

CITY MANAGERS REPORT
Report Period March 3, 2021 – April 8, 2021

Ginger Allen, City Manager

City Hall Hours: City Hall Administration and Library Services has been officially open to the public since March 15, 2021. Senior Services remain closed at this time. Social distancing requirements and mask requirement remain in effect.

Travel Oregon Grant Update: I completed the Travel Oregon Grant application and submitted it on March 30th, one day before the grant deadline. As you can see by the proposed budget the city was able to get community support to complete the project. Please take time to review the attached Project Budget and write down any questions you might have when we go over this talking point at the April 12, 2021 City Council Meeting.

Rapid Response Grant: The Rapid Response Grant, in the amount of \$500,000.00 is expected to be submitted by the end of April. I will continue with updates until this project is finalized.

Speed Indicator Sign: The City is working with the Linn County Sheriff Department on the purchase of one, possibly two speed indicator signs. I should hear back from the Sheriff's office by early next week as to the cost and style of signs being used throughout Linn County.

Public Works Certification Celebration: Ben Jones has passed his Collections Certification Test. This means that the City will no longer need to pay for oversight coverage. Staff will be celebrating Ben's accomplishment on Wednesday, April 14th.

Library Services Grant: Scio Librarian LaVonne Murray is proud to announce that the Scio Public Library is a recipient of the LSTA + ODNP Newspaper Digitization Grant. The grant is available through a partnership between the University of Oregon Libraries' Digital Newspaper Program and the State Library of Oregon's Library Services & Technology Act (LSTA) Program. The grant amount that the library received is \$7,480. With these funds, the University of Oregon will digitize historic Scio newspapers dating from 1870 to 1925. This group of newspapers includes some early newspapers which are in a fragile condition and have not previously been microfilmed. The project will take place between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022. Once the project is completed, the images will be placed on the University of Oregon's "Historic Oregon Newspapers" website and will be accessible to everyone free of charge.