



Staff Highlights – 2023-05-16

City Council

City Manager

Former Rio Dell Police Officer Nick Carnahan has recently received a lot of praise for his actions on April 13 when helped save the life of an infant who was choking. Carnahan now works for the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office.

City issued an Every Door Direct newsletter on May 3rd.

Staff met with representatives from the FEMA Hazard Mitigations Grant Program (HMGP) to discuss a solar project at the corporation yard that has the potential to dramatically extend energy independent water and wastewater services in the event of an extended power outage. While this is a rare project for HMGP, representatives felt that it was viable to pursue.

The California Seismic Safety Commission will be holding a hearing at the River Lodge4 Conference Center on Tuesday, May 23, 2023 starting at 4:00pm and lasting as late as 10:00pm. The Main topic of discussion is the December 20, 2022 Earthquake. Members of the public are urged to attend to provide public comment on their concerns, observations or other issues. Various State and local leaders will also provide testimony.

City Clerk

Processed Eight (8) Building Permit Applications

975 Webb Lane – 100 Amp Service Panel
540 Second Ave. – Foundation Repair
1185 Eeloa Ave. – Sewer Lateral and 2 Cleanouts
113 First Ave. – Sewer Lateral
565 Hilltop Dr. – Replace Damaged Siding
330 Berkeley St. – Reset manufactured Home on Foundation
770 Walnut Dr. – Re-Roof Residence
157 Grayland Heights – PV Solar

Processed Six (6) Business License Applications:

KB Consulting – 278 Wildwood Ave.
Desserts by Jean – Cottage Food Industry



The Cookie Corner – Cottage Food Industry
Crunchy Sweet Creations – Cottage Food Industry
Shazia Shahzad – E & J Market (New Owner of E & J Liquors)
Cutz Consulting, LLC – Mobile Consulting

Processed One (1) Encroachment Permit Application:

PG&E – Gas Service at 749 Pacific Ave.

Misc.

Prepared Agenda for 4/19 Beautification, Walkability and Pride Com. Meeting
Responded to multiple requests for information from City Clerk's List-Serv
Submitted U.S. Dept. of Commerce Building/Zoning Permit Report for April
Submitted CHF/CIRB Building Permit Report for April
Submitted Bureau of Labor Statistics Report for May
Attended Long Term Recovery Group (LTRG) Zoom meetings on 5/3 & 5/11
Completed Online Sexual Harassment Training (AB-1825/1661)

City Attorney

Human Resources, Risk & Training

Finance Department

Building out Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget

Assist the water department in gathering information for the Water Electronic Annual Report

Eel River Trail Time Extension Request with Clean Ca Reps coordinated with the non-infrastructure portion of the project (RCAA)

Met with state officials regarding possible hazard mitigation grant project

Forwarded documentation needed to file earthquake damage claims with Cal OES for Rio Dell Fire

Assist GHD in gathering information for CWSRF Grant Application

Continue to work with CalOES to finalize the List of Projects for Earthquake related damage

Submitted claims for reimbursable expenses related to Earthquake Damage

Provide updates to CleanCA reps updating progress on grants

Coordinate with RDPD and City Hall phone system



Coordinating engagement letter for Audit Services for the upcoming Fiscal Year

Coordinate with Caltrans to make sure all qualified road damage had properly executed Damage Assessment Forms completed

Continue work on CDBG grant opportunity for Owner and Tenant Occupied Rehab

Updated documents in the Finance area of the City website

Work with GHD gathering documentation for the Rio Dell Eel River Crossing Pipeline Seismic Retrofit Project, Painter Street CWSRF Grant, and Earthquake-related damage sites.

Public Works Water

Work on replacing water treatment facility plant finished water pumps

Work on Cl2 pump for water treatment facility.

Monthly Report to SWRCB

Replaced Air Relief Valves on Water Treatment Plant Filters

Elm St Leak repair locations: Two in front of 186 Elm St, one in front of 125 Elm St and one in front of Brian's Automotive shop.

Leak repaired in front of 250 Tolman Pl.

Leak repaired in front of 123 Ash St.

Leak repaired in front of 220 Willow Ln.

Leak on Belleview Ave repaired.

Leak repaired in front of 765 Walnut Dr.

Leak repaired in front of 85 E Bridge St.

Public Works Wastewater

Routine Cleaning of the Collection system.

Spring cleaning and help utilities crew with city wide mowing.

