



Council Meeting Synopsis

Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m.
in Council Chambers on July 22nd, 2025.



- ★ All members of Council were present except for Councilor Eversull and Councilor LaCoste. Mayor Craven presided.
- ★ *Cyber Security Awareness* | McDowell highlighted the requirements of the City's insurance pertaining to cyber security. The rise of AI and quantum computing will shake up the cyber security world over the next few years. Council will continue to stay abreast of the developments to properly safeguard the City's computer infrastructure.
- ★ *Linn County Sheriff's Office Report* | Sergeant Frambes reported that the numbers for June were very low due in large part to an unusually high number of accidental death incidents. The Office is stretched thin when death investigations are involved due to cross-training on specialization areas. Frambes is hoping the rest of summer will return to normal call levels. Incidents in town included a knife fight, and a suicide attempt stopped by a Deputy who administered Narcan.
- ★ *City Administrator Report* | Administrator Scott McDowell reported the City's Standard & Poor's rating review process. The City should be receiving the ratings notification soon. McDowell reviewed a few of the upcoming events and shared that Connect Linn County will be hosting a weekly dinner in Pioneer Park. Visit their website for more details: <https://www.connectlinncounty.net/>.
- ★ *Authorize City Hall Painting Agreement* | Council voted unanimously to authorize the Mayor and the City Administrator to execute the necessary documents for this project.
- ★ *Brownsville Canal Company Meeting* | Members of the Brownsville Canal Company met on Thursday, July 17th, 2025 to discuss general business and to consider operational considerations for the non-profit. No new developments to report at this time.
- ★ *Citizen Comments* | No one commented.
- ★ *Council Comments* | No one commented.

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

Council | August Recess

Stand By Me Day | July 26th, 2025

Antique Faire | August 2nd, 2025 | Pioneer Park

Hand on History | August 23rd, 2025 | Library Park

Festival of Tents | Labor Day Weekend | Pioneer Park

Council | Next Meeting | September 23rd, 2025 | Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m.

Dinner in the Park | July 30th, August 6th, 13th, 20th at 5:30 p.m. | Pavilion



**Brownsville Community Library! Click on the QR Code to go to the website
and get all the up-to-date information on events and happenings!**



City of Brownsville
255 North Main Street
P.O. Box 188
Brownsville, OR 97327

PRSRT STD
ECRWSS
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
EDDM RETAIL

LOCAL PATRON

Planning Corner - New to Town & Friendly Reminders

Are you new to town & interested in updating your property but not sure what is allowed in your zone, if a permit is needed, or if the project will exceed lot coverages? Call Elizabeth at City Hall Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. or email her at assistant@ci.brownsville.or.us.

Friendly Reminders:

Permits are required for accessory structures, new fences (replacements also require review) & new construction (i.e., covered porches or patios). Questions? Elizabeth is happy to help, because “do first and ask for forgiveness later”...isn’t all it’s cracked up to be.

Accessory Structures: 200/15 Over & Under Rule If your **non-habitable, one-story** accessory structure is **OVER 200 sq. ft.** & exceeds 15ft high from the grade to the average height of the highest roof surface, a permit from both Linn County (\$TBD) & the City (\$30) are required. If your one-story, non-habitable accessory structure is **200 sq. ft. & UNDER**, a permit from the City only is required. **NOTE:** Onsite Setback Verification for fences & accessory structures is required.



SURVEY SAYS? Finding property pins can be tricky. If a survey was done for your property, a map with property dimensions & access to a **metal detector** can be great tools for this undertaking. You can call the Linn County Surveyor’s office (541.967.3857) to inquire about a recorded survey of your property. If one is available, it can be emailed, or you can pick up a hard copy (for a fee, depending on the size).

Wildfire Season

On July 16th, the governor declared a State of Emergency in Oregon due to imminent threat of wildfire. Several large fires have already exploded this year, with the Rowena Fire burning 63 homes in the Dalles in June. Oregon’s wildfire danger is forecast to remain above normal throughout the summer.

Preparation is key in mitigating potential fire loss. Creating an evacuation plan, maintaining a defensible space around your home, signing up for local alerts and notifications, preparing emergency supplies, and practicing fire safety are ways that you can significantly enhance your preparedness and protect your home and loved ones from potential threats. For more detailed information, refer to Ready.gov or the City of Brownsville’s Emergency Preparedness Committee website.



Thank you to everyone for keeping your property mowed in the City of Brownsville, thereby protecting your property and your neighbor’s property. It is Wildfire Awareness Month, so make a plan, get a kit, and stay informed.