

May 25th, 2021

ROLL CALL: Mayor Don Ware called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room with Councilor Thompson, Councilor Hansen, Councilor Neddeau, Councilor Humphreys, Councilor Craven, Public Works Superintendent Karl Frink, Administrative Assistant Tammi Morrow, and City Administrator Scott McDowell present. Councilor Gerber will be attending the meeting from the listening room until she is able to speak to the group.

PUBLIC: In the listening room, Council Chambers, were Administrative Assistant Elizabeth Coleman serving as room monitor, Sergeant Beth Miller (*LCSO*), Councilor Carla Gerber, Eric Gerber, and Sherri Lemhouse. Tia Parrish (*The Times*) was also in attendance.

City Administrator McDowell reviewed the in-person meeting parameters employed tonight. He reported that average attendance at Council meetings is about 20-25 people. For the City to comply with Governor Brown's current guidelines, McDowell has arranged for Council, Staff, and meeting presenters to be seated in the Community Room with proper social distancing. Listening room guests are seated in the Council Room with real-time audio of the meeting. Guests will be invited to come over to the Community Room at the appropriate time if they desire to speak to Council. Also, as social distancing in the room allows, the guests will be invited to join Council in the Community Room, if possible. This will be determined as the meeting progresses, presenters leave the building, and more space is available. Masks can be removed while speaking, eating, and observing social distancing. All the chairs have been placed more than six feet apart.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS: McDowell would like to delete the first Public Hearings Presentation of Mr. Sean Johnson, Central Linn Recreation Association. Mr. Johnson was unable to attend the meeting this evening. McDowell proposed adding Carla Gerber to the public hearing portion of the meeting tonight.

MINUTES: Councilor Hansen made a motion to approve the April 27th, 2021 minutes as presented. Councilor Thompson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Councilor Hansen made a motion to approve the May 6^{th} , 2021 Budget Committee minutes as presented. Councilor Craven seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING | PRESENTATIONS:

1. <u>Carla Gerber | Mask Mandate Request | CDC OHA Rules.</u>

Councilor Gerber read a prepared statement (attached as an exhibit) to Council regarding mask compliance, civil disobedience, and ramifications. She feels her interpretation of Oregon law needs to be followed, even if we are not personally in favor of it. Councilor Gerber does not feel that she can remain on Council if general agreement about masks cannot be reached.



Mayor Ware stated that he has a great deal of respect for Councilor Gerber, but believes the rest of the Council needs to be respected too. Mayor Ware commented that he hopes that she will not be resigning due to this very complex issue.

Councilor Neddeau asked if she is worried about her health, or the liability for Council. Council did not obey federal law when they were forced to vote for the marijuana dispensary to be allowed to open in town.

Councilor Hansen stated that he has a great deal of respect for Councilor Gerber and that if he were inclined, he could prepare an opposing view that would have the same weight as what Councilor Gerber has stated tonight. He believes that we need to reserve the rights of individuals to make their own health decisions. Hansen respects where Gerber is coming from, but we need to leave it where it is.

Mr. McDowell stated that it seems that we are looking for a compromise. The City has offered folks alternatives with the teleconference for many months. He stated that the CDC changed direction shortly before this meeting, and we may see some real changes to lockdowns all over the nation in the near future. He posed a question to Councilor Gerber that if the mask mandate goes away in two weeks, would she still feel the need to resign.

Gerber stated that it is a fundamental agreement that Oregon law needs to be followed, even if we are not personally in favor of it, and that we need to not actively protest the law within our own meetings. Councilor Gerber stated that if the mask mandate continues to be in place, we can clearly meet outside. Vaccinated people would not have to wear their masks, but unvaccinated folks will have to wear them. She stated that she felt Council is expressing civil disobedience against the Oregon law, and she will not sign on for that.

Councilor Craven suggested that if Councilor Gerber attended the meetings by teleconference, how would she be complicit?

Councilor Gerber stated that as a Council member she still feels that she would not be upholding the law to be a part of this body of government if we cannot reach agreement. She left the meeting at this time.

