



# Council Minutes

July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

**ROLL CALL:** Mayor Craven called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Councilor Chambers, Councilor Hansen, Councilor Winklepleck, and Councilor Solberg present. Administrative Assistant Tammi Morrow, and City Administrator Scott McDowell were also present.

**ABSENT:** Councilor Eversull and Councilor LaCoste were excused.

**PUBLIC:** Sravya Tadepalli, and Sarah Brown (*The New Era* | *Sweet Home*).

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS:** Mr. McDowell reported that the Public Works Report and an email response from Pacific Power regarding recent power outages have been placed on the dais tonight; Council Retreat will be rescheduled for a time when full Council can be in attendance.

**NEW CITIZEN'S COMMENT PROCEDURE:** Mayor Craven reviewed the newly implemented procedure for Citizen's Comments, and the signup sheets were distributed.

**MINUTES:** Councilor Solberg made a motion to approve the June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting minutes as presented. Councilor Chambers seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

## **PUBLIC HEARING | PRESENTATIONS:**

1. **Cyber Security Awareness.** McDowell reported that the City's insurance requires Staff to share cyber security awareness information semi-annually. The rise of AI and quantum computing will shake up the cyber security world over the next few years. Staff continue to stay vigilant on many fronts. McDowell reported that cybercrime is expected to skyrocket. Insuring cybercrime is an interesting choice. When criminals find out they could get paid off, it could be an encouraging factor for more incidents. Mr. McDowell stated that your computer is only as good as each end user. Council will continue to stay abreast of the developments to properly safeguard the City's computer infrastructure.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

1. **Linn County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) Report | Sergeant Steve Frambes.** 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.
2. **Public Works (PW).** This report is on the desk tonight.
3. **Administration.** Administrator Scott McDowell reported the Superintendent Frink is enjoying a night off due to a light Council agenda.

The City's Standard & Poor's (S&P) final rating review has been postponed. McDowell is hopeful that the City will retain or improve its stellar rating of AA-.

McDowell reminded Council of the three local events, Stand By Me Day, Antique Faire, and Festival of Tents happening soon.



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Connect Linn County, a new local non-profit, will be doing dinner at the park on Wednesdays starting tomorrow, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, until August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The community is invited and donations are accepted.

McDowell reported that it is time for several agreements to be reviewed; they will likely come to Council in September. McDowell will soon be installing two new computers, one in the library and one at City Hall. The City will also soon be migrating to the new website with Civics Plus. McDowell will present it to Council when complete.

4. **Planning.** No comments.
5. **Library.** No comments.
6. **Office.** No comments.
7. **Council Comments.** Mr. McDowell referred to the email from Scott Salazar, Pacific Power, found on Council's desk tonight. He recommends reviewing the email, and opening a discussion at the September Council meeting.

McDowell reported that the Communication Committee met last Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025, and will be meeting again before making any recommendations to Council at the September meeting.

Councilor Winklepleck reported that he, Mayor Craven, and Councilor Solberg met with the American Legion to discuss recognizing our hometown veterans. The American Legion will produce a list of eligible veterans for this honor and Mr. McDowell will order banners soon. The project will likely start with the first six light poles in the downtown area, and proceed from there.

8. **Citizen Comments.** No comments.

### **LEGISLATIVE:**

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **Authorize City Hall Painting Project.** Mr. McDowell stated that the project will clearly stay within the budget parameters, and match the Rec Center paint. Project completion is expected in late summer or early fall.

*Councilor Hansen moved to authorize Staff to proceed with the City Hall painting project agreement. Councilor Solberg seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.*

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. **Canal Company Outcome.** Members of the Brownsville Canal Company met on Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 to discuss general business and to consider operational considerations for the non-profit. No new developments to report currently.
2. **June Financials.** No comments.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS.** No comments.

**ADJOURNMENT:** *Councilor Winklepleck moved to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. Councilor Chambers seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.*

City Administrator S. Scott McDowell

Mayor Adam Craven