



Council Meeting Synopsis

Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers on April 25th, 2023.

- ★ All members of Council were present. Mayor Craven presided.
- ★ Linn County Pioneer Association President Debie Wyne & Karmel Curtis requested permission to have a beer garden for this year's Pioneer Picnic. Council authorized the request, 6-1, based on Brownsville Municipal Code, Chapter 9. Council modified the ordinance in 2010.
- ★ McDowell reported on the required Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) mandates concerning Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL). The State deemed all cities Designated Management Agencies (DMA) in March 2021 so the State can start fining and levying mandatory improvements for stormwater systems. The City has been trying to comply with the mandate that started as a voluntary program but is anything but that now. The City is working on complying with this unfunded mandate and was unnecessarily threatened by DEQ. The end goal of TMDL is to require cities to treat stormwater. For Brownsville to install the necessary infrastructure for this program, the costs would be close to \$25 million dollars. The City already has \$56 million in assets with nearly half in critical condition.
- ★ Linn County Sheriff's Office Deputy Brian Hardy filled in for Sergeant Frambes. Hardy reviewed the stats for March. Hardy said that the State has cleared the way for a mental health emergency line, 988, which will act like 911. The program does not have enough funding to work just yet, but is being built out. Linn County does have a mental health team that responds to certain kinds of law enforcement calls. Hardy indicated that no progress has been made on the counterfeiting issue due to tracking logistics.
- ★ Administrator Scott McDowell shared that Budget Committee will meet Thursday, April 27th and on May 4th. McDowell reviewed several construction logistics for the Rec Center Renovation project. City Hall will be an official Ballot Drop Site for the May 16th, 2023 election.
- ★ Resolution 2023.08: State Shared Revenues & Services Verification: Council unanimously passed this resolution to comply with State Budget Law eligibility requirements.
- ★ Resolution 2023.09: River's Edge Open Space Disbursement Accounting: Council unanimously passed this resolution that clarifies accounting for a recent partial reimbursement for open space in the River's Edge subdivision.
- ★ Ordinance 797: Curfew (Second Reading): Council unanimously passed an amended curfew law to match the State law which is used by the Linn County Sheriff's Office.
- ★ Ordinance 800: Farm Animals (Emergency): Council passed this ordinance which prohibits bee keeping inside City limits, 6-1.
- ★ Proclamation: Linn County Pioneer Association – Mayor Craven recognized Pioneer Picnic as a time honored, Brownsville tradition.
- ★ Proclamation: Mental Health Month – Mayor Craven declared May Mental Health Month to highlight the importance of mental health awareness.
- ★ Proclamation: Older Americans Month – Mayor Craven declared May Older Americans Month highlighting the invaluable contributions senior citizens make in Brownsville.
- ★ Council unanimously authorized a coordination letter to be sent to the Linn County Pioneer Association for this year's 136th celebration.



- ★ Council awarded the Central Linn Recreation Center Renovation project to JE John Company out of Vancouver, Washington. The total amount of the award is \$2,095,400 which includes a 10% contingency. Work is slated to begin June 1st, 2023 and be completed by September 30th, 2023. The Mayor and Administrator were authorized to seek a loan for additional money to complete the project.
- ★ Council unanimously approved the closure of Park Avenue on August 26th, 2023 for Linn County Museum's Hands on History Event in Library Park.
- ★ Council unanimously approved the OLCC liquor licenses for Brownsville.
- ★ Council unanimously modified the partnership agreement with the Senior Center.
- ★ Please take a look at the website (www.ci.brownsville.or.us) where you can kind find useful information and helpful links.

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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 | May 10th | Community Room | 6:00 p.m.
- Central Linn Recreation Association Meeting | May 17th | Rec Center Music Room | 7:00 p.m.
- Council Meeting | May 23rd | Council Chambers | 7:00 p.m.
- Budget Committee | April 27th & May 4th | Community Room | 7:00 p.m.

For more information, please visit <https://ci.brownsville.or.us>.



Carriage Me Back, everyone's favorite springtime event, is happening Saturday, May 6th



and Sunday, May 7th. Back after 3 years absence due to the pandemic, Carriage Me Back is a rollicking good time for adults and kids alike. Ticketholders hop on the horse drawn carriage at the Museum for a ride around town, stopping here and there for historical skits (this year set in 1923), ending up at the historic Moyer House where the entertainment carries on. Make your reservations now for a full carriage (20 people); individual ticket

sales begin April 1st. Contact the Museum at (541)466-3390.

Weeds & Nuisances | The City will begin inspecting properties for tall weeds and nuisances very soon. Properties must keep weeds below 12". The City also checks properties for abandoned vehicles, trash, tires, appliances, and furniture to ensure compliance with Brownsville Municipal Code Chapter 8.



