



Staff Highlights – 2024-01-16

City Council

City Manager

The annual Homeless Point in Time (PIT) Count is scheduled to occur during the morning of Tuesday, January 23, 2024. If you're interested in volunteering for the count, please contact the City Manager at 707-764-3532.

City Clerk

Processed Eighteen (18) Building Permit Applications:

210 A. & B. Sequoia Ave. – Foundation Repair
210 Sequoia Ave. – Earthquake Repairs
250 Willow Lane – Foundation Retrofit
610 Davis St. – Earthquake Repairs
1187 Riverside Dr. – Sewer Cleanout
108 Painter St. – Foundation Repair
135 S. Fern St. – Windows, Siding, Insulation
1421 Eeloa Ave. – Foundation and Misc. Earthquake Repairs
Wildwood & Side St. – Exercise Equipment
600 Dinsmore Ranch Road – New Cell Tower Antennas and Radios
460 First Ave. – Sewer Lateral
161 Second Ave. – Foundation Repair
215 Belleview Ave. Extension of Stove Pipe
790 Ireland Ave. – Pellet Stove & Hearth
745 B. Ireland Ave. – Residential Earthquake Damage Repairs
180 Birch St. – Minor Earthquake Repairs
910 Pacific Ave. – Hardi Plank Siding
275 Ogle Ave. – Re-Roof Residence and Remove Existing Wood Stove

Processed One (1) Business License Application

Patmore Appraisals – Certified Residential Appraisals

Processed One (1) Encroachment Permit Application

PG&E–Replacing Overhead and Underground lines from Rio Dell Substation to NW Ave.

Misc:



Submitted Bureau of Labor Statistics Employee Data Report

Submitted CHF/CIRB Building Permit Report for November

Submitted ERMA Policy Survey

City Attorney

Human Resources, Risk & Training

Finance Department

Rio Dell Internal Control Meeting with Auditors for yearly audit work – complete initial interim audit work

Complete Press Release and Reporting for ABC Police Grant

Work with City Engineers filing Draft Environmental documentation for Eel River Trail project

Met with Clean CA reps to discuss progress on Gateway Beautification project

Work with CDAA on the List of Projects for the 2022 Earthquake – invoicing, documentation, etc.

Work with Caltrans on invoicing EO work for earthquake road damage slurry seal project

Further work on STIP Invoicing for Neighborhood Connectivity Project submitted to the State of CA

Met with CDBG reps and the County of Humboldt to establish protocol for disbursing CDBG PI funds

Public Works Water

Located meter for GHD on Monument Rd, Old Ranch Rd and Dinsmore Plateau.

Replaced Registers and ERT'S

Monthly Meter Reading for billing

Organized water parts inventory

Assist with WWTP operations

Annual inspection on Water system with SWRCB

Meetings with GHD over Water CIP project

Water Rights Reporting to SWRCB



Monthly water report to SWRCB

Monthly Drought report to SWRCB

Water filter building analyzer maintenance

Water filter building valve maintenance

Maintenance at Rio Dell Metro Wells

Operations at Rio Dell Metro Wells, in lieu of Surface water plant due to Eel River turbidity

Monthly water quality coliform and Quanti Tray testing

Public Works Wastewater

Cleared sewer plug at the northwest corner of Triangle Park on Riverside.

Jetted Riverside, 2nd & Elko, 1st & Elko, DJ's run, and both sides of Fern Lift Station

Quarterly and Monthly sampling of plant effluent.

23' Dodge Ram to Lithia Motors for Recall Inspection.

Sewer Lateral Inspection at 430 1st Avenue. Passed inspection.

SSO at Painter Street manhole. 6000 gallons spilled, 2550 recovered from spill.

Walk through Painter Street River access with C.O.R.D. P.D. as a P.S.A. of the SSO, applied more signage to the affected area.