- 2. **Proposed Use of State Revenue Sharing | FY 2021-2022.** Mr. McDowell stated that the resolution was passed at the last meeting. We are required to have two public hearings where the public is invited to speak. Hearing no public comments, Mayor Ware moved on.
- **3.** Budget Public Hearing | FY 2021-2022. Mr. McDowell reviewed some of the highlights for the proposed budget including Remington Park improvements, Rec Center renovations, Pioneer Park improvements, and the GR 12 water line. The downtown sewer project will be out for bid soon. Oregon Water Resources has required a Water Conservation and Management Plan (WCMP) from the City, which we have contracted with Tim Tice at OAWU to complete with Staff assistance. Funds were also included for developing a plan to meet TMDL requirements. Recently, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), decided to make all cities in Oregon Designated Management Areas (DMA's) with the threat of serious penalty. The floor was opened for public comments. Hearing none, the public hearing was closed.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- 1. <u>Linn County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) Sheriff's Report.</u> Sergeant Beth Miller gave the report for the month including 14 citations, 13 warnings, 73 complaints and 210 patrol hours for the City. She said the crime report was small, with just a few hit and runs, very minor overall. Mr. McDowell stated that the park caretakers, Bruce & Amber Castleberry have arrived. The traffic devices should be here soon. Mr. McDowell, Mr. Frink, and Sergeant Mattingly have gone through the training.
- **2.** <u>Public Works.</u> Superintendent Karl Frink reported that Public Works has been busy this spring, mowing, weeding, and cleaning up the cemetery. Remarkably, there have been no water leaks this month!

Public Works switched over to the river to keep up with demand. We needed new pumps; they cost \$4,200, which was better than the initial bid of \$7,200. These new pumps are more efficient, and will be operational next week. All instruments will be calibrated by Mr. Frink.

The City has received approval by the State Drinking Water division. We are still working on the GIS mapping. Public Works has had one guy out, and one on vacation, so we have been spread pretty thin.

There was a hazardous tree removed behind the library. It was scheduled to come out during the downtown sewer project, it just got moved up on the timeline. There is likely to be others that will come out during the project.

Superintendent Frink stated that they will be grading the gravel streets soon, and then the dust control agent will be applied. They are doing this work with the backhoe with the grader blade. Staff continues to look for an affordable grader to procure.

Frink reported that the new park caretakers have arrived as Mr. McDowell previously stated. They will begin their work season on Thursday.

Frink reported that the City Hall window project is ongoing. It is likely that the irrigation for City Hall will be turned on soon.

About this time of year Mr. Frink gets a lot of questions about when PW will be mowing the Right of Ways. He stated that there is no set time and date for this project, they simply get to it as they can.

Frink recently attended a Zoom meeting about being the Designated Management Agency (DMA) regarding TMDL. It is a never-ending work in progress.

3. <u>Library.</u> Librarian Sherri Lemhouse reported that she has been very busy this spring. She has made presentations to 3 different agencies. The presentations were well received, and she was able to learn a lot from the process.

Mrs. Lemhouse drew Council's attention to the history boards in the room tonight. The museum has completed a redesign, so these boards are not currently being used. Mrs. Lemhouse is working on another, a history board about Mr. and Mrs. Moyer. The boards will be rotated around City Hall and the Library.

The Friends of the Library trimmed all the bushes around the Library.



The Library will be closed for maintenance the week after Pioneer Picnic.

The Summer Reading program will be on Fridays in July. Sarah Glenn and Katie Vanderstelt are working on take and make projects in lieu of craft time for the program.

Council expressed their appreciation for all her hard work keeping the Library open during the lockdown!

4. Planning. Mrs. Coleman reported that the Planning Department has been busy as usual. Several lots in town that have been dormant for years have been sold and folks are looking to develop them; some have some special development issues.

She said that it is very important to be able to give folks consistent answers. Mr. McDowell stated that it is important for folks to do their own work, and come to the City with their plan. Often, if they don't get the answers they want, they will try to divide and conquer City Staff by asking someone else. They City does not play that game. The rule is that generally they have one contact, Mrs. Coleman, and we work forward from there. Some folks will try to circumvent the Public Works Standards, especially in the planning area. The volume in planning has really taken off with the booming economy.

Mrs. Coleman spoke about the River's Edge subdivision project. They met on April 26th, 2021, to discuss project modifications. They are proposing that Phase 1 & 2 change from 39 town houses to 20 single homes. This modification had to come back as a new proposal to the Planning Commission. The new proposal was approved with conditions. On Phase 3, there are still some changes that need to be addressed.

