CITY MANAGERS REPORT Report Period October 5, 2023 – November 8, 2023

Ginger Allen, City Manager

<u>Thomas Creek Park Improvements:</u> Due to weather conditions, Phase I of the Thomas Creek Park redevelopment project has wrapped up until late spring 2024. The irrigations system and grass planting will not take place until late spring when the ground dries out. During the next few months discussions about Phase II will continue.

<u>Safe Routes to School Project:</u> This project is wrapping up and all invoices are due to ODOT on or before November 19, 2023. We are having a minor issue with some lifting of painted areas in the school crossing areas. City Engineer and Project Manager, Ryan Quigley and his staff have already contacted the contractor and this issue will be addressed under warranty.

<u>Small City Allotment Grant:</u> The sidewalk project has been completed and final paper work is due to ODOT on or before November 16, 2023.

<u>Library Collection Policy:</u> Both LaVonne Murray, Scio Librarian and myself are waiting for comments from the Library Advisory Committee on the final revisions for the Library Collection Policy.

<u>Christmas Lights Going Up:</u> The holiday pole decorations and bridge lights are scheduled to go up on November 16th. The city remains grateful to SMTA for their assistance in putting up Christmas Décor.

<u>Moving of Reserve Acct Funds to Umpqua Bank:</u> After meeting with Umpqua Bank representatives, watching and listening to Federal Reserve updates, I have decided not to move the reserve funds until next year, after the national elections. There are discussions about centralization of banks and going to digital currency, interest rates continue to increase and banks continue to close across the nation. If major banking issues occur before the fall of 2024 I will bring this issue back before council for discussion.

<u>City Hall Renovation Presentation #2:</u> Staff continues to work with Scott Beck with suggested changes on the Renovation Design for Scio City Hall. A second presentation to city council is scheduled on Monday, February 12, 2024.