



Council Meeting Synopsis

Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers on September 27th, 2022.

- ★ All members of Council were present. Councilor Craven presided.
- ★ Emily Wood & Andrew McNeely provided a written request asking Council permission to retain an illegally constructed fence in the right-of-way on Washburn Street. After reviewing the matter, Council decided to require removal of the fence from the right-of-way within thirty (30) days. Misplaced fences and other structures cause strife between neighbors which is why the City adopted a fence ordinance and accessory structure ordinance in 2014.
- ★ City Administrator Scott McDowell gave a brief overview of the Annual Project Outlook for FY 2022.2023. He explained this document is used to ensure that the organization is tracking on Council goals and objectives set through the budgeting process. Staff documents any changes that occur via reports and Council updates.
- ★ City Administrator Scott McDowell reported that the Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a Candidate Forum on October 12th, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. The Emergency Preparedness Committee is hosting an evening with local civic organizations at the American Legion on October 21st, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. McDowell encouraged people to come learn more about the many non-profit organizations in town.
- ★ Council unanimously passed Resolution 2022.20 which modified the charge for annual backflow testing to keep pace with market conditions.
- ★ Council unanimously passed Resolution 2022.21 to dedicate funds received through the American Rescue Plan Act to the GR12 Waterline Project. The GR12 Waterline Project will increase the City's water capacity through the year 2060 based on current growth projections.
- ★ Council unanimously passed Resolution 2022.22 to update the City's Planning Fee Schedule.
- ★ Ordinance 791: Noxious Weeds Provision. Council held a first reading on this ordinance modification. The provision would allow Staff to post property in a more timely fashion if emergency conditions were applicable.
- ★ Council unanimously adopted recommendations from the Parks & Open Space Advisory Board that will modify quiet hours in Pioneer Park and limit the total number of days allowed by any individual to camp.
- ★ Council recognized the TMDL plan as re-written by City Engineer Ryan Quigley, Dyer Partnership, and recommended the plan be forwarded to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) as required by the State of Oregon under protest. Unfunded mandates such as this one will cause a great financial burden to Brownsville taxpayers and rate payers.
- ★ Council authorized Mayor Ware to sign a letter expressing concerns about advocacy issues with the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) in a joint effort with other small cities in Linn County. The LOC is the lobby group handling municipal matters in the State of Oregon.





All information the Mayor & Council received for the meeting can be found on-line prior to every meeting and after at <https://www.ci.brownsville.or.us/meetings>. Please contact City Administrator Scott McDowell with questions at 541.466.5880 or email at admin@ci.brownsville.or.us.



The Emergency Preparedness Committee cordially invites you to soup & ice cream on Friday, October 21st, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion, 339 N. Main Street. You will be welcomed by many of the City's non-profit groups...



Central Linn High School will be hosting a community-wide pep rally on October X, 2022 at the Central Linn High School, 32433 Highway 228, Halsey, Oregon. Contact the High School for more information at 541.369.2811 or visit their website at <http://centrallinn.k12.or.us/high-school/>.