McDowell added as a reminder that Council was not privy to the details earlier, because Council is responsible to hear any appeal that could have been filed by any party against the development. Since no appeal was filed, Staff could share the details.

5. <u>Administration.</u> Mr. McDowell reported that Park Board has been working on improvements for Remington Park. Designs include a westward view, picnic table, trash can, pet waste station, and natural play area. All features need to be compliant with public works ease of maintenance and industry standards.

Mr. McDowell read a thank you card received from Alex Paul for Council. He very much appreciated the Appreciation Certificate from Council, and the kind words.

The downtown sanitary sewer project will go out for bid in June. Bids will be received back, and hopefully the project will start in August. Ideally the project will be completed by September.

McDowell asked Council to consider a permanent ordinance for takeout dining outdoor seating as suggested at the last meeting by Councilor Hansen.

Organizer Wade Long has officially cancelled the 2021 Rally by the River event. With the Governor Brown's orders lasting until June 28th, it is impossible to predict if the event will be allowed to be held. With all the pre-planning needed, it was decided to cancel the event again this year.

Weed season starts June 1st so Staff will be out soon checking properties and posting notices as appropriate.



Steve Barnett, Linn County, has updated the information for Brownsville GIS.

The Canal Company has provided proof of insurance to run the pumps. Public Works will be starting those up soon, weather dependent.

Mr. McDowell discussed advocacy. Prevailing rates increases are astronomical. Our annual increase of 3% for utility bills does not come close to keeping up with their 30% increase! This is very concerning. McDowell discussed the history of BOLI and prevailing rates. One example of how prevailing rates have adversely affected the City in the past is the restroom in the park. The original bid for the project was \$48,487. Upon our attorney's advice, the City was forced to pay prevailing wage rates in case of any change orders that would have pushed us over the \$50,000 limit. The final actual cost was \$93,611, nearly double of what the project should have cost. The taxpayers are paying these ridiculous prices to what end? As these kinds of costs continue to skyrocket, the City will just incur more and more debt as we will be unable to self-fund projects. It is so important for Council to advocate for our rate payers.

Another prime example of an agency out of control is Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). We are required to pay an annual program support fee of \$100. Their late fee is \$50! What legitimate business charges you half again your bill in 30 days? Again, the time to advocate for our position is now.

McDowell shared a picture and story about new planters recently installed in Walsall, England. Resident there thought they looked like Mario Cart planters and complained vigorously.

6. Court. No comments.

7. Council Comments. Councilor Craven put together a report of data that he shared with Council (see attached). He is concerned with the health of our local citizens and businesses, and how they are faring though the extended lockdown and the mandates coming out of Salem. After discussing Covid-19 data he asked Council if they would like to hold a town hall meeting to allow folks a platform to allow Council to fully understand each business's unique situation. It will also be a place for parents of school aged children to talk about the mental well-being of their families. Craven believes that as elected members of City Council, we need to perform the duties we all took an oath of office to uphold and were elected to do.

Councilor Thompson asked for clarification about exactly what the aim of Council would be for holding a Town Hall. Thompson wanted to see the proposed resolution and learn more about the goal. Mayor Ware agreed with Councilor Thompson. Discussion ensued. Councilor Thompson wanted to do what she could to help local businesses but wanted to ensure that Council did so in a respectful way.

McDowell said he would send Councilor Craven's materials, the resolution from Harrisburg and the advocacy letter template from Harrisburg for Council review. Council could host a Town Hall as part of the next Council meeting and invite our business community including engaging the Chamber of Commerce.

Council agreed by consensus to move forward with the Town Hall plan.

8. <u>Citizen Comments.</u> No comments.

LEGISLATIVE:



- 1. Resolution 2021.17 Election to Receive State Shared Revenues. Councilor Neddeau made a motion to approve R 2021.17. Councilor Hansen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- 2. Ordinance 786 Kreutzer Alley Vacation Request (Second Reading). Councilor Craven made a motion to read O 786 by title only. Councilor Humphreys seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Councilor Hansen made a motion to approve O 786 as presented. Councilor Craven seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- **3.** Proclamation National Military Appreciation Month. Mayor Ware proclaimed May 2021 as National Military Appreciation Month to pay tribute to those that have sacrificed so much for our freedom. Mayor Ware and Councilor Humphreys were recognized as veterans and thanked for their service.

ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. Chamber of Commerce | Pioneer Park Use Request. McDowell informed Council that the Chamber would like permission to use the pavilion to provide breakfast for the Pioneer Picnic event. The event may be a drive-thru or an event in the pavilion with proper distancing and protocols observed as suggested earlier today by Councilor Hansen. Councilor Neddeau made a motion to allow either style of event to happen. Councilor Hansen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- 2. **Joint EMA Coordinator Partnership IGA.** McDowell provided an oral report for Council. He is happy with the IGA, with some minor changes such as numbering issues, small things like that. There is funding in the budget for this IGA. Councilor Hansen made a motion to approve the IGA. Councilor Thompson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- 3. Antique Faire | Joe DeZurney. Mr. DeZurney has been in touch with Mr. McDowell wondering if Council will allow the park to be used for the Antique Faire this year. Normal attendance for this event is about 1,300 folks. Current standards would limit this number to 200 folks. Insurance has been obtained. This event could be hosted on private property, and the same standards and rules would not apply. The event group is also considering holding the event on a Sunday instead of the usual Saturday. Councilor Craven made a motion to approve the event to be held in Pioneer Park as usual. Council Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- 1. <u>Linn County Road Department | Main Street Scrub Seal.</u> Kevin Hamilton, Operations Manager for Linn County Road Department, has informed the City that they will be doing a scrub seal on Main Street on Thursday August 5th, 2021. They will be talking to Mr. McDowell about logistics as the project draws near.
- 2. April Financials. No comments.

Council adjourned into executive session @ 8:56 p.m., and out of executive session at 9:14 p.m.

Councilor Hansen authorized Mayor Ware and Mr. McDowell to pursue a real estate action as needed. Councilor Craven seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: Council adjourned by consensus at 9:18 p.m.

City Administrator S. Scott McDowell

Mayor Don Ware

In the early '90s, I coordinated the Legal Services for the Homeless program for the King County Bar Association in Seattle. During that time, Seattle became the first city to attach criminal penalties to sitting or lying on public sidewalks. Homeless advocates staged several protests by having "sit-ins" on sidewalks outside the courthouse. Many of the advocates were arrested and charged with misdemeanors. Most were surprised and distressed to discover that the charges were not dropped, and they faced permanent criminal convictions on their record. They did not realize that by engaging in civil disobedience, they would suffer the legal consequences of the law they were protesting. Since then, I have attended several workshops on advocacy. A core principal of advocacy is to understand the legal consequences of a protest and only involve people who understand the consequences are and willing and able to accept those consequences.

When I first brought up my concern a couple of months ago about City Council members not following Oregon's public health mandate for face coverings, I naively thought there was confusion about the legal requirements or that Council members didn't have access to the full public health reasons behind the mandates. I researched the legal requirements, offered to bring in public health experts and spoke to our representative at the Governor's Regional Solutions board.

I now understand that some members of Council understand the law, believe it is wrong, and are engaged in acts of civil disobedience against the law. I am not referring to people who forget to put their mask back on after eating or who struggle to keep it over their nose. I am referring to people on Council who do not wear masks at all or wear them below their chin for the duration of in-person, indoor public meetings.

As of right now, to comply with the law, Council has several options:

- Agree that all attendees will wear masks during council meetings, except when eating or drinking.
- Agree that only people who are unvaccinated will wear masks, after checking the vaccine status of attendees.
- Hold the Council meeting <u>outside</u> with social distancing and not require masks
- Meet remotely via video platform.

I understand that people on Council may feel strongly that it is their right to not wear a mask, and they feel obligated to protest the law in all locations, including public meetings. However, by not enforcing the mandate, <u>all</u> Council members are liable, not just the individuals who do not comply. Businesses and city councils have been fined in Washington and Oregon for not enforcing the mask requirement. According to the Oregon Health Authority, "It is a Class C misdemeanor to violate the mask, face covering, face shield requirement. The Oregon Health Authority and Local Public Health Authorities can issue civil penalties and take other enforcement actions for violations....An individual or business that has a state issued license may be subject to licensing action..." I do, however, understand this is unlikely to happen in Brownsville. Yet, nevertheless, as a Council, we collectively govern the conduct of the meeting and can be held legally liable for not following State rules.

