



Council Meeting Synopsis

Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers on February 27th, 2024.



- ★ All Council members were present except Councilor Humphreys & LaCoste. Mayor Craven presided.
- ★ *Sweet Home Sanitation* | Joshua Stanley reviewed Brownsville operations stating that 690+ tons of trash, 248 tons of yard waste & 122 tons of recycled material were removed from Brownsville in 2023. Last year's Cleanup Day removed over 12 tons of material. Cleanup Day 2024 will be held Saturday April 6th, 2024 in the Rec Center parking lot. On October 5th, 2024 Sweet Home Sanitation will be hosting a Household Hazardous Waste Day in Sweet Home. They have 768 customers in Brownsville.
- ★ *LCSO Statistics Website Review* | Sergeant Frambes reviewed the reason people are being pulled over for insurance. State Law requires insurance carriers to notify the DMV of uninsured motorists. The Sheriff's Office is pulling over motorists who show they have no insurance in the system. Several folks have been cited because they have had their license revoked. Frambes demonstrated the statistics on the Sheriff's web database. Overall, Brownsville is a safe place to live, and the Sheriff's Office is committed to doing what they can to maintain the peace. Mayor Craven relayed that he has received several positive comments about the traffic enforcement that the Office is doing in town.
- ★ *Rec Center Renovation Supplemental Budget Hearing* | Mayor Craven briefly explained the purpose of the hearing and opened the floor to the public. No one spoke about the proposed supplemental budget.
- ★ *City & EPC Website Reviews* | City Administrator Scott McDowell reviewed the functionality of the City operated websites.
- ★ *Public Works Report* | Public Works Superintendent Karl Frink reported on the many items Public Works completed at the Rec Center. Several items remain to be finalized by the contractor. Frink reported that 87+ million gallons of wastewater was discharged into the Calapooia River under the requirements of the City's NPDES permit from January 3rd through February 17th. Frink reported that things are going well with the GR12 waterline installation and improvements. The ice storm caused a lot of cleanup in Pioneer Cemetery.
- ★ *City Administrator Report* | Administrator Scott McDowell shared highlights from the Rec Center Open House thanking Staff, community partners and all who have worked on this major renovation. The GR12 project looks like it will be completed by the end of March. McDowell met with the Central Linn Recreation Association to express gratitude for the way the group has managed basketball season during this transition. There will be many details that will continue to be perfected over this next year as we settle into normal use at the Rec Center. Staff will be attending the annual CIS insurance conference in Salem. Recreational Immunity, SB 1576, passed the Senate and is currently being considered by the House. McDowell thanked Mayor Craven & Council for their efforts on advocacy.
- ★ *Librarian Sherri Lemhouse* talked about the history room showing the transformation through the years. Claudia Douglas has been a tremendous asset in organizing the information and making the room functional for the public. There are 115 years of the *Brownsville Times* in the room along with many other items of local historical interest including pioneer interviews done by Leslie Haskins. Lemhouse encouraged everyone to take advantage of the many programs that are held at the Library, highlighting the program on Hospice and the World Cultures series.
- ★ *Resolution 2024.03: Solid Waste Rates (Annual)* | Council unanimously passed this resolution approving a 4.12% increase in solid waste rates.
- ★ *Resolution 2024.04: Rec Center Renovation | Supplemental Budget* | Council unanimously passed this resolution appropriating gap financing for the completion of the Rec Center Renovation Project.



- ★ **Council Goals Review** | Council reviewed the goals for 2023-2024 and were pleased with the progress the City continues to make on Council goals & priorities.
- ★ Council unanimously appointed Rick Morrow to the Parks & Open Space Advisory Board.
- ★ Council approved the continued partnership with Cascade West Council of Governments Meals on Wheels program in the amount of \$1,300. The program serves over 56 Brownsville residents monthly. Councilor Hansen abstained citing familial reasons.
- ★ Council moved to allow Staff to review nuisance abatement processes for future consideration by Council.
- ★ **Potential Pioneer Park Event** | Council agreed by consensus that the proposal received from the event organizer is beyond the scope of Pioneer Park due to financial and planning requests made of the City along with undesirable, logistical considerations.

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

- Chamber of Commerce Monthly Meeting** | March 6th, 2024 | Community Room | City Hall
- Central Linn Recreation Association Meeting** | March 20th, 2024 | Rec Center | 7:00 p.m.
- Council Meeting** | March 26th, 2024 | Council Chambers | 7:00 p.m.

Softball and Baseball Signups

Registration for softball and baseball is open! Registration will close March 1st. Practice starts around April 1st and runs through early July. For more information, and to sign up, go to clrasports.org.



Brownsville Canal Company Meeting Notice

The Brownsville Canal Company will meet on Thursday, March 14th, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall to conduct general business and hold discussion.



Little steps. Big opportunities.

Get the resources you need to grow your child care business.

Child care matters – and not just for parents. When families can't access care, the whole community suffers. Did you know there's a major shortage of regulated child care providers in Linn, Benton, and Lincoln counties. At Growing Care, we want to fix this. We're here to help you start or grow a successful family child care business of your own.

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The City of Brownsville has emergency preparedness information on the website, www.ci.brownsville.or.us. The website covers topics such as a 72-Hour Kit, the Linn County Orange Book, electrical outages, etc. You can also access the Central Linn Community Emergency Preparedness Committee page at <http://clcepc.org/>. You will find lots of useful information!

Emergency preparedness starts with you
be prepared

make a plan **build a kit** **stay informed**

Ready.gov is an official website of the US Department of Homeland Security and has tons of information that will help you be prepared for many different types of emergencies. Check out their website for more information.

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Brownsville Clean Up Day is April 6th, 2024!

Brownsville's Annual City Wide Clean Up Day is coming soon!

This year's event will be held on Saturday, April 6th, 2024, in the Rec Center parking lot, behind City Hall at 255 N. Main Street. The crew will be there from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. You will need to be able to show your Sweet Home Sanitation bill to participate in this free service event.

You may be responsible for unloading and sorting your own items at the event site due to time constraints and the popularity of the event.

Curbside pickup for seniors and others with physical disabilities will be available, with 48 hours prior notice given to Sweet Home Sanitation for scheduling the pickup. Please call them directly to make arrangements at 541.367.2535.

This event is sponsored by City of Brownsville and Sweet Home Sanitation.

Acceptable Items:

- ★ Old Lumber (smaller than 4 ft. lengths) must also be bundled and easy to handle.
- ★ Old Appliances
- ★ Scrap Metal
- ★ Yard Debris (smaller than 4 ft.)
- ★ Passenger & Light Truck Tires (4 max per vehicle)

Unacceptable Items:

- ★ No Household Garbage
- ★ No Loose Trash
- ★ No Liquid Waste, Paint, or Pesticides
- ★ No Large Truck Tires