Utility Bills Explained

ACCOUNT NUMBER
Your meter is linked to your address.

PRESENT READING
Number shows current usage on the 15th.

PREVIOUS READING
Number is usage from previous month on the 15th.

UNITS USED
1 Unit = 1 Cubic Foot of Water
1 Cubic Foot = 7.48 Gallons of Water
80 Units = 598 Gallons of Water

Sewer Debt: Flat rate of \$15 goes to pay down the \$9,863,079 debt that includes the Water Bonds (1996) and the Wastewater Bonds (2007).

DUE DATE
Bills are always due on the 10th.

DATE BILL MAILED

DAYS USED
Meters are read monthly on the 15th.

Cost for Water Usage Portion of Bill

Cost for Sewage Usage Portion of Bill

Flat rate for Future System Improvements

AMOUNT DUE
Your total bill for service provided for the month.

SERVICE ADDRESS
Your property where service is being provided.

ACCOUNT NUMBER	DATE BILL MAILED
[REDACTED]	02/28/2019
PRESENT READING	
20195	
PREVIOUS READING	
20115	
UNITS USED	DAYS USED
80	27
DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
PAST DUE BALANCE	-0.03
Water Service	25.43
Sewer Service	44.06
Sewer Debt	15.00
WATER CAPITAL IM	2.50
Flat rate for Future System Improvements	
DUE DATE	AMOUNT DUE
03/10/2019	86.96
SERVICE ADDRESS: [REDACTED]	
KEEP THIS STUB FOR YOUR RECORDS	

MONTHLY SERVICE CHARGE

In-City			Base Rate
Base Rate	0 - 300 c.f.	\$ 29.72	Includes up to 300 Cubic Feet of Water or 2,244 gallons. Additional water is calculated using the tiers of the schedule.
Additional From	301 - 600 c.f.	\$ 1.93 per hundred c.f.	
Water Rate Schedule	601 - 1000 c.f.	\$ 2.14 per hundred c.f.	
	1001 - 1500 c.f.	\$ 2.20 per hundred c.f.	
	1501+ c.f.	\$ 2.40 per hundred c.f.	

In-City Sewer Charges:

In-City Sewer Charges:			Base Rate
Average Usage	0 - 300 c.f.	\$ 40.53	Includes up to 300 Cubic Feet of wastewater or 2,244 gallons. Rate is based on December, January & February which are the lowest flow months of the year. So, if during those three months your average is 200 c.f. your rate for the year would be \$40.53.
Sewer Rate Schedule	400 - 500 c.f.	\$ 47.67	
	600 - 800 c.f.	\$ 51.50	
	900 + c.f.	\$ 56.88	
Sewer Only		\$ 51.50	

New customers start at tier three. All accounts are adjusted annually.



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Expanded & Enhanced transit service, to meet the needs of the community.

Brownsville Connector

The Brownsville Connector service will make 5 round trips from Lebanon to Brownsville each Tuesday and Friday.

We have 3 scheduled stops in Lebanon and Brownsville, with fixed departure times. Once riders are in Lebanon, they can get from point to point by calling the LINX Transit office at 541-258-4920 and/or following the LOOP schedule in Lebanon.

Connector Schedule:

	<u>Depart</u> Lebanon Senior Center	<u>Depart</u> Brownsville American Legion	<u>Depart</u> Brownsville Assembly of God Church
Trip 1	7:10	7:55	8:10
Trip 2	9:10	10:05	10:20
Trip 3	11:40	12:45	1:05
Trip 4	2:05	3:05	3:25
Trip 5	4:30	5:35	5:50

- Service provided every Tuesday and Friday
- Please call by 4:15pm to get from Lebanon back to Brownsville
- Please call by 5:30pm to get from Brownsville back to Lebanon

Guidelines:

- Look for the bus 10 minutes before and after your scheduled pick up time.
- When canceling a ride, call at least 30 minutes before your pick up time.
- Wear your seatbelt unless a doctor's note forbids it.
- The are not able to provide emergency transport.
- Animals are allowed when confined to a carrier with the exception of service animals. The ADA defines a service animal as any guide or signal animal trained to provide assistance to an individual with a disability. However, if the animal's behavior poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others, it will not be allowed on the bus.
- Children 12 years and under must be accompanied by an adult and be restrained in an approved safety seat per Oregon State law.
- Please be mindful of shopping purchases when using LINX Transport, so packages are manageable and can be transported in the shared bus space.
- Wheelchair/walker access is available.
- No smoking/eating/drinking on the bus.
- No cell phone calls while on the bus.
- Follow code of conduct when riding LINX, posted on the bus and in Rider Guide.