



**2021-2022 Council Goals**  
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**Goals 2021-2022**

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  - *Plan for the GR 12 Waterline Extension.*
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  - *Focus on Council Leadership Development & Training.*
  - *Continue Positive and Effective Working Relationship between Council and Staff.*
  - *Emphasis on Volunteer Training and Meeting Logistics & Procedures for All Boards & Committees.*
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  - *Develop a Standing Committee to develop an advocacy strategy, to write policy statements and stay abreast of legislative developments at the State & Federal level.*
  - *Focus on Home Rule, the League of Oregon Cities, the Cascade West Council of Governments, and other regional efforts to strengthen the City's policy positions.*



## Goals Progress Plan

### 1. Focus on the Fundamentals.

- *Protect & Manage Brownsville's Treasury.*
- *Foster Cooperative and Productive Relationships in Brownsville with the Central Linn Community, Linn County, & State & Federal Agencies.*

**Plan:** Council, the Budget Committee and Staff will continue working carefully with the annually adopted budget to ensure financial well-being and to complete the goals of the City. Staff will strive to provide services efficiently and effectively to maintain low costs. Staff will work to maintain the City's outstanding financial rating. Staff will execute the planned projects found in the FY 2020.2021 and FY 2021.2022 budgets, as time, priority and possible financial constraints allow.

Staff will continue to strive for excellence in all relational aspects locally and regionally. McDowell will continue his involvement with the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC), the Linn County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) Joint Cities Coalition, the Linn County Planning and Building Department meetings, City/County Insurance Services (CIS), International City Management Association (ICMA), Oregon City/County Management Association (OCCMA) and the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) as needed. Public Works Superintendent Frink works with various groups including 811. Administrative Assistant Elizabeth Coleman works with the Linn County Planning and Building Department and the Park Board.

Staff is also very involved at a local level. McDowell serves as a liaison to the Board of Directors for the Chamber of Commerce and attends other civic organization meetings as requested or required. Mayor Ware serves on the Central Linn Community Foundation and the Lions Club, among others. Councilor Thompson serves as the liaison to the Central Linn Recreation Association (CLRA). Mayor Ware serves on the Cascade West Council of Governments (COG) Board. Councilor Gerber serves on Cascade West Council of Government's Transportation Board. Councilor Humphreys will serve as the liaison to the Linn County Sheriff's Office (LCSO).

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### September 2021 Update

- ★ **Treasury** | The City passed a balanced budget with many exciting projects for 2021.2022. Council refinanced debt to save money. Council and Staff, namely Administrative Assistant Tammi Morrow, have been effective using CARES Act money to backfill expenditures related to the Pandemic. Singerlewak recently completed the annual audit visit and is currently preparing the final report for FY 2019.2020. Staff will make sure the documents are sent to the proper agencies including the Secretary of State's Office. New housing developments will cause an increase in the General Fund for the fourth year in a row. It is also important to remember that the tax bill will look different this year due to the refinancing. The City already collected the money for this year's payment, so it will not reflect on the tax bill this year.
- ★ **Relationships** | The summer months have been busy with regional efforts heating up due to the removal of the State lockdown requirements. The City signed an IGA with Lebanon and Sweet Home for disaster preparation (D-Prep). The group is currently working on received proposals for the execution of Phase I of that program.

The City has been working with the LCSO and the Linn County Planning and Building Department on continued improvements. LCSO will be making several changes in personnel due to the retirement of Undersheriff Paul Timms.



Personnel changes at the LCPBD led to a meeting with Commissioner Sprenger to discuss possible outcomes with the Department. The County is currently working on filing the top position in the Department.

Council and Staff are reviewing the guidelines and requirements for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) money.

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## February 2022 Update

- ★ **Treasury** | The City has completed two major capital improvements projects over the last part of 2021 and the first month of 2022. The Downtown Sanitary Sewer & Waterline (DTSS) project met with what could have been a massive change order as the crew encountered an old fuel tank. Fortunately, the total costs for removal of that tank was about half of what was originally projected; coupled with contract credits the total change orders will be less than \$20,000 on a \$518,000 project. The American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) provided over \$200,000 in funding to the City from the Federal government for pandemic relief. Council earmarked these funds for the DTSS project which was very propitious due to the construction costs. The City also finished the development of Remington Park. The project came in slightly under the project budget of \$60,000.