I know some people also believe that Council cannot enforce public health requirements because it would be a violation of individual civil liberties. However, to date, courts have not overturned

mask requirements based on civil liberty or other constitutional claims. Legal precedent established in Jacobson v. Massachusetts that the Government may impose restrictions on behavior in the cases of public health – in fact officials of the State are entrusted by the Constitution to "guard and protect" the "safety and health of the people." The government regulates behavior all the time from seat belt laws to noise ordinances. The current Oregon mandate does not consider compliance or enforcement to be a matter of personal choice or civil liberty, and so far, the courts have agreed. It is possible, of course, that this precedent could be overturned in the future. Thirty years after the first sit-lie law in Seattle, for example, a Boise court overturned a portion of one of those laws by determining that it is cruel and unusual treatment to not allow people to lie down when there are no shelter or housing options available to them.

It has also been noted that there is a medical exemption to face covering requirements in Oregon. The Oregon rule indicates that if a person with a disability cannot wear a face covering, then the organization needs to provide a reasonable modification. However, the guidance states, "A reasonable modification does not include allowing a customer inside without a mask, face covering or face shield." For council, a reasonable accommodation would be to allow people to attend the meeting via teleconference.

One of the strengths of this council, has been that we have been conservative (with a little c) in our actions. We have followed laws, even when we personally disagree with them, reserved collective advocacy for areas where we have consensus and we have put aside our broader political differences for the common good of our community.

I am very hopeful that Oregon requirements will continue to relax, and face coverings will soon become a non-issue. However, I don't feel comfortable remaining on Council without a general agreement that:

- We will follow all Oregon & Federal laws and mandates during public meetings. Each of
 us can advocate and engage in civil disobedience as individuals, just not during public
 council meetings.
- I also hope we can commit to communicating with each other directly to express concerns and debate the issues. We can express different opinions in respectful ways, but we cannot come to resolution if we do not talk to each other.

if it is the will of the Council overall that it is each individual council member's choice to comply or not comply during meetings, I will respectfully resign from council. I don't feel comfortable accepting the moral or legal liability of a cause that I personally do not believe in. I will look forward to volunteering in other capacities and will wish all of you well in the important work you have ahead of you.

Local Restaurants and Businesses | Covid-19 Impact

want to shed some light on the current health of our local citizen's, business's and how they are faring the lockdowns/mandates coming out of Salem. I have spoken with the majority of local restaurant and business owners in our city. The result of those conversations was highly informative, but alarming. All the restaurant owners shared the same concerns. Being restricted to to-go orders only, will not support the overhead of the month-to-month expenses to remain in business. These businesses were forced with the decision of taking out PPP and PPE loans in order to avoid closing their doors temporarily for some, but permanently for others. At 25% capacity the financial burden creates the same risk of closing to some of the same businesses. 1200 restaurants in Oregon have closed their doors for good in the past 63 weeks.

The Data

I requested and received the Covid data specific to Brownsville's area code of 97327 from the Linn County Health Dept., which reflects a population of 3,162 people per the 2019 census.

COVID-19 Data for Zip Code 97327

Date Range: January 1, 2020- May 22, 2021

Cases of COVID-19, Confirmed and Presumptive	112
Deaths	< 10, per 1,000
People vaccinated with at least 1 dose	1,184
People Vaccinated, per 100	35

The definition of presumptive;

pre-sump-tive

adjective

1. of the nature of a presumption, presumed in the absence of further information.

So, we are putting data into a case count for a "pandemic" that we are in the absence of information for?

Based on the number of cases recorded confirmed and presumptive, we have a 0.035% risk of being infected for this area. That is less than one quarter of one-half percent.

The data regarding contact tracing was unavailable due to the number of contacts being much smaller than the actual confirmed cases.

The data point was so small for deaths that Linn County Health would not provide this information, as they thought it would be violating a person's HIPPA rights. They expressed that the data point was so small, we might be able to pinpoint a case of death from the small population of 3162. The data point provided for deaths was <10 deaths per 1000 ppl. Why not

<1 per 100? Or more likely to die in a motor vehicle accident, which is an activity most of us willfully perform daily.</p>

I was forced to use the mortality rate data for Linn County as a whole, which is as follows;

Linn County Covid-19 Data

Mortality Rate- .000563% or less risk than dying in a crosswalk crossing the street. This leads me to believe that the mortality rate for our zip code is even lower than .000563%, based on our infection rate being lower.

