



Council Meeting Synopsis

Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers on July 25th, 2023.

- ★ All members of Council were present except Councilor Winklepleck who was excused. Mayor Craven presided.
- ★ McDowell provided a brief overview of cybersecurity issues facing everyone including the City. Twice a year McDowell is required to review these issues for insurance purposes. McDowell also gave an overview of associated City websites, <https://ci.brownsville.or.us>, <https://clcepc.org>, and <https://www.ruraleconomicalliance.com>, highlighting a few features of each site.
- ★ Librarian Sherri Lemhouse provided an overview of Library programs and statistics. Lemhouse features a robust programming schedule for people of all ages to create community at the Library. Since January 2023, 1171 e-books and materials have been checked out. The City has had over 8,000 patrons visit since January and over the year nearly 20,000 items have been checked out. To learn more about programs and happenings at your community library, please visit <https://www.brownsvillecommunitylibrary.org>.
- ★ Sergeant Frambes reviewed the stats for June highlighting several calls that included many calls involving juveniles. Frambes reviewed a burglary, illegal campers in Pioneer Park, and items stolen from a boat sitting in the right-of-way. Frambes said that he hopes to recommit to traffic soon.
- ★ 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. McDowell shared information about 811 and the City's responsibilities for City owned utilities in terms of repair and maintenance. Staff is preparing for the annual audit.
- ★ Betty Doren expressed concerns about drainage in her neighborhood. Doren shared frustrations about the implications and impact of the storm water and the lack of response, she feels, regarding this concern.
- ★ Council passed a unanimous motion to enter into an agreement with Dyer Partnership for engineering. Dyer Partnership has been the City Engineer for five years and City Engineer Ryan Quigley has served in that capacity for nearly fifteen years.
- ★ Council passed a unanimous motion to authorize Staff to appeal a recent ruling on the Brownsville Art Association's use of City Hall. The County recently ruled that the City would have to pay taxes on the City Hall due to the use/lease of the space utilized by the Art Association. The City has enjoyed an eleven-year partnership with the Association that has brought an eclectic and vibrant art community to Brownsville and south Linn County. Our art center is the envy of the south Willamette Valley.
- ★ Council will not meet in August – it is their once-a-year recess.
- ★ Council President Lynda Chambers attended the Muddy Creek Energy Park listening session in the Community Room. Chambers said there was a fair amount of opposition. She encouraged people to look into the project and consider attending future sessions to learn more.



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Upcoming Events

- ✿ Antique Faire | August 5th | Chamber of Commerce Event
- ✿ Hands on History | August 26th | Linn County Museum Event | Library Park
- ✿ Council Meeting | September 26th | 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.

Play your part, be water smart!
Wise Water Use

Water your yard and outdoor plants early or late in the day to reduce evaporation.

Take shorter showers - five minutes or less is best.

Put faucet aerators on sink faucets.

Install new toilets that use less than 1.6 gallons per flush.

Use plants that require less water.

Get an Energy Star labeled washing machine. Wash only full loads.

Turn off the water while soaping hands and brushing teeth.

Turn off sink faucet while scrubbing dishes and pots.

Use low flow showerhead.

Use a shut-off nozzle on your hose.

Mulch around plants to hold water in the soil.

Use a broom, not a hose, to clean driveways and walkways.

Save it, or do without it!