Inflation caused the Social Security Administration to adopt a 5.9% increase for 2022. The City's pay scale was adjusted accordingly. The City experienced continued growth in the housing market and we will see another increase in the City's General Fund for this upcoming fiscal year of close to 5%.

Staff is concerned about the impacts of inflation over the next year. The State continues to drive up permitting fees and other associated costs for operating the utilities.

- ★ **Relationships** | Work with regional partners has been moving forward, full speed ahead. The City is close to making a determination on a vendor for the IGA with Lebanon and Sweet Home for disaster preparation (D-Prep). The group is reassessing the steps forward after the sudden departure of Sweet Home City Manager Ray Towery.

The Mid-Valley Partnership (MVP) has been working to accomplish the goals of that IGA. McDowell was able to successfully apply for funding through Business Oregon to help fund the marketing effort which was a major component of that agreement. The financial relationship with RAIN was also improved by the award. The group has rebranded and will become REAL which stands for the Rural Economic Alliance. The group is now working with the University of Oregon on asset mapping and is looking to hire a RARE student to serve as point for this goal.

Staff has continued to improve relations with Linn County working with the Sheriff's Office contract cities, the improvements made to Planning & Building, working on advocacy with the District Attorney's Office, and hoping to work with the Commissioner's Office on economic development issues. The City is also under agreement with Business Oregon's Rural Opportunities Initiative (ROI) for the monies aforementioned. The City is reporting on ARPA funding too.

The City's new State Representative for 2023, Jamie Cate, has also been active with the City in the interim assisting with the corporate activities tax among other issues that are important to the City.



## June 2022 Update

★ **Treasury** | Staff prepared a budget for FY 2022.2023 that was approved by the Budget Committee. The Budget Committee wrestled with the impacts of inflation and the ever-rising cost of fuel. Inflation has continued above 8% multiple months in a row through the adoption of the budget. Staff remains extremely concerned about the impacts of inflation on the working budget for FY 2022.2023. Several area cities have seen tremendous increases in prices for public infrastructure that have made projects impossible to complete.

- **Present** | The City received another clean audit from SingerLewak. Staff is reviewing options to complete the Capital Projects Council has identified as priorities.

★ **Relationships** | The Rural Economic Alliance (REAL) finished logo work and is putting the finishing touches on the regional website that will be a great tool for every community. Council just extended the agreement for another two years so the objectives can be met. The pandemic caused substantial delay. All partners, including the City of Tangent, are moving forward with the priorities of the group.

Disaster Preparedness is moving forward. The City of Sweet Home is acting agent on behalf of the group and have forwarded a contract for Phase I with WSP. Work is slated to being in October 2022.

Staff has continued to improve relations with Linn County working with the Sheriff's Office contract cities, the improvements made to Planning & Building, working on advocacy with the District Attorney's Office, and hoping to work with the Commissioner's Office on economic development issues. The City is also under agreement with Business Oregon's Rural Opportunities Initiative (ROI) for grant funding to assist with REAL website development.

- **Present** | All City partnerships are working very well except the ones with the State of Oregon. DLCD and Climate Change initiatives are causing concerns as well as other implications from other agencies that continue to require cities to solve all of societies ills.



## 2. Water Rights.

- *Explore Possible Additional Water Source Options.*
- *Continually Work on Perfecting Water Rights.*
- *Complete Water Conservation Plan required by the State.*

**Plan:** Council recognizes water as the City's most valuable resource. The City will continue exploring additional resources such as procurement of upstream water rights and other possibilities that may exist in areas around Brownsville. Staff will continue to work with City Engineer Ryan Quigley and City Attorney Rolfe Wyatt on issues as they arise through the State Legislature and other agencies of the State such as the Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD). Staff will continually work on the Water Conservation Plan with Oregon Association of Water Utilities as hired in early 2021.

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## September 2021 Update

★ **Water Rights** | The City is now working with Attorney Sarah Liljefelt at Schroeder Law out of Portland. Long-time representative Wyatt Rolfe took a new position with a different firm. The City shut off the water to the Mill Race in early August due to extremely low water levels. The State Water Master did not send notice on the Mill Race to date.



