

CITY MANAGERS REPORT
Report Period April 8, 2020 – May 6, 2020

Ginger Allen, City Manager

Scio City Hall Services – City Hall remains closed to the public. On occasion we have let people inside to conduct city business, but at all times the social distancing rule remains in effect with disinfected practices carried out routinely, even amongst the employees.

Reduced Office Hours: Open – Monday thru Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 Closed – Friday, Saturday and Sunday

Public Works Emergencies: While the City employees have not had to change their practices, a waiting time may be lengthened due to the need of additional services from other agencies. Luckily we have not had any serious emergencies in this area for some time.

Public Safety: Linn County Sheriff's office is asking for people to continue to call in complaints and the Sheriff's office will determine the adequate response based upon the safety of all parties involved. *With regards to Public Safety Emergencies always dial "911".*

Paperless Billing: Cathy Martin had an in-depth conversation with PayGov, our online payment vendor, regarding "Paperless Billing". PayGov shared with us that while people enjoy getting electronic billings, the number of people who actually migrate over to "paperless bills" is minimal. Data indicates that "paperless billing" ends up costing more for the Software Monitoring Module, provided by our Utility Billing Vendor RVS, than any paper or postage saving anticipated. Thus, we will not be migrating at this time to an option of "paperless billing". We will review this option as technology changes.

Smart Water Meters: Requests for proposals have been sent out to 3-4 vendors for the cost and installation of "smart water meters". We have received one quote back already and hope to hear from the other vendors by May 15, 2020.

June 10 & 11, 2020 Budget Hearings: Due to the continuation of the "Oregon State of Emergency" status to July 6, 2020, the annual budget hearings this year will be conducted via a "Zoom Meeting". Budget documents will be delivered to all budget committee members on or before Thursday, May 28, 2020.