



SCIO CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY November 25, 2019

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

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Ginger Allen, City Attorney Tre' Kennedy, Morley Thomas Law Associate Jeffrey Clayson, and Administrative Assistant Cathy Martin.

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

Audience Members: Nadji Vogel, Eleanor Ferguson, John Whalen, Roger Gaither, May Garland, Katrina Clouse, Alan Clouse

ROLL CALL: Roll call was taken with Dennis Thomas absent.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Weaver asked for comments. There were none.

Councilor Nuber moved, Councilor Eckhart seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed 5/0

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Portland State 2018 Preliminary Census Report

PRESENTATIONS:

- **Linn County Sheriff's Report – Presented by Lt. Michelle Duncan, Linn County Sheriff** – Sgt. Greg Klein reviewed the monthly report for October 2019 (see attached). Klein brought to the attention of City Council of suspicious activity/burglaries near the Buell-Miller Boat Ramp. Klein stated that the community needs to be aware about suspicious vehicles (black Chevy Pickup & green Mazda 4dr sedan) coming into neighborhood. Mark Wagner the driver of the black Chevy Pickup was arrested for burglaries. Klein stated that he can get license numbers to the office for distribution. Klein stated that he is working on some city ordinance issues with Ms. Allen. Ms. Allen stated that councilor Nuber joined her at the small cities meeting with sheriff's office. At that meeting, the cities were made aware of how the cities can work with deputies regarding enforcement issues. Klein added that he will be at the Neighborhood Watch meeting on January 27, 2020. Nuber stated that the meeting will start at 6 pm city hall.

- **Cats – Presented by Jeffrey Clayson, Associate, Morley Thomas Law Firm –** Mr. Clayson addressed the council, regarding cats as a nuisance. Clayson reviewed regulatory framework with the state, county and Scio code. He provided a list of resources available for spay/neuter program: Feral Cat Coalition of Oregon, Safe Haven Humane Society. Multnomah County website has good examples of how to keep cats out of gardens. Nuber stated that the catch/spay/release operation that Ms. Garland did over the summer near her residence, seems to be what works if people have the time and resources. Ferguson asked if there were any recent complaints. Allen said, no, not for a long time.

REGULAR SESSION:

1. **Resolution No. 19-09 To Appropriate Unanticipated Revenue to the General Fund – Presented by: Ginger Allen, City Manager –** Ms. Allen stated that Resolution 19-09 allows the city council to adopt and spend the dollars received from the Lamb and Wool Festival Board, on the behalf of the Scio Veterans Memorial Brick markers project. The total amount received, in the transfer, was \$883.18. The funds have been placed into a separate line item, within the General Fund for financial tracking purposes.

Councilor Nuber moved, Councilor Gray seconded, to accept Resolution 19-09. Motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

2. **Planning Commission Appointments – Presented by: Cathy Martin, Administrative Assistant –** Ms. Martin stated that with the recent retirement of Cliff Wooten, there are currently two openings on the Planning Commission. At the October 23, 2019 meeting, the planning commissioners reviewed applications from Katrina Clouse and Eleanor “Ellie” Ferguson to fill the open positions. Copies of their applications were provided in the council packet. The planning commission is recommending that the city council appoint both Ms. Clouse and Ms. Ferguson to the planning commission to fill the vacant positions. Both Ms. Clouse and Ms. Ferguson were present to address any questions from council. No questions were asked so Mayor Weaver thanked the applicants for their willingness to serve their community.

Councilor Nuber moved, Councilor Meyer seconded, to appoint Ms. Katrina Clouse and Ms. Eleanor Ferguson to the Planning Commission. Motion passed with a vote of 5/0.

CITY MANAGER REPORT: Presented by Ginger Allen – Ms. Allen reported on city activities for the time period of October 9, 2019 – November 20, 2019 (see attached report).

- Newspaper Office Demolition RFP: City receiving calls from prospective bidders, requesting site visits.
- Library: Hosting several holiday programs; Gingerbread House Contest, Holiday Table Boxes, programs have been well received.

- Water Reservoir: Ms. Allen stated that the reservoir was cleaned recently and the city received a good report on the reservoir condition. The reservoir will be on a three year cleaning rotation
- Holiday Decorations: City Christmas decorations were put up by our Partners at Pacific Power and by Public Workers Kostanty Knurowski and Ben Jones.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT: Presented by Tre' Kennedy – Mr. Kennedy stated he attended a meeting where some of the small cities are looking into a local area wetland bank. Cost currently is over \$100K acre.

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:

Meyer – Announced that the gleaners will not be selling Christmas trees this year. Received grant from Dr. Johnson's office and 5 other contributors to be able to distribute 39 Thanksgiving boxes

Gray – None

Ferguson – wanted to give a shout-out to the Scio Post Office, they are excellent on customer service.

Eckhart – the holiday decorations are fabulous.

Nuber – handed out fudge to the councilors, as there is not a meeting in December. She wanted to let everyone know how much she appreciates their service to the community.

Weaver – none

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC:

John Whalen – 38821 SW 3rd Avenue – Sweeping Beauty is making a difference.

Katrina Clouse – 38971 West Scio Rd – Shop Local Saturday is going fantastic; this Saturday is the national shop local day. – Christmas Decoration Contest starts Friday, November 29th forms are available online for anyone wanting to participate; there are many different categories this year. - Tree lighting is December 14th, same night as the Sheepskin Review. Mayor Weaver asked why it is as late as Weaver Seed is donating the tree. Ms. Clouse stated that they will be working with the group to try to get it done earlier next year.

The regular session of the city council was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Cathy Martin,
Administrative Assistant