- ★ **Conservation Plan** | Council hired Oregon Water Utilities Association (OAWU) to complete the necessary reporting to comply with the Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) requirement that the City have a Water Conversation & Management Plan completed by March 2022. Mr. Tim Tice of OAWU is working with Staff on this report. Staff and OAWU have notified the State of Oregon about where the City is in this process.
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### February 2022 Update

- ★ **Water Rights** | The City will be working with Dyer Partnership on water rights issues moving forward. Mr. Tim Tice assisted with the reverse water right for the Mill Race. Dyer is working on engineering to extend a water line from the GR12 well site. Schroeder Law continues to handle the City's legal issues surround water rights. Laura Schroeder is now our representative.
  - ★ **Conservation Plan** | Public Works Superintendent Karl Frink and Administrative Assistant Jannea Deaver continue to work on numbers for Oregon Water Utilities Association (OAWU) for the Water Conversation & Management Plan. Mr. Tim Tice has received a deadline extension from the State's Water Resources Department for the report.
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### June 2022 Update

- ★ **Water Rights** | The City has hired Dyer Partnership to work on water rights.
- ★ **Conservation Plan** | Mr. Tim Tice is putting the finishing touches on the Water Management & Conservation Plan. Council will need to pass legislation to finalize this process. Staff will soon submit all required reports to the State.
  - **June to Present** | Staff has worked hand in hand with Tim Tice to update requirements from OWRD. The plan is under final review by OWRD.



### 3. Economic Development Plan.

- *Participate in Regional Efforts and Opportunities in Real-Time.*
- *Implement the Mid Valley Partnership Agreement.*
- *Finalize Economic Analysis, Land Inventory and Urban Growth Boundary.*

**Plan:** Continue working with partners on regional economic development efforts.

**Definition:** The two chief focuses of Economic Development are 1) retaining existing business and 2) attracting new business.

The City will incorporate several new ideas from the Goal Setting session into the Land Inventory and Update.

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### September 2021 Update

- ★ **Mid-Valley Partnership** | The Mid-Valley Partnership (IGA) is moving ahead with the deliverables contained in the agreement signed in December 2019. The Pandemic slowed this project to a standstill for over a year. The group is currently out for proposals on the development of a stand-alone, joint website and marketing & branding materials.



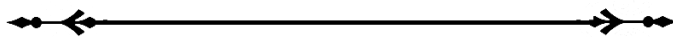
- ★ **Land Inventory** | Administrative Assistant Elizabeth Coleman continues to work closely with Mr. Dave Kinney to prepare for the completion of the land inventory and review process through Linn County and the State of Oregon, namely the Department of Land Conservation & Development (DLCD). Council & the Planning Commission will be heavily involved in public hearings to complete this project.
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### February 2022 Update

- ★ **Mid-Valley Partnership** | The Mid-Valley Partnership (IGA) is working on website development and bridging partnerships with other economic development efforts in Linn and Benton County. So far, the group has been successful completing objectives with the help of grant money from the Linn & Benton counties and the State of Oregon.
  - ★ **Land Inventory** | Administrative Assistant Elizabeth Coleman continues to work closely with Mr. Dave Kinney to prepare for the completion of the land inventory. The Planning Commission recently added a few issues that could be included in this project. The focus of this project is to ask for more developable land across multiple zones as well as adjusting the Brownsville Municipal Code to accurately reflect new rules that have been adopted by the State and requirements that will be beneficial to the City. Once the City starts the process, there will be several public meetings and discussions around the proposed changes as required by State law.
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### June 2022 Update

- ★ **Mid-Valley Partnership** | The Mid-Valley Partnership (IGA) finished up the website. The group is working on hiring a consultant to assist with a 5-year strategic plan with goals and projected outcomes. The ROI grant is still open and the City is awaiting the second payment for reimbursement. The City is serving as the grant applicant for the group.
  - **June to Present** | The group is making progress on the new strategic plan.
- ★ **Land Inventory** | Administrative Assistant Elizabeth Coleman is working hand in hand with Mr. Dave Kinney to add pieces that have been brought to their collective attention.. Once the City starts the process, there will be several public meetings and discussions around the proposed changes as required by State law.
  - **June to Present** | Waiting to seat the new Council before launching this project.



