



Council Meeting Synopsis

Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers on February 28th, 2023.

- ★ All members of Council were present. Mayor Craven presided.
- ★ Chris Kjar & Joshua Stanley presented on behalf of Sweet Home Sanitation. Kjar outlined recent personnel changes while Stanley highlighted corporate values & operational model, safety record, hours spent in town and amount of refuse collected. Sweet Home Sanitation was requesting an 8.15% user rate increase. Factors for the rate increase included increases for Fuel (48%), Personnel (17%), Equipment (18%), and Technology (17%).
- ★ McDowell gave an overview of the League of Oregon Cities website and how it dovetails with the Oregon Legislative Information System (OLIS). McDowell opened a few House and Senate Bills, showed how to find the text of the Bill, how to comment, and how to register for testimony.
- ★ McDowell gave a brief overview of proposed Council Goals for 2023.2024 as directed by Council. Capital projects such as the Rec Center Renovation, the GR12 waterline extension, and planning for an additional sewer lagoon, head up the priorities Council is working on. Council is also charting a course of active advocacy on issues impacting City operations and looking into the development of a larger social media footprint to name a few other priorities. Goals can be found on the City website and are included in every Council agenda packet.
- ★ Public Works Superintendent Karl Frink has been updating the City's Backflow & Cross-connection Program that will be rolling out for customers soon. Frink's plan makes it easier for customers to comply with the State's backflow laws. Frink reported the State delivered their final version of the City's Water Management & Conservation Plan (WMCP). Frink & McDowell will review the requirements and develop a plan of action. The City is required to implement certain elements within specific timeframes. The new River's Edge subdivision added 68 new backflow devices. City Engineering is finishing the details of the GR12 waterline project. The line will add an additional 530 units of capacity for the City. Currently, the City has 857 units. Frink reported that Public Works recently successfully completed wastewater discharge. The City has until May to discharge. Frink said operations will begin next to week to get Pioneer Park ready to open.
- ★ Administrator Scott McDowell said many Councilors attended Capital Day in Salem, hosted by the League of Oregon Cities. The Disaster Preparedness effort continues with Sweet Home & Lebanon and Staff will be attending a review in two weeks. The Rural Economic Alliance is working on developing a five-year strategy and goals. Cities include Brownsville, Halsey, Harrisburg, Tangent, Lebanon, Sweet Home, Monroe, Philomath & Adair Village. See REAL's website for more information, <https://www.ruraleconomicalliance.com>. McDowell shared some advocacy articles and reviewed potential impacts of certain items being considered by the State Legislature. The City now has the capability of electronically depositing checks remotely. McDowell encouraged everyone to check out the Policy FYI document on the City website for more information on a variety of topics.
- ★ Resolution 2023.04: Solid Waste Rates (Annual): Council unanimously passed this resolution that raises refuse bills as requested by Sweet Home Sanitation.
- ★ Ordinance 796: Legislative Advocacy & Policy Committee (Emergency): Council unanimously passed this ordinance that creates a legislative advocacy committee that will make recommendations to Council.



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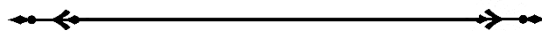


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- ★ Council unanimously passed an agreement addendum for the Calapooia Food Alliance to use a portion of Park Avenue for the Farmer's Market and made provisions for fencing and a storage shed at the new location for the community garden on Main Street.
- ★ Council appointed Felipe Eversull & Matt Schoemaker to the Budget Committee and Barbara Andersen to the Planning Commission.
- ★ Council officially adopted goals for the next two years. Please visit the City's website for more information. Council tabled discussion on Council Values until the March 28th, 2023 meeting.
- ★ Council authorized Mayor Craven and City Administrator McDowell to review an issue involving the sanitary sewer that will be serving a future, final addition to the River's Edge subdivision. Council authorized a limit of \$35,000 that could potentially be used toward the sewer.

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.



Upcoming Events

- Chamber of Commerce Meeting | March 8th | Community Room | 6:00 p.m.
- Central Linn Recreation Association Meeting | March 15th | Rec Center Music Room | 7:00 p.m.
- Council Meeting | March 28th | Council Chambers | 7:00 p.m.
- Clean-Up Day | April 1st | Rec Center Parking Lot | 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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