



SCIO CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY November 26, 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 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 no questions.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. The Wonder of Christmas - Announcement
2. Republic Services Recycle Guide – a link has been placed on the city website.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Linn County Sheriff's Report –Sgt. Greg Klein reported on the Sheriff's activity for the month of October. List numbers – 55 incidents investigated: 1 traffic crash, and 6 hours of traffic enforcement which resulted in 2 citations and 10 warnings. Ferguson, asked about the suspicious person calls. Klein reported that there is an individual with some mental issues for which Linn Co.Sheriff's Dept. and other county and state agencies are collaborating on for resolution. Allen asked about the property that the individual had been squatting on. Does the property owner wanting him there? Klein stated that he may have been allowed to stay there. Allen stated that this person should not be approached. Klein stated that this is on focus patrol because of the situation. Gray asked if the individual has any weapons. Klein reported that it is unknown at this time as he has had them in the past. Allen stated that she fears that citizens will take matters in their own hands. Nuber asked about the situation on N. Main Street, if this was the same individual, Klein stated that he could look into that and give the information to the city manager.
2. Service Appreciation Award – Presented by: Mayor Chadd Weaver – Mayor Weaver presented an award to Wolfgang Borchard, thanking him for his 4 years serving on the city council. His term expires on December 31st.

REGULAR SESSION:

1) Republic Services Refuse Rate Index Effective January 1, 2019 – Presented by: Julie Jackson, Municipal Relations Manager – Ms. Jackson stated that recycling simplified information from their website is the best information available to clients and commended the city for placing links to it on the city's website. Ms. Jackson stated that the increase taking effect on January 1, 2019 is based on the West Coast Consumer Price Index, 10% is based on fuel, 25% is disposal rate. This does not figure in the cost of recycling. Allen made the suggestion, that statements in the future be put into terms of cost per month to the individual user, thus making it easier for people to understand what it means to them. Weaver asked if the city will have to wait a year to see a reduction if the fuel costs go down. Ms. Jackson stated that it will. She also stated that there may be some domestic recycling in the future. Gray asked if the types of materials that can be recycled had gone down. Ms. Jackson – only plastic bottles and jugs, metal cans, cardboard and paper can be recycled. Allen stated that the action required of the council tonight is one of consensus and no vote is required. The council gave a show of hands that they consented to the rate adjustment.

2) Transfer of Reserve Funds – Presented by: Ginger Allen, City Manager – Allen shared with council the loss of interest earned due to the reserve accounts status as Columbia Bank. Allen spoke with Mike Jaeger, Columbia Bank, VP, District Manager to find out if other investments tools were available through Columbia Bank and there were none that compared to Local Government Investment Pool. The city may now move those funds to the Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) to earn higher interest. We currently have \$290K invested in the LGIP and make over \$600 per month interest. By adding the reserve funds, we could make over \$1000 in interest per month. If the city needed to utilize the funds in the LGIP it would take about 10 days to transfer money from the LGIP back to the city's bank account. Weaver asked if there was a risk? Borchard stated that the FDIC insures the money in the bank. Allen stated that this is somewhat the same.

Allen read Resolution No. 18-10 Bank Account Closures, Columbia Bank Account Closures Authorized by the Scio City Council in full.

Councilor Ferguson moved, Councilor Eckhart seconded the motion to accept Resolution No. 18-10 as read. The motion passed 6/0.

Allen read Resolution No. 18-11, Fund Transfers to Local Government Investment Pool Oregon State Treasury Account, by title only.

Councilor Ferguson moved, Councilor Eckhart seconded the motion to approve Resolution No. 18-11 as read. The motion passed 6/0.

- 3) Public Notary Services – Presented by: Ginger Allen, City Manager – Ms. Allen reviewed the memo with the council. Allen asked if the council thought there was any reason to keep these services. Allen stated that effective, January 1, 2019 the city will no longer be offering public notary services.**

CITY MANAGER REPORT: Presented by Ginger Allen – Ms. Allen stated that the city should receive the certified election results within the next week. City Hall facilities assessment - waiting for council's legal review and the service agreement, hope to have this out soon and close the Request for Proposal in January. A business owner has approached the city about leasing a 40x120' portion of the 6th Street property, to use it for short-term storage of RV's. Ms. Allen stated that she has spoken to both the city's insurance company and attorney. They have both indicated that the city could lease a portion of the property. It would require a Written Agreement, Insurance, and some improvements to be completed. This is preliminary. Ferguson asked about impact, would it increase traffic in the area. Allen stated that an agreement would need to be worked out that would establish the hours of access and stipulations as to who could access the property. Weaver asked how long would term of the lease be, a year, 6 months ...? Allen stated that this would be a 6 month lease to start with and all improvements discussed and agreed upon by both parties. Council agreed that the city should continue to look into this. Allen reminded the council that of the tree lighting & downtown decorations. The tree lighting will be on December 8th at 5:30 pm.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT: Presented by Tre' Kennedy – Mr. Kennedy was not present for the meeting.

Business from the Council:

Ferguson – asked when the Christmas decorations will be up. Allen stated they will be going up next week.

Borchard – None, council thanked him for his service.

Eckhart – None

Meyer – Asked if a person can put a fence on his property along Thomas Creek. Staff will look into the situation

Nuber – None

Gray – Street lights are out at SW 6th & Beech, SW 6th & Cherry

Weaver – None

Business from the Public: Katrina Clouse, West Scio Road, handed out a packet to the council regarding the following community events: Annual Community Tree Lighting Ceremony on Saturday, December 8th at 5:30 pm; "The Wonder of Christmas" Christmas Decorating Competition (prize ceremony will be held on the 15th at her real estate office); and Dinner & Bingo Night hosted by the Rebekah Leone Lodge #84 at the IOOF Hall on December 14th. Ms. Clouse also let the council know that the Shop Local

Day on the Saturday after Thanksgiving went really well. People who attended the event requested that she post a “visitor information” sign on her business.

Nadji Vogel, 38932 NW 2nd Street, asked the council about the placement of a port-a-potty at the grocery store. Allen stated that the store owners changed their minds and did not sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Vogel stated that there is a need for public restrooms. Allen stated that she could ask the store owners again about the placement of a port-a-pot if the council wished.

Mayor Weaver introduced Connor Emerson to the council. Connor is a new student at the Scio Middle School.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Cathy Martin,
Administrative Assistant