## 4. Community Development Plan.

- *Refine Brownsville Code Requirements & Public Works Standards.*
- *Adopt Building Rules and Standards to Preserve Historic Aesthetic.*
- *Emergency Preparedness Planning: Participate in Local and Regional Efforts to Expand Public Awareness and Readiness.*
- *Monitor Tort Limits, Recreational Immunity & Case Law impacting Local Amenities.*
- *Continue Promoting Youth Activities with Community Partners.*

**Plan:** Council would like to continue to explore ways to positively affect community livability. Council will explore building rules and standards to solidify the historic look and feel of Brownsville. The City continues working with ad hoc volunteer committee promoting community emergency preparedness efforts as defined by the Brownsville Municipal Code. Staff will work with the Brownsville Rural Fire District, Halsey-Shedd Rural Fire Protection District, the City of Halsey and



the Central Linn School District to accomplish Council directives. Council will continue to explore options for the Central Linn Rec Center and the Pioneer Park Pavilion with various partners including the City of Halsey and the Central Linn School District. Council will continue to monitor attacks against recreational immunity through various sources such as the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) and CIS.

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### September 2021 Update

- ★ **EPC** | The Emergency Preparedness Committee continues work on their annual goals. Several outreach projects have been curtailed due to the Pandemic. D-Prep is also a new dynamic that assists the City in emergency preparedness operations. Linn County also recently hired Ric Lentz as the new EMA Coordinator.
  - ★ **State Legislation** | Council and Staff will soon review all the bills that were passed in Salem this last long-session. There were many concerns that could several hamper municipal operations being considered as always. Three areas of major concern were increases to tort limits, abridgement of recreational immunity and discretionary immunity.
  - ★ **Youth Activities** | Councilor Craven recently was appointed as the liaison with the Rec Center. Council opened facilities and allowed the Rec Center to operate their baseball/softball program this summer. Librarian Lemhouse operated the summer reading program at the Library. Council also passed a budget that includes renovations to the Rec Center and the pavilion.
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### February 2022 Update

- ★ **EPC** | The Emergency Preparedness Committee recently delivered their annual report to Council. The pandemic has hampered in-person events, so the EPC has relied on newsletters to continue raising public awareness on emergency issues. Linn County has also been active with new EMA Coordinator Ric Lentz.
  - ★ **State Legislation** | Council and Staff have been working toward several advocacy issues. The short session will soon be over and bring with it more requirements and rules to implement.
  - ★ **Youth Activities** | Sean Johnson stepped down as Central Linn Recreation Association President. Katy Kallai became president. Youth sports and activities has begun again in full swing as the State slowly comes out of pandemic response. Staff is working with Woodblock & Associates to complete Phase I of the assessment of the Rec Center for a major renovation slated to being in 2023.
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### June 2022 Update

- ★ **EPC** | The Emergency Preparedness Committee began community outreach efforts in person again this year. The Committee is planning for a community event in October.
  - **Present** | EPC continues their efforts as described by ordinance.
- ★ **State Legislation** | Staff have been working toward several advocacy issues. Implications of HB 3115 must be explored to determine the City's next steps.
  - **Present** | Several other issues around affordable housing and climate change has been imposed on the City. HB 3115 is a pressing matter at this point.



★ **Youth Activities** | Staff has been working with Katy Kallai on bylaws and other elements of organizational development for the Association. Staff continues working with Woodblock & Associates to complete Phase I of the assessment of the Rec Center for a major renovation slated to begin in 2023.

○ **Present** | McDowell has been working closely with the Association's leadership to 'right the ship' and get them moving forward in a productive manner. Council passed an addendum to the Central Linn Recreation Association agreement adding janitorial services at the end of 2022. Councilor Michael Humphreys was appointed in January as Council's liaison to the Association.



