



Council Meeting Synopsis

Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers on October 25th, 2022.

- ★ All members of Council were present except for Council Humphreys who was excused. Mayor Ware presided.
- ★ Rally on the River organizer Wade Long provided a review of the Rally that has been held in Pioneer Park since 2016. Mr. Long has the second largest vintage RV rally in Oregon. People come from all over the western United States. The Rally is capped at 120 participants, but the demand is higher. The Rally is featured in Vintage Trailers magazine and on YouTube. Long said that there will be a nationally televised piece on this past year's Rally airing soon. Long thanked Council and Staff for being so accommodating, "People love coming to Brownsville!" Long said.
- ★ Brownsville Chamber of Commerce President Jenna Stutsman gave an update on Chamber activities. Stutsman reviewed the success of the Antique Faire, the Citywide Garage Sale, Pioneer Picnic Breakfast highlighting the positive impacts the events have on business owners. Stutsman previewed the upcoming Trick or Treat Street which will be held downtown between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on October 31st. Home for the Holidays & Festival of the trees will kick off with a tree lighting ceremony on December 2nd. Chamber resumed their monthly Wednesday meetings. Please visit <https://www.historicbrownsville.com/> for more information on the Chamber.
- ★ Calapooia Food Alliance President Don Lyon shared with Council the many services offered by the Farmer's Market including fresh produce, well water testing, covid testing and more. The Market offers a social hub that features an average of 15 vendors and attracts an average attendance of 115 people every Thursday from April to October. The Market is a big part of building a strong community. The Community Garden, also operated by the CFA, will be moving to a new location on Main Street. The CFA would like to enter into an agreement with the City for water services along with an agreement that would provide the CFA with the use of Kirk's Ferry park as a long-term home for the weekly market.
- ★ City Administrator Scott McDowell gave a brief overview of the newly launched Rural Economic Alliance (REAL) website. The City has worked on this economic development effort for a number of years and it is great to see it come to fruition. The City is in partnership with eight other cities in Linn and Benton county that is working on regional development issues. Please visit <https://www.ruraleconomicalliance.com> for more information.
- ★ Librarian Sherri Lemhouse gave an overview of the many programs and happenings at the Community Library. Administrative Assistant Elizabeth Coleman reviewed the single-family dwelling development process for Council. Public Works Superintendent Karl Frink highlighted the Backflow Prevention Program. Frink also shared recent challenges on the dichlorination of the City's wastewater due to a chemical change made by the City's supplier.
- ★ Council passed a motion to urge citizens to vote no on Measure 114. The motion passed 4-2. Councilors Chambers, Craven, Hansen & Neddeau in favor. Mayor Ware & Councilor Thompson opposing.
- ★ Consider dropping your ballot off at City Hall now through November 8th. City Hall will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. November 8th, 2022.
- ★ Council unanimously passed Ordinance 791 adding an emergency procedure for noxious weeds removal.



- ★ Ordinance 792: Camping. Council held a first reading. The ordinance would officially impose quiet hours and limit the number of cumulative days people can camp in Pioneer Park.
- ★ Council unanimously closed Spaulding Avenue late afternoon on December 2nd, for the Home for the Holidays tree lighting ceremony.
- ★ Council tabled an intergovernmental agreement with the Department of Land Conservation & Development (DLCD) regarding new requirements for flood and fire protection. Council cited funding issues as the primary source of objection while the continued loss of local control was also discussed.
- ★ Council voted unanimously to not support a bid by the Oregon Mayor's Association to request money from the State due to the impending implications of HB 3115 which will require cities to provide many services for homeless people.
- ★ Council unanimously adopted the Council meeting schedule for 2023. August is a recess month for Council. The schedule also features Budget Committee meetings.
- ★ Council unanimously approved an ad hoc committee for the Rec Center Renovation project.
- ★ Council will be meeting in committee to consider two agreements with the aforementioned CFA matters in the State of Oregon and on HB 3115 implications for future consideration.



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.