

**City of Scio
City Council Minutes
November 14, 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: 7:28 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
Councilor Karen Eckhart	Cathy Martin, Administrative Assistant
Councilor Joey Ferguson	Kostanty Knurovski, Public Works – via Zoom
Councilor Tom Gray	LaVonne Murray, Librarian
Councilor Tom Meyer	
Councilor John Whalen – Via Zoom	
Councilor Luke Zedwick	

AUDIENCE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Kenneth Larson, Republic Services	Kori Sarrett, Accuity LLC.
Sgt. Steve Frambes, Linn County Sheriff	Kate Vogel
Dennis Shaffer	Rebecca Shaffer
Lewis Vinton	Cassandra Tibbs
Courtney Elkins	Shana O’Larey
Jace Guzman	Derrick Turner
Caitlyn Antonini	Pat Schrunk
Dean Schrunk	Lea Hackler
Craig Tibbs	Steve Ellis

AGENDA	ACTIONS
<p><u>CONSENT AGENDA</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 10, 2022 City Council Minutes • October 2022 Statement of Revenue & Expenditures • October 2022 Payment Journal 	<p>Motion from Councilor Ferguson, seconded by Councilor Eckhart, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed 6:0</p>
<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email from Mark Rettmann • Letter from Carolyn Nunn 	<p>Ms. Allen stated that the city received 2 pieces of correspondence in October. The first an email from Mr. Rettman thanking staff for everything that they do. The second was a letter from Ms. Nunn regarding the basketball hoops.</p>

PRESENTATIONS

Accuity LLC, Annual Budget Presentation

a. 2020-2021 Audit Report – Kory Sarrett

Ms. Sarrett reviewed the audit for June 30, 2022. 2 minor journal entries needed. These entries do not make changes in the funds. Water and Sewer had positive cash carry over.

Compliance standpoint – “No Budget Issues”

Only non-compliance – 1% highway funds, spend on trails – needed “Opt out Resolution” this exempts the city from statute requirement. Recommend passing resolution. Typical segregation of duties.

Allen wanted to make sure that the council understood some of the changes that have occurred between Accuity and the city. Minimizes disruptions to the city.

Ms. Sarrett stated that this was a great audit.

b. Council Discussion

The council thanked Ms. Sarrett for her report.

Linn County Sheriff’s Report

a. October 2022 Report – Sgt. Steven Frambes

Sgt. Steve Frambes reviewed the report for October. The month was very busy – 57 calls for service

Highlighted 27 ½ hours over contract. Lots of investigations, 1 crash, firearm discharge, thefts, vehicle break-ins. Security cameras need to work if you invest in them.

Ferguson asked if the cars were locked or unlocked. Frambes stated that there were no broken windows. Often they just check the doors and if it is unlocked, open it or they move on.

b. Council Discussion

None

Library Report

a. Presentation by LaVonne Murray, Librarian

Ms. Murray updated the council on events happening at the Library.

- Pumpkin decorating contest – Doug & Lynn Branch donated the pumpkins and judged the contest. - 16 participants
- Genealogy class – 6 people attending
- STEM Hub Day – 22 kids and 10 parents, several parents said that this was their first time at the library – focus was on homeschool families
- Storytime 2- 6

Ferguson asked age range of kids participating in the STEM Hub Day. Murray stated that they were in the K-6th grade, and their age varied due to being homeschoolers. Ferguson asked if there were more scheduled? Murray stated that the plans are to have 1 per month, the next one is December 2nd.

REGULAR SESSION

Republic Services, Fee Rate Increase – Kenneth Larson

a. Staff Report – Ginger Allen

Mr. Larson introduced himself to the council. He is the liaison for the City of Scio. He reviewed letter to the council. Fuel cost and wages have increased. The rate increase is based on an index. Scio looking at a 9% increase, this will average \$2.00 per month depending on service level.

Mr. Larson stated that they are proposing the addition of a 65-gallon cart option for customers. The pilot program of recycling weekly has been very well received. If Scio wanted to approve a weekly recycling, this would cost an additional \$.69 per month.

Nuber asked if the weekly recycling was for both paper & yard debris. Larson stated that it is only the co-mingled recycling. Commodity pricing affect the cost of recycling.

Steve Ellis asked about the addition of weekly yard debris collection? It was noted that it would increase the cost of service to have weekly yard debris collection.

b. Council Discussion

Allen advised the audience that the current contract between the city and Republic Services allows for certain increases in rates. City has no way to stop an increase, but can have discussion about increase and options offered.

Ferguson asked how many years are left on the contract. Allen – two more years.

Ferguson asked if the recycling pickup every week, costs extra fuel? Larson stated that they are already in the area. The council can decide to allow for additional options – i.e. 65 gallon cart, weekly recycling.

Ferguson asked for an estimate of how much recycling actually gets recycled?

Larson said that if everything that is placed in the carts is recyclable – then it gets recycled. Problem is contamination – Education is the key.