## 5. Capital Improvements Plan.

- *Construct Downtown Wastewater Improvements.*
- *Plan for the GR 12 Waterline Extension.*
- *TMDL Review, Monitoring and Implementation Elements.*
- *Work toward Recreation Center Renovation & Construction of New Pavilion.*
- *Move forward with Canal Company plans.*

**Plan:** Staff will continue to execute engineering and manage the construction of the old, sewer lines in Old Town Commercial. Staff will prepare for the design and installation of the GR 12 waterline. Staff and Council will work as required to cautiously move forward with TMDL requirements. Staff will continue working with the Ad Hoc Committee assigned to looking into the renovation of the Central Linn Rec Center and the relocation of the Pioneer Picnic Pavilion.

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### September 2021 Update

- ★ **Downtown Sanitary Sewer (DTSS)** | Council entered into a contract with Pacific Excavation to build the sanitary sewer and water line in the downtown area. Projected start date is October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The contract will probably be a ninety day contract for completion. The City is stretched budgetarily on this project. Public Works Superintendent Karl Frink will serve as project inspector and City Engineer Ryan Quigley will also provide contract oversight and direction.
- ★ **GR 12 Water Line** | Council and Staff budgeted for this project to start. ARPA money may allow this project to happen this fiscal year. The line is important for future water capacity for the City. Improvements need to be made to the Water Treatment Plant to fully capitalize on the water capacity for the citizens.
- ★ **TMDL Plan** | The State of Oregon deemed the City a Designated Management Agency (DMA) which requires an official plan to be submitted to the State for review and approval. Council has continually been warned about the financial impacts of this unfunded mandate. Now the full power of the State can be levied against cities on compliance issues. Major fines have been assessed in communities across the United States.
- ★ **Recreation Center & Pavilion** | The City was working on the renovation of the Rec Center and the citing of a new pavilion at Pioneer Park prior to the Pandemic. Council needs to consider next steps for the project as many players have changed and the dynamics of community need has also been impacted.





## February 2022 Update

- ★ **Downtown Sanitary Sewer & Waterline (DTSS)** | The City successfully completed this contract. Pacific Excavation, Eugene, Oregon, did a fantastic job completing this work. The City would also like to thank the downtown business owners who were very cooperative during the pre-construction and construction phases.
- ★ **GR 12 Water Line** | The City has asked the Dyer Partnership to move forward with design for this important project. Future utility capacity issues hinge on the completion of this project.
  - **January 2023** | Staff has met with Linn County Officials about securing a necessary easement for this project. Staff has also met with Dyer Partnership to work out logistical routing issues. Work continues.
- ★ **TMDL Plan** | The City will be working with engineering to complete new requirements imposed by the State of Oregon since naming the City a Designated Management Agency (DMA). The City is still unclear as to all the requirements and implications of those requirements.
  - **March to Present** | Dyer Partnership working alongside Staff developed a plan that met the basic requirements of the Designated Management Agency (DMA) requirements imposed on all cities by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). The new plan is still under review by the State. Council passed the regular TMDL at their January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting and the report has been put on file with DEQ as well.
- ★ **Recreation Center & Pavilion** | The City was working on the renovation of the Rec Center and the citing of a new pavilion at Pioneer Park prior to the Pandemic. Council needs to consider next steps for the project as many players have changed and the dynamics of community need has also been impacted.
  - **March to Present** | Staff has been actively working with Woodblock & Associates to develop specifications and plans for the renovation. Staff has met with an ad hoc fundraising committee and filed the report with Mayor Craven and Councilor Hansen. Staff has met with a separate ad hoc committee determining color schemes and making certain choices for the specifications. Public Works Superintendent Karl Frink has been instrumental in preparing for this project in many ways. Frink will install a water for the newly required fire suppression system in the late spring.
- ★ **January 2022 to Present** | Several potential developments have caused the City to look into adding a sewer lagoon to handle the additional loading. Dyer Partnership is in the exploratory phase for this lagoon design. The City has considered a moratorium on development, but national economic factors have stopped growth. Public Works Superintendent Karl Frink and Dyer Partnership are working on dichlorination at the South Wastewater Treatment Plant due to chemical shortages and other Federal implications.

