



Council Meeting Synopsis

Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers on June 27th, 2023.

- ★ All members of Council were present. Mayor Craven presided.
- ★ Central Linn School Superintendent Candace Pelt and Board President David Karo shared Central Linn School District's Strategic Plan and Capital Improvements Plan. Vocational learning will be the focus of the new facility and programming. The District has developed five pillars that will drive the administration's efforts in creating the school the community desires. The Board will give timely updates to ensure the process is working, desired outcomes are being created, and goals are met. Public participation has been the center piece of this effort.
- ★ Halsey City Administrator Hilary Norton and McDowell provided a brief overview of the Rural Economic Alliance's recently completed strategic plan. Six focus areas will guide the group's effort over the next five years. The Alliance is comprised of nine cities in Linn & Benton counties focused on developing economic opportunities for rural communities. The group's focus is centered around collaboration and relationships. Business Oregon and Linn & Benton counties have all been tremendous partners.
- ★ Mayor Craven opened the floor to discussion on the City's proposed budget and to discuss State Revenue Sharing. No members of the public commented on the proposed budget or the use of State Revenues.
- ★ Sergeant Frambes reviewed the stats for May highlighting several calls that included an assault, car vandalism and trespassing underneath the Linn County Museum. Frambes reported that the Pioneer Picnic went well. The Sheriff's Office continues to experience personnel coverage issues.
- ★ Public Works Superintendent Karl Frink reported progress on water filter upkeep, forward movement on the GR12 waterline project as the City prepares to place the project out for bid, and continued reviews on infrastructure installations around town. Public Works has picked up the additional work in Pioneer Park due to the Park Caretakers quitting on June 20th. Mr. Frink hopes to have replacement Caretakers in place July 5th.
- ★ Administrator Scott McDowell discussed details, logistics, and shared photos of the Rec Center Renovation project. The project is on schedule and due to be completed by September 30th, 2023. McDowell reported that the Small Municipalities Advocacy Coalition is finalizing agreements and materials to reach out to other communities. Training will occur at the end of August and first of September for Council members. Tammi Morrow reviewed tasks associated with closing out the fiscal year and completing the budget process. Morrow also said there were a significant number of letters and postings sent this year on the nuisance and weeds abatement program.
- ★ Resolution 2023.12: Water Rates Annual Adjustments Resolution: Council unanimously passed this resolution adopting a 6% increase for FY 2023.2024.
- ★ Resolution 2023.13: Sewer Rates Annual Adjustments: Council unanimously passed this resolution adopting a 6% increase for FY 2023.2024.
- ★ Resolution 2023.14: Adopting FY 2023-2024 Budget & Making Appropriations: Council unanimously passed this resolution adopting the budget for FY 2023.2024, making a nomenclature change that will allow certain funds to be used for the Rec Center Renovation project.



- ★ Resolution 2023.15: Year End Transfers FY 2022-2023: Council unanimously passed this resolution for accounting purposes.
- ★ Ordinance 799: HB 3115 (Martin v. Boise) (Second Reading): Council read the entirety of the ordinance into record. Council passed the ordinance 4-3. Councilor Chambers, Councilor Humphreys, Councilor Winklepleck and Councilor Solberg in favor; Councilor Hansen, Councilor LaCoste, and Mayor Craven in opposition.
- ★ Ordinance 801: Memorials (Second Reading): Council unanimously approved the Parks & Open Space Advisory Board's recommendation to amend the placement of memorials in Pioneer Park.
- ★ Council passed a unanimous motion to accept the delinquent accounts as presented and to file those accounts with the Linn County Assessor's Office.
- ★ Council discussed camping options in Pioneer Park. Councilor LaCoste and Councilor Chambers volunteered to work with Staff over the summer to bring recommendations back to Council and the Park Board in the fall.
- ★ The Park Caretakers quit on June 20th, and new Caretakers were hired June 26th with a start date of July 5th, 2023.

All information the Mayor & Council received for the meeting can be found on-line prior to every meeting and afterwards 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.

For more information, please visit <https://ci.brownsville.or.us>.



Upcoming Events

- Fourth of July Celebration | Breakfast served in the Pavilion from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Fireworks start at night fall.
- City Wide Garage Sale | July 15th | Chamber of Commerce Event
- Council Meeting | July 25th | Council Chambers | 7:00 p.m.
- Farmer's Market | Every Thursday | Library Park on Park Avenue | 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Emergency Communication Plans



Your family may not be together when an emergency occurs, whether it is a wildfire, flood, tornado, earthquake, or other natural disaster. It is important to know how you will contact one another and how you will get back together in case of an emergency. Landline and cellular phone systems are often overwhelmed following a disaster, so you may need to use text messaging or social media to communicate with family members and friends. Set up group text lines so you can communicate with several people at the same time. Keep important numbers written down in your wallet in case you cannot access the contact list in your phone. It is also important to identify someone outside of your community or state who can act as a central point of contact to help your household reconnect. In a disaster, it may be easier to make a long-distance phone call than to call across town because local phone lines can be jammed. For more information, including a sample household communication plan, visit www.ready.gov/make-a-plan.



Utility Bills

Utility bills tend to increase in the summer due to outside activities, watering your lawn, etc. If you think your bill is unusually high, you may want to check to see if there is a leak on your property. Turn off all water consumption sources, and check your meter to see if there is still water flowing through the meter. If the meter continues to record water usage, you are likely to have a leak. If you have an outside spigot that drips, or a toilet that runs continually, this water usage adds up quickly.

WATER SAVING TIPS FOR AROUND THE HOME

Reduce use by over 50%



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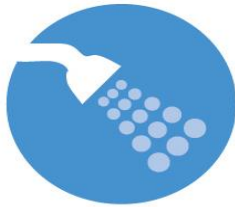
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USE A
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COLLECT
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WATER

The City of Brownsville treats 90 million gallons of water per year for consumption, and treats 110 million gallons of wastewater per year. The City has 22 miles of water and sewer lines.

The EPA reports that the US population has doubled over the past 50 years, while our thirst for water has tripled. With at least 40 states anticipating water shortages by 2024, the need to conserve water is critical. Let's all do our part to conserve this vital natural resource.



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Be Ready. Be Prepared.

The Central Linn Community could face a myriad of emergencies. From the ever-present earthquake threat, to flooding, to a gas line eruption, to a highway or railway chemical spill, changing conditions could cause an immediate need for an emergency plan that will keep you and your family safe and alive.

The Central Linn Community Emergency Preparedness Committee website is designed to give you access to tools and information that will help you in preparing yourself and your family. Please spread the word! The more people who are prepared in the event of a disaster, the better off our community will be able to respond. Please visit www.clcepc.org for more information.

LEARN MORE AND GET INVOLVED



Learn how to take action in emergency situations and provide lifesaving care before professional assistance arrives through **You Are the Help Until Help Arrives**.



Visit FEMA.gov/cert to find a Community Emergency Response Team program, and train to help your community respond and prepare for disasters.



Take a CPR and first aid class offered by a local community organization, so that you know what to do if a family member, neighbor or co-worker is hurt.