Budget preparation with Finance department

Plant wash down or Clarifiers



Scheduling Site visit with GHD for the Chloramine system and Contact Basin Evaluation for damages caused by Earthquake.

Sewer Lateral inspections at River St., 1st Ave and West Davis.

Annual Chronic toxicity testing repeat testing.

Preparing the Irrigation fields for Dry weather Discharge.

Renewing Licensing for Radios for FCC.

Hired/ Job offers for two full time positions: Utilities and Waste/Water operator.

Submitted Annual Volumetric Effluent report to State.

Waiting for State approval of TSO extension and Compliance project order to be approved. Current in the 30 day public notification phase.

Working on Scheduling CCTV crew to come back and video other possible areas of damage plus SSES project.

Public Works Streets, Buildings and Grounds

Recovered fallen stop ahead sign on Northwestern Ave and installed new pole.

Cleaned up fallen branches on Eeloa Ave and Monument Rd.

Mowed North Gateway.

Asphalt patching on Gunnerson Ln and Ogle Ave.

Repair river bar access road.

Public Works City Engineer

Public Works Capital Projects

Police Department

The Department had the following statistics for the period of April 26 to May 9, 2023. The summation of Calls for Service may greater than the total as multiple officers can now be assigned to the same call for service. There may also be administrative calls for service that are not documented below.

Officer	Calls for Service	Reports	Arrests
Allen	30	2	0
Conner	12	1	0
Beauchaine	30	2	0



Landry	55	7	5
Burns	45	5	2
Johnson	71	5	3
Fielder	0	0	0
Clark	29	0	N/A
Totals	256	22	10
Averages	18.3 per day	11.0 per week	5.0 per week
2022 Yearly Average	14.1 per day	12.7 per week	5.7 per week

Calls for Service at 355 Center Street

Type	Date	Time	Location	Primary Unit	Case #
415	05/05/2023	11:28:54	355 CENTER ST	6S2	23-0000199
FU	05/05/2023	14:50:51	355 CENTER ST	6S2	
459A	05/09/2023	01:27:32	355 CENTER ST	R618	
FU	05/09/2023	11:01:48	355 CENTER ST	R615	

415 – Argument or other disturbance

FU – Followup or generic call for service

459A – Burglary alarm

6S2 – Corporal Crystal Landry

R618 – Officer Russell Johnson

R615 – Officer Liam Burns

During the period of April 26 to May 9, 2023, there were fifteen calls for service related to animal control issues. Five dogs were transported to Miranda's rescue. Two of these dogs were repeat offenders and their humans paid several hundred dollars to bail them out of jail.

Chief Allen is finishing the last of three sessions in the POST Management Course.

On April 26, 2023, Officer Johnson spotted a silver car traveling at about 50 mph down Wildwood. He attempted to pull the car over as it crossed the Eagle Prairie Bridge, but the driver failed to yield. Instead, the driver continued to accelerate and took the southbound onramp to US 101 in Scotia. The pursuit continued down the freeway for a short distance until the suspect driver came to his senses and pulled over. He was arrested for failing to yield and driving under the influence.

On May 7, 2023, Officer Johnson was manning a traffic post when he saw a two-axle moving van pass his location that did not have a rear license plate. He pulled the truck over and contacted the driver. The driver was on parole and Officer Johnson asked him to get out of the vehicle so that he could be searched. As Officer Johnson was conducting the search, the parolee tried to hide a plastic bag in the grill of the truck. The bag contained a large quantity of a white powder and Officer Johnson seized it as suspected cocaine. The parolee was taken into custody for possession of a controlled substance for sale. When he returned to the station, Officer Johnson tested and weighed the drug. It was confirmed as cocaine and it weighed almost an ounce.



On May 8, 2023, the Department received a phone call from Redwood Memorial Hospital that they were treating a victim of sexual assault. Corporal Landry responded and learned that the woman had been drinking with a group of friends and eventually found herself alone with the suspect. Her recollections of what happened next were spotty and she felt that she had been drugged. While Corporal Landry continued to gather information, Officer Burns authored a search warrant for the suspect's residence where the alleged assault took place. A sergeant from the Ferndale Police Department assisted in the service of the warrant and the suspect was taken into custody. The suspect claimed that the events were consensual. He was booked into the County Jail on numerous felony counts.

Community Development Department

Intergovernmental

Humboldt-Rio Dell Business Park