## 6. Organizational Development.

- *Focus on Council Leadership Development & Training.*
- *Continue Positive and Effective Working Relationship between Council and Staff.*
- *Emphasis on Volunteer Training and Meeting Logistics & Procedures for All Boards & Committees.*

**Plan:** Council recognizes the need for additional training & development. Council will continue to improve in two ways, 1) collectively through regular group discussions and evaluations, and 2)



executing their individual roles as community leaders. Council will look at new ways to work together to accomplish shared organizational goals and address community issues with Staff. Council will work to ensure that all Boards and Committees are properly trained, and procedures are periodically reviewed. Council will take a more proactive role with volunteer support. Council will continue to check in with Staff and stay abreast of community happenings.

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### September 2021 Update

- ★ **Council Training** | Council is actively working on leadership development and group dynamics issues. Council will continue to check in and monitor progress as the new group moves through meetings and community issues they are faced with in real-time.
  - ★ **Council-Staff** | The City has some work to do in this area. Working together has been the hallmark of the City's success. Council has done well with preparing for meetings and learning about the issues that are being discussed or what issues should be discussed by Council.
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### February 2022 Update

- ★ **Council Training** | Council continues to take steps toward improving groups dynamics, but have been met with many internal conflicts. This year has been very difficult for Council due to several contentious meetings dealing with the pandemic, a recall effort, and a member taking issue with certain Council decisions. Hopefully, the continuing contentious behavior will subside or stop completely so the group can accomplish their goals without causing undue problems for Staff and the City.
  - ★ **Council-Staff** | The City has taken a major step backwards in this area. Mayor Ware and Council President Dave Hansen have recently made efforts to improve Council leadership. Councilor Gerber resigned over the summer and the City saw Councilor Chambers rejoin the group.
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### June 2022 Update

- ★ **Council Training** | Staff provided handouts through the year and reviewed certain information to keep Council moving forward in the area.
- ★ **Council-Staff** | Council was fairly lame-ducked through the Fall.
  - **January to Present** | McDowell has meet with Mayor Craven to assist in developing Craven's plans for the City. McDowell has met with the new Councilors to train them on their basic functions and to bring them up to speed on the many projects the City is currently working on.



## 7. Advocacy Plan.

- *Develop a Standing Committee to develop an advocacy strategy, to write policy statements and stay abreast of legislative developments at the State & Federal level.*
- *Focus on Home Rule, the League of Oregon Cities, the Cascade West Council of Governments, and other regional efforts to strengthen the City's policy positions.*

**Plan:** Council recognizes the need for advocacy and would like to engage during the current legislative session while exploring other ways to engage both regionally and locally. Actively working



on protection of Home Rule, recreational immunity, keeping and supporting tort limits and monitoring other impositions by the State government into local affairs. Council may develop a local advocacy plan that would include, 1) specific legislative items being considered by the State of Oregon, 2) prepare policy statements on those items, and 3) form letter writing efforts to improve municipal authority as allowed by the Oregon Constitution.

### September 2021 Update

- ★ **Advocacy** | Council has not officially started this piece.
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### February 2022 Update

- ★ **Advocacy** | Council moved forward with an effort to help the City's local pharmacy. Councilor Humphreys and Councilor Chambers visited with pharmacy owner Joe Ervin to learn about the impacts of the corporate activities tax (CAT) that has caused many rural pharmacies to close. Bi-Mart also shuttered their pharmacy due to the negative impacts of this new State tax policy.  
Councilor Hansen and Councilor Craven visited with Linn County District Attorney Doug Marteeny to discuss State policies that are negatively impacts public safety. The City will continue to work with the Sheriff's Office to advocate on issues that keep citizens safe.  
Council also took steps in an effort to protect Staff from illegal mandates and unwarranted harassment.
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### June 2022 Update

- ★ **Advocacy** | Councilor Michael Humphreys and Councilor Lynda Chambers extended their support for law enforcement issues at the quarterly Sheriff's Office meetings.
  - **January to Present** | Mayor Craven reached out to meet with House Representative Jami Cate. McDowell accompanied Craven to the meeting to review major City issues and the problems being imposed by the State Legislature.
  - Mayor Craven, Council President Lynda Chambers, Councilor Mike Winklepleck, Councilor Trapper Solberg attended League of Oregon Cities Capitol Day and met with the City's representatives. House Representative Jami Cate and State Senator Cecil Hayden

