scio
City Council Minutes
October 10, 2022**

LOCATION: SCIO CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, 38957 NW 1ST AVENUE, SCIO
Public was allowed to attend in person or via Zoom.

Time Start: 6:00 P.M.

Time End: 7:11 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor 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 Debbie Nuber	Ginger Allen, City Manager – via Zoom
Councilor Karen Eckhart	Cathy Martin, Administrative Assistant
Councilor Joey Ferguson	Kostanty Knurowski, Public Works – via Zoom
Councilor Tom Gray	LaVonne Murray, Librarian
Councilor Tom Meyer	Tre’ Kennedy, City Attorney – via Zoom
Councilor John Whalen - Excused	
Councilor Luke Zedwick – Arrived at 6:14 pm	

AUDIENCE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Carrie Jack, Library Advisory Committee Chairperson	Wendy Greenwald
Nadji Vogel	May Garland

AGENDA

ACTIONS

CONSENT AGENDA

- September 12, 2022 City Council Minutes
- September 2022 Statement of Revenue & Expenditures
- September 2022 Payment Journal
- June 8, 2022 Parks & Tree Committee Minutes
- June 15, 2022 Parks & Tree Committee Minutes
- August 15, 2022 Parks & Tree Committee Minutes

Motion from Councilor Ferguson, seconded by Councilor Eckhart, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion passed 4:0

CORRESPONDENCE

- Thank you from the 2022 Scio High School Class

PRESENTATIONS

Linn County Sheriff's Report

- a. September 2022 Report – Sgt. Steven Frambes

Sgt. Steve Frambes reviewed the report for September. He noted that there was an error in the tally, there were actually 9 traffic stops in total with 1 arrest.

<p>b. Council Discussion</p>	<p>He noted that a suspect had been arrested in connection with the Church vandalism incident.</p> <p>Sg. Frambes reviewed the incident times on report and showed the council that activity was taking place around the clock. He noted that there were several self-initiated stops.</p> <p>Gray asked about the new opening of the West Scio Store, he asked if the deputies patrol the area. Frambes stated that that is a common way for the deputies to access Scio.</p>
<p>Library Advisory Committee Fee Recommendations</p> <p>a. Presentation by Carrie Jack, Advisory Committee Chairperson</p>	<p>Ms. Jack spoke about the recommended changes to the library fees.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lost card – increase to \$3.00 • Non-resident membership increase to \$40.00 • Computer use – free • Overdue fines – Consider going fine free <p>City Manager, Librarian, & Friends of Library support these recommended changes.</p>
<p>b. Council Discussion</p>	<p>Ferguson asked about lost items and if revenue would be lost.</p> <p>LaVonne Murray, Librarian, stated that the customer would have their accounts frozen until the item was either returned or paid for. But it does encourage people to return an item that has been overdue for a long period of time, thus encourages use of the library.</p> <p>Meyer asked about Book donations. It was noted that he should contact the Friends of the Library regarding donations.</p> <p>Ferguson asked about the committee membership. Ms. Jack noted that the committee has not received a resignation letter from the one member who has not been able to participate, once that is received, there will be two openings for committee members.</p> <p>Ferguson stated that she appreciates their attendance at the council meeting.</p>
<p>c. Council Decision</p>	<p>A motion was made by Eckhart, second by Gray to approve the fee increase recommendation. Motion passed 5/0</p>

	Allen noted that these fees would be incorporated into the fee schedule and would go into effect upon passage of the new fee schedule to take effect on January 1, 2023.
Library Report a. Presentation by LaVonne Murray, Librarian	Ms. Murray updated the council on events happening at the Library. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pumpkin decorating contest • Genealogy class begins October 20th. • Stem Hub Day November 4th age 6-12 • Storytime
Parks & Tree Committee a. Presented by Jack Mochnick, Committee Chairperson	Mr. Mochnick was not in attendance. Ms. Allen presented the information. She stated that staff had additional meeting with the committee to go over the council's concerns following the September 12 th council meeting. In packet is a number of pictures showing the tree clusters that are being proposed for removal. Ms. Allen stated that the committee stands by their recommendation to remove the trees. This will start the process with the neighbors to start design phase. The bids would still need to be approved.
b. Council Discussion	Zedwick appreciated the additional information. He was glad that there will continue to be a buffer between the developed area and the creek.
c. Council Decision	Motion from Councilor Zedwick, seconded by Councilor Gray, to award the bid to Santiam Tree Service to remove the trees. Motion passed 5:0 Ms. Allen stated that the survey being sent to the citizens by the Parks & Tree Advisory Committee will be sent out this week. This will begin the process of determining what the city would like to have in the park.
REGULAR SESSION League of Oregon Cities Response Letter a. Staff Report – Ginger Allen	Ms. Allen stated that several cities have approved the letter already, once all cities have approved it, the mayors will sign off. The League of Oregon Cities have already contact Scott McDowell, Brownsville City Administrator, and are eager to meet with us. The League of Oregon Cities continue to focus on 5 issues per year, these are often only serving the needs of larger

b. Council Discussion

cities. This letter is an opportunity for small cities to get to the table and let the League of Oregon Cities hear our voices and start having discussions about the needs facing small communities. Ms. Allen stressed that the letter is self-explanatory, and she hopes that Scio can be at that table with those other small cities and every city manager, every city councilor, and mayors in small cities are invited to attend the meeting.

Nuber stated that this is a good thing. We had the same issue with the Council of Governments, everything seems to go toward the larger cities. It is time for small cities to stand up together. Nuber asked if a vote was needed to approve the letter.