Public Works Streets, Buildings and Grounds

Removes tree limbs from Blue Star Park and City Hall

Removed Blackberry bushes from Dixie/ Davis St

Cleaned storm drains around town for rain storm

Cleared sidewalk on Meadowbridge Ln from bamboo

Picked up soil piles from Belleview and Pacific

Mowed city lot off of Belleview Ave

Mowed City Hall, Blue Star, Memorial and Davis Park



Mowed North and South Gateway

Replaced Wood Bench at the Davis St tennis courts

Removed Bear statue from the North Gateway

Repaired Leak on Monument Rd By 1042 Monument Rd

Corp yard clean up

Shop Clean up and organization of tools and parts

Public Works City Engineer

Public Works Capital Projects

Police Department

The Department had the following statistics for the period of November 29, 2023 to January 9, 2024. 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	83	13	1
Conner	34	1	0
Beauchaine	112	7	5
Landry	106	20	8
House	93	13	2
Sierra	60	9	2
Fielder	26	2	0
Clark	69	0	N/A
Totals	525	65	18
Averages	12.5 per day	10.9 per week	3.0 per week
2022 Yearly Average	14.1 per day	12.7 per week	5.7 per week
2023 Yearly Average	13.7 per day	10.9 per week	3.6 per week

Calls for Service at 355 Center Street

Type	Date	Time	Primary Unit	Case #
MEDICAL	12/10/2023	09:07:55	6S2	
FOOT	12/16/2023	12:22:31	6S2	
415DOM	12/17/2023	00:32:36	R619	
SUSC	12/17/2023	01:02:26	R619	
415M	12/22/2023	22:45:58	6S1	



VI	12/26/2023	14:49:07	6A1	
FU	12/27/2023	13:49:37	6A1	
CITIZEN	12/27/2023	20:22:23	6S1	
UNW	01/07/2024	23:51:07	6R1	
WELFARE	01/09/2024	11:18:53	6A1	

MEDICAL – Law enforcement assist on a medical call

FOOT – Foot patrol through the complex

415DOM – Family or couple argument/fight

SUSC – Suspicious circumstances

415M – Loud music

VI – Parked vehicle investigation

FU – Follow up or generic call for service

CITIZEN – Noncriminal citizen contact

UNW – Unwanted person/trespasser on property

WELFARE – Wellness or mental health check

6A1 – Chief Greg Allen

6S2 – Corporal Crystal Landry

R619 – Officer Aimee House

6S1 – Sergeant John Beauchaine

6R1 – Officer Charlie Fielder

On November 30, 2023, the Department received a cross report from Child Welfare Services of possible sexual abuse of a child. Chief Allen spoke with the survivor and learned that her grandfather had molested her for a period of about six years. These alleged events took place in and around Rio Dell. Chief Allen conducted the investigation and the suspect was arrested on January 5, 2024 by Corporal Landry, Sergeant Beauchaine, and several deputies from the Sheriff's Department. He was arraigned on eleven felony charges and is looking at spending the rest of his life in prison.

On December 4, 2023, Corporal Landry and Community Services Officer Clark used their investigative skills to learn the true identity of a man who had been in Rio Dell for a few days and was intimidating some of the residents, usually just by his size and appearance. He had been contacted by law enforcement several times, but had used an alias every time. The man was on Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS), a type of parole conducted by county agencies instead of the State, out of Sonoma County. He has a history of violence and gang membership. Contact was made with the Sonoma County Probation Department, who requested that the Rio Dell Police Department take him into custody. Corporal Landry, Chief Allen, and Sergeant Conner located the man in a park. He was surprised to learn that his true identity had been determined, but continued to claim, all the way to the jail, that we did not have the authority to arrest him.

On December 19th Chief Allen, Sgt Beauchaine, and Officer Sierra responded to a residence on Painter Street for a report of a motor home on the property that was fully engulfed. RDVFD responded and kept the damage contained to the motorhome. Based on the investigation to this point, it appeared this fire was intentionally set. This investigation is ongoing.



Corporal Landry led the investigation into the culprit who was tagging numerous businesses and other structures with graffiti in Rio Dell. A suspect was identified after he was contacted almost immediately after an empty grocery store had been tagged. Corporal Landry & Chief Allen conducted a probation search of his residence where the means and numerous examples of his "work" were located. As of this date, six reports have been forwarded to the District Attorney's Office requesting arrest warrants be issued. The total cost to repair the damage is approximately \$3,000. Because the majority of these reports were misdemeanors that were not committed in the officer's presence, the offender has not yet been arrested.

On December 13, 2023, Sergeant Beauchaine and Officer Sierra became involved in a pursuit when a man riding a four-wheel ATV refused to yield to the officer's lights and siren. The pursuit lasted for about two minutes, covered more than a mile through the Avenues, and reached speeds of up to 50 miles-per-hour on Wildwood. The rider was able to lose the officers long enough to abandon the bike and flee on foot without being seen. The ATV was not registered, although a woman called the station the next day and claimed the bike belonged to her. She could not provide any proof of this, only claiming that she had recently purchased it. Her boyfriend is considered a suspect in the case as he has a history of running from law enforcement.