<p>c. Council Decision</p>	<p>Gray asked about recycling big cardboard boxes? Larson responded: Cut it up & put it in the container, compost it, or take it to the depot in Albany.</p> <p>Gray asked about Styrofoam Larson – it is not recyclable.</p> <p>Motion from Councilor Ferguson, seconded by Councilor Gray, to approve the Republic Services Proposal for a rate increase and additional recycling services as presented. Motion passed 6:0</p>
<p>Resolution No. 22-12 to Appropriate Unanticipated Revenue</p> <p>a. Staff Report – Ginger Allen</p> <p>b. Council Discussion</p> <p>c. Council Decision</p>	<p>Ms. Allen stated that this is for the receipt of \$6,422.25 from the Oregon State Library. Total grant funds to digitize the old historic newspapers.</p> <p>None. Allen read the resolution by title only.</p> <p>Motion from Councilor Zedwick, seconded by Councilor Meyer, to approve Resolution No, 22-12, A Resolution Appropriating Unanticipated Revenue to the General Fund of the City of Scio, as presented.</p> <p>Ferguson asked who was responsible for obtaining the grant. The University of Oregon reached out directly to Ms. Murray.</p> <p>Motion passed 6:0</p>
<p>Public Right-of-Way Violations – Basketball Hoops</p> <p>a. Staff Report – Ginger Allen</p>	<p>Allen thanked everyone for showing up.</p> <p>Nuber said that the council would like to hear from the audience. A sign-up sheet had been passed around and she proceeded to call upon the audience members.</p> <p>Kate Vogel, 38785 SW 2nd Avenue, stated that this hits home as her kids are out every day playing basketball, can see the frustrations as there are so many. Taking them away is not best idea. Don't think right decision. Slanted driveways, most are placed in a spot to not interfere with parked cars. Change verbiage as to where they can be placed. Focus on getting basketball court at park. Kids are utilizing space. Would like to see the kids still have hoops.</p> <p>Dennis Shaffer, 38625 SW Filbert Avenue, stated that the original complaint was to remove the basketball hoops off the sidewalks, that was the concern. ADA says that</p>

sidewalks are not to be blocked. People in wheelchairs have to go off the sidewalk and enter the street to go around them.

Lewis Vinton, 38653 SW Gingko Street, stated that he agrees with both speakers – ADA absolutely, agree that the basketball hoops should not be removed. The ordinance should be changed. There is no park with a basketball hoop on the South side of the river, once there was a court, then the basketball hoops could be removed. Make an exception until the park is developed. Appreciate the time and discussion.

Cassandra Tibbs, 38662 SW Filbert Street, stated: basketball hoops in front of house, kids need it, helpful to be close to home. Healthy outlet for kids. On board with what has been said. No argument with hoops on sidewalks. Hoops are weighted down to keep them from moving, makes it difficult to move. If against curb, then it is not blocking people from driving. Thomas Creek alone – 17 hoops, today – kids were out playing, not every parent can send kids to the park. Convenience of having in front of home.

Courtney Elkins, 38628 SW Dogwood Street – support that the hoops could stay.

Shana O’Larey, 38658 SW Gingko Street, introduced her son Jace Guzman. Jace stated that he lives at a dead end, the basketball hoop is used every day, during summer and school breaks, if see people at the basketball hoops will stop and play. He said that he thinks the hoops should stay. Never see cars at the dead-end street. Ms. O’Larey stated that they want to keep the basketball hoops. Jace stated that there will be some kids that cannot go to the park.

Dereck Turner. 38607 SW Filbert Street, stated that people are pretty much in agreement that the hoops should stay off the sidewalks. He asked that the verbiage be changed to be allowed to be placed in the right of way against the curb.

Meyer stated that there should be another meeting to discuss the options to see what we can come up with as options that are best for everyone

Nuber – want to do the right thing, can’t please everyone, but do the best job to work out solution.

b. Council Discussion

Allen stated that staff has been examining this for over 2 ½ years, gave history of situation, likes the fact that there is a common thread. Ordinances are made to be changed. The council has the responsibility to mitigate. She invited the audience to come to the meeting on the park development. Staff has been looking at possible places to put basketball hoops. She thanked everyone for their input.

Zedwick stated that it seems like all agree, not sure what the negotiation needs to be.

Ferguson stated that the council must look at the entire city in making the ordinance.

Nuber council owe it to the citizens to make the best decision for best.

Allen used term Negotiation until attorney can look into things and makes sure there are no legal issues that may be involved. Need resolution to fit the needs of the city.

Nuber stated that everyone is in agreement about the sidewalks. Owe it to the people that need the sidewalks to keep them clear.

Ferguson asked how the council should look at ramps and other things?

Kate Vogel asked why were notices were only placed on the basketball hoops?

Allen stated that the citys intention is not to create more problems than can be resolved. Allowing council time to have discussion with the attorney is important. She asked for the council to decide when the enforcement starts? Notice said 12/1/2022.

Whalen stated that there is no point in enforcing until we come together and revise the ordinance.

Allen to set work session

Zedwick prioritize keeping the sidewalks clear, until then

Cassandra Tibbs stated that she would be happy to put something on Scio Community Happenings Facebook Page about enforcement.

A work session will be held after the first of the year.

c. Council Decision

<p>COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY STAFF</p> <p>a. City Manager’s Report</p> <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"> • City of Scio Election Returns • PW Shop Update • Public Restroom • Big Tree Next to Stop N Save Market on N. Main Street • Safe Routes to School Assistance being offered to Scio • Resolution to Move Money from Contingencies <p>None</p>
<p>ITEMS FROM THE COUNCIL</p> <p>a. Councilor Meyer</p> <p>b. Councilor Eckhart</p> <p>c. Councilor Gray</p> <p>d. Councilor Ferguson</p> <p>e. Councilor Zedwick</p> <p>f. Councilor Whalen</p> <p>g. Mayor Nuber</p>	<p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>Thanked everyone for coming, it is nice to have input</p> <p>Question – if can include percentages of voters voted., thanked everyone for coming, and for positive comments, and constructive conversations.</p> <p>None</p> <p>Likes the full house, let’s do it again</p> <p>Parks & Tree Committee open house at 6:30 pm, tomorrow.</p>
<p>PUBLIC COMMENTS</p> <p>a. None</p>	