Allen stated that she needed direction to know if the city wanted to be part of this effort. She was pleased to say that the League of Oregon Cities wants to have the meeting as well

Attorney Kennedy stated that the council did not need a formal vote, just direction.

Meyer stated that if we don't do anything, we won't get anything, so he was in favor.

Allen stated she will notify the group that Scio is in favor of the letter and they will get it ready for Mayor Nuber's signature.

Zedwick asked a question about the last paragraph where it states... "rebalancing the structure of the organization". Is there specific changes that they are pushing for?

Allen there are some specific things that the small cities are asking for. They want some assistance from the League for some of the rules and regulations that are coming down, that are designed for large city type of management and in that process, it requires financial resources to do some of the things that they are asking. The other thing is that small cities very seldom get appointed to committees, we would like to have more representation for the smaller cities on their board/committee level, on the committees that affect small rural Oregon communities. The letter talks about the number of small cities within Oregon and only 17% of the committee membership is made up of members from the small cities. There are several members that have applied to serve on committees but have not been successful. We want to see more equal representation at the committee level.

Public Right-of-Way Violations – Basketball Hoops

a. Staff Report – Ginger Allen

Ms. Allen stated that a draft copy of a Violation Notice. In order for the city to move forward with any type of enforcement issue, we need to have the notice piece taken care of. Allen asked Mr. Kennedy if he had any advice for this process.

Mr. Kennedy asked if the city had any specific ordinance regarding basketball hoops.

Allen stated that we just have the code that apparatuses cannot be in public right of ways and block public right of ways. Sidewalks are included in public right of ways.

Kennedy stated that there are many ordinances that state... “they cannot be located here..., but they can be located here...” Given that the city does not have this type of ordinances, a notice of violation is the first step. The council does have the option to look into a specific ordinance that would identify basketball hoops. For example, are there areas where they could be by permit or meet some standard where they would be ok to be placed. Or, the council could say what we have is enough and this is how we want to proceed. The ordinance in effect is enough, and the notice is a first step.

b. Council Discussion

Ferguson asked if this would be complaint driven? That we would not be patrolling town and handing out citations.

Allen stated that since she has been with the city, enforcement issues have been complaint driven. Depending on the seriousness of the complaints, some are brought to the council for direction, before going to any type of overall enforcement on an issue.

Nuber asked if this violation notice in question tonight is whether we go with that or not?

Allen state that the city is at a point based on the discussion last meeting, that we start the enforcement process, especially on the sidewalk blockages. Allen stated that she drives the town on a regular basis. The number of basketball hoops on streets is about equal to the same number that is on sidewalks. There were 9 Basketball hoops out in the street. They were not blocking anyone from having a parking space. The number of basketball hoops have not created any parking issues. There are 5 blocking sidewalk and cause people who are walking to have to leave the sidewalk, and walk in the street to get around them. These must be moved

for people to walk freely, anyone in a wheelchair would have to go into the street to get around them.

Eckhart asked if the notice will be posted only on the ones on the sidewalk?

Allen stated that she was going to do all of them, to start the education process. Because both the street and the sidewalk are public right-of-ways.

Meyer stated that this was the time of year to begin the process with the cold weather coming, they can be moved out of the way.

Nuber asked if a vote needed to be taken on this issue.

Allen stated that she would prefer that they did.

Zedwick said that he was concerned with sidewalk blockages. He asked that the council look at an ordinance change, that would maintain the language about blocking of sidewalks but would allow placement of them in the street against the curb, maintaining distances between locations, and in specific areas. That way we can encourage kids to play outside.

Meyer locations should be 150 feet from fire hydrants, and in specific places, out of the walkway.

Zedwick stated that as first step is a start, to make people aware and start a conversation.

Motion from Councilor Ferguson, seconded by Councilor Meyer, to move forward with posting the violation notice on all of the basketball hoops.

Motion passed 5:0

Kennedy stated that based on the discussion, may want to add language to the notice indicating that issue will be discussed at a specific meeting, to give the people the ability to come to council and give suggestions or ideas.

Allen will make some changes to the notice.

Kennedy suggested that this could occur at the November 14th meeting.

c. Council Decision

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY STAFF

a. City Manager's Report

<p>b. City Attorney's Report</p>	<p>Ms. Allen reviewed the City Manager's report dated October 6, 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PW Shop Update – work underway, meeting with contractor & staff tomorrow. • PW Utility Worker Hired - Scott Starkey has been hired. Ko – compliments staff. • SW 6th Avenue Bike Path – Contacted Linn County – they are responsible for maintenance. • Public Restroom – in process of getting – need to get bids for site development • Knurowski will be helping with administrative tasks in her absence. <p>Eckhart -asked about correction of budget – Allen resolution will be presented at the November meeting.</p> <p>Tre' Kennedy stated the he doesn't have anything specific.</p>
<p><u>ITEMS FROM THE COUNCIL</u></p> <p>a. Councilor Gray</p> <p>b. Councilor Zedwick</p> <p>c. Councilor Ferguson</p> <p>d. Councilor Eckhart</p> <p>e. Councilor Meyer</p>	<p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>Question: Where are we on the SRTS project? Allen stated that it will go out to bid in January. Ferguson also stated: Welcome to Scott</p> <p>Take care, will miss you</p> <p>None</p>
<p><u>PUBLIC COMMENTS</u></p> <p>a. Nadji Vogel</p>	<p>No comments, everyone is doing a great job.</p>