

CITY MANAGERS REPORT
Report Period February 10, 2022 – March 10, 2022

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PW Shop Update: Metcalf construction notified the city that site development has been moved to mid or late April due to the delay in the supplies and materials for the project. They remain optimistic about completing the project by end of year 2022.

New Scio City Hall: The first rendition of a new city hall is expected to be submitted to the city on Monday, March 14, 2022. If the rendition arrives, it will be presented at the city council meeting. Staff has requested more than one rendition in order to have options (if possible). Open houses for the public will take place before staff makes its final proposal to council.

2022-2023 Budget Season: Material and Services increases announced. Below are some of the “known” increases that will affect the 2022-2022 budget.

- City County Insurance
 - Medical Ins. 0% increase
 - Vision Ins. Not to exceed 9.5% increase
 - Dental Ins. 0% increase
 - Cyber Security Package \$500.00
 - Liability & Auto Not to exceed 15% increase
 - Property and Cyber Not to exceed 20% increase
- PacifiCorp Probability of a 14.1% increase
- State and Federal Taxes (workers comp, social security, Medicare, and income taxes)
Unknown at this time
- Energy prices (gas, electricity) up 30.3 % between Jan – December 2021
- Food Prices (7.4 % between Jan. – December 2021)
- Cost of Living – Consumer Price Index up 7.7%
- Social Security Increase - 5.9%
- Engineering and Survey Costs Up 15,5 %
- Materials and Supplies Costs Average high and low increases 2% - 8 % on various Products (chlorine tablets, sprays, equipment repairs, etc.)
- Scio’s Property Taxes are slightly low for this time of year. We are hoping to hit our projected dollar amount by end of June. It is said that the shortfall is related to COVID – 19 and the lifting of stimulus money and inflation.

This information is necessary in order to determine a water and sewer increase to keep up with city expenses and operating costs. This discussion will be forthcoming.

City Charter and City Handbook: The first draft of the Revised City Charter and City Handbook will be out with the April council packets.

Safe Routes to School Project: The city received plans for NW 1st Ave. showing preliminary bulb-out/curb ramp layouts. A meeting will soon be scheduled with the city, Fire District and School District to make sure all are aware of the impacts of the bulb-out installations.

Small City Allotment Project: Encroachment permit has been submitted to Linn County Road Department, once the city received permission to move forward and Request for Proposals (RFP) will be drawn up for bid purposes.

Public Restrooms and Parkland Development Grant: An RFP for the building of a Scio Public Restroom is expected to be completed on or before the end of March. Once that project is underway staff will begin working with the new Parks & Tree committee member of parkland development. Please remember that any significant changes to parklands must be presented to and approved by city council.