Code Enforcement

Attached.

Community Development Department

Framing Inspection 305 Painter Street

Framing, windows Inspection 395 Cherry Lane.

Respond to Rio Dell Times Earthquake Repair inquiry.

Review Dazzi BPR Plan Check comments, discuss with the Dazzi's.

Meeting with Daryl Ridenour regarding CDBG loan, contractors.

Foundation & Framing inspection 1340 Eeloa Ave

Foundation Inspection 130 Webster Lane

Final Inspection 140 River Street

Framing, rough electrical inspection 115 Wildwood Avenue.

Final Inspection 162 Grayland Heights Drive

Foundation damage inspection 255 Ogle Avenue



Review Northwestern flower Company Design Review application, open file, prepare parking layout options, discuss with applicant, refer project.

Windows, siding inspections 300 Center. Corrections required

Foundation, floor framing inspection 140 Webster.

Follow up on Austrus complaint. Emails to the Austrus'.

Prepare Ridenour CDBG OOR NEPA documents, refer.

Prepare Saunders CDBG OOR NEPA documents, refer.

Prepare Morrison CDBG OOR NEPA documents, refer.

Revise Dog Park RFP and refer.

Prepare Triangle Park Exercise Station RFP for City Manager Review.

Prepare RHIP staff report, Ordinance, FAQ's, checklist.

Foundation enhancement inspection 306 Cherry Lane.

Foundation, framing inspection 395 Cherry Lane.

Prepare Press Release – Rental Housing Inspection Program.

Meeting with Bill Bolen regarding Notice of Violation, Building Permit and Visual Blight.

Sauers Smither Lane foundation and framing inspection. Framing corrections required.

Intergovernmental

Humboldt-Rio Dell Business Park

VEHICLE ABATEMENT

During the time period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023, the Department opened 157 vehicle abatement cases where the violations consisted of inoperable, unregistered and illegally parked vehicles. During the same time period, 115 of those cases were closed for voluntary compliance received from the registered owners and 37 vehicles were towed due to non-compliance.

Since December 31, 2023, the Department has opened 5 new vehicle abatement cases. All 5 vehicles associated with these active cases are due to be towed within a week unless the vehicles are moved.

VEHICLE ABATEMENT CASES			
January 1, 2023- December 31, 2023			
Opened Cases	Closed Cases	Vehicles Towed	
157	115	37	
December 31, 2023- Present			
Opened Cases	Closed Cases	Vehicles Towed	Active Cases
5	0	0	5

CODE ENFORCEMENT

During the time period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023, the Department opened a total of 69 new code enforcement cases with a variety of violations. The common violations include: solid waste, junk vehicles, excessive vegetation, abandoned appliances and animals running at large. During the same time period, 62 of those cases were closed for, the compliant not being as reported or receiving voluntary compliance by the Property Owner and/or Occupants of the Property. 7 of the new cases opened remain open due to non-compliance and/or ongoing violations. 3 abatements were completed due to receiving very little or no compliance from the Property Owners and/or Occupants.

Since December 31, 2023, the Department has opened 3 additional code enforcement cases. There are 12 cases that were opened prior to the times periods listed above due to reoccurring violations. The department currently has 21 active code enforcement cases.

CODE ENFORCEMENT CASES			
January 1, 2023- December 31, 2023			
Opened Cases	Closed Cases	Abatements Completed	
69	62	3	
December 31, 2023- Present			
Opened Cases	Closed Cases	Abatements Completed	Active Cases
3	0	0	21

ANIMAL CONTROL

During the time period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023, the Department responded to 422 calls for service for animal related details. The majority of the Incidents included loose dogs, dog bite reports, injured animals, abandoned animals and animal relinquishments. During the same time period, 72 dogs, 37 cats and 2 ducks were transported to Miranda's Rescue.

ANIMAL CONTROL	
Between January 1, 2023- December 31, 2023	
Calls for Service	422
Dogs transported to Miranda's Rescue	72
Cats transported to Miranda's Rescue	37
Ducks transported to Miranda's Rescue	2