Infection Rate- .040% which is higher than that of our area specific data, but still less than one quarter of one half percent. Or more likely to die from Cancer, than even being infected in the first place.

I also requested the Mental Health Data for the past year as it relates to our area and was told that the data for Mental Health has not been gathered at this time for the prior year 2020. I feel this is a particularly important piece of information that is absent from the public's knowledge. 2020 was no doubt a year of unknowns, ups and downs, a grueling marathon we all had to endure. Transparency surrounding mental health data should have been a top priority, highlighted in yellow or at least an asterisk put next to it for some type of importance as to informing the public.

Data Nationally and Globally

United States; Mortality Rate- 0.0017% Infection risk-0.098%

Globally; Mortality Rate- 0.044% Infection risk- 0.021%

I find it interesting that the United States has zero interest in providing the data point reflecting how many people have recovered, after being infected as almost every other country provides.

Also, worth noting is that the Murder rate has increased in this country, during the lockdowns an unprecedented 36.7%, with violent crimes as a whole increasing between 25 and 40%, the largest increase for both categories on record, since recording began in the early 20th century.

The Lockdown

63 weeks of restrictions and mandates have provided zero suppression or change to infection rates or deaths in this state. We are 61 weeks past due for 2 weeks to flatten the curve.

Covid -19 is a virus that appears to not be seasonal but, like the flu will have variants. This is a virus, like the flu we will need to assess the risks of and learn to live our daily lives with.

I have gathered the following information and dialogue from a KATU interview with Dr. Sidelinger who is the Oregon State Health Officer for Oregon Health Authority (OHA).

Dr. Sidelinger addressed if asking for a person's vaccination status is a HIPPA violation. He says if a person voluntarily discloses their vaccination status, that is okay. Dr. Sidelinger said "For an individual who voluntarily declares either as a customer coming into a business or an employee that they are vaccinated and do not want to wear a mask and then show the vaccination status that is not a violation of HIPPA."

So, what about someone who is dishonest about getting vaccinated? Many question if that would put others at risk. Health officials say that if someone chooses to lie about their vaccination status, they wouldn't necessarily be putting the vaccinated population at risk but be putting themselves at risk.

So, I am sorry would it not be my civil liberty to assess the risk of an activity and make that decision myself without being labeled as a liar or dishonest, such as the following: sky diving, mountain climbing, riding a dirt bike, riding a horse, rafting a river and many others that present known risks to health and life. I am free to make all those decisions myself meanwhile not putting anyone else's life or health at risk.

Opinion

In my opinion the Emergency Response to Covid-19 by Oregon's governor, IS politically motivated and weaponized, which is evident by the lifting of mask requirements unsupported by Oregon's metric of risk. I do not feel that the data specific to our area supports the extreme measures blanketing our county, our city, shutting down our businesses, stomping on our human rights and ruining people's lives. The cure is worse than the problem itself.

I am suggesting that this elected body start advocating for our constituents who are no doubt struggling and nearing an emergency state regarding their personal well-being, mental health, life safety and ability to earn a living. I am also suggesting we look at drafting a resolution on par with other rural cities such as Baker City, Harrisburg, Scio and many others in progress to fight for the individual civil liberties of each person, ingrained in the United States Constitution, which every person as a member of this Council took an oath to uphold.

I have lived in this community for 37 years, every one of you are my neighbors. I am committed to fight for each and every citizen of this communities right to assess the risks, making the decisions for themselves that keep them healthy, physically, mentally, socially and financially.

The Ask

What I am curious to understand is, which members of this Council would be interested in holding a Town Hall with the local business's owners, allowing everyone in this body to fully understand each business' unique situation. Also, due to the lack of information provided by the county regarding mental health, I believe this would be a good opportunity to provide a platform for school aged parents to express the mental well being of their families as they are a group that has no doubt been hit the hardest mentally.

We as elected members of City Council of The City of Brownsville, Oregon need to perform the duties, we all took an oath of office to uphold and were elected to do.

Thank you all!