



Staff Highlights – 2023-11-21

City Council

City Manager

Staff is continuing to review and monitor plans for cannabis cultivation expansion both in the Humboldt - Rio Dell Business Park and the Dinsmore Plateau. Several new developments could be online by the end of 2024.

Staff has been working closely with Clean California staff, our engineers and the City Attorney on both the Gateway Project and the Eel River Trail project. The potential need to phase or otherwise amend the projects to meet available funding is being explored.

Staff will be distributing an EDDM postcard through the USPS advising residents to avoid disposing of Fats, Oils or Grease (FOG) into the sewer system.

The 2024 homeless "Point in Time" count is scheduled for January 23, 2024 starting at 6:00am. Anyone interested in volunteering to help conduct the count in Rio Dell should contact the City Manager.

City Clerk

Processed Nine (9) Building Permit Applications:

405 Ogle Ave. – Repair Sewer Lateral
306 Wildwood Ave. – Re-Roof Residence
424 Painter St. – Re-Roof Residence
305 Painter St. – Earthquake Repairs
551 Pacific Ave. – Replace Water Heater
601 Gunnerson Lane – Repair Gas Leak- Replace Water Heater
715 Walnut Dr. – Chimney Pipe and Re-Roof Residence
108 Cedar St. – Furnace
780 Wildwood Ave. –Metal Carport

Processed Five (5) Business License Applications:

Gratitude Gift Co. – 341 Wildwood Ave. – Cookies and Laser Cutting Boards
Detherage Roofing, Inc. – Non-Resident Contractor
LDH Construction Services – Non-Resident Contractor
R & M Duct Solutions – Non-Resident Contractor



Redwood Coast Plumbing – Non-Resident Contractor

Processed Two (2) Encroachment Permit Applications:

Thomas Norton – 386 Center St. – Installed Sidewalk
PG&E – 102 Painter St. – Install Overhead Service and Pole

Misc:

Sent Letter Re: Extension of Sewer Lateral Inspection for 275 Ogle Ave.

Sent out final Address Change Notification Letters for the “Avenues”

Attended Long Term Recovery Group (LTRG) meeting on 11/16/23

Submitted Bureau of Labor Statistics Employment Report for November 16, 2023

City Attorney

Human Resources, Risk & Training

Finance Department

Preparation for Annual Financial Report FY 22-23

Discuss Eel River Trail and Gateway Beautification grant projects with GHD and Clean CA reps

Continued work on TDA Audit

Work with CalTrans and HCAOG to allocate CRRSAA funds for future projects

Attended USDA Rural Development Disaster Assistance webinar

Meetings with GHD discussing various projects in the City

Preparing CDAA claims for earthquake expenses with Water Superintendent Jensen

STIP Resolution for Neighborhood Connectivity Project submitted to State of CA

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

Public Works Water

Public Works Wastewater

Public Works Streets, Buildings and Grounds



Public Works City Engineer

Public Works Capital Projects

Police Department

The Department had the following statistics for the period of November 1 to November 14, 2023. The summation of Calls for Service may be 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	21	5	0
Conner	0	0	0
Beauchaine	24	1	1
Landry	35	0	0
House	33	5	2
Sierra	33	6	3
Fielder	13	1	0
Clark	35	1	N/A
Totals	162	19	6
Averages	11.6 per day	9.5 per week	3.0 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 #
ANIMAL	11/01/2023	10:48:04	355 CENTER ST	6A1	
FU	11/01/2023	15:08:23	355 CENTER ST	6X3	
VI	11/05/2023	07:17:35	355 CENTER ST	R618	
488	11/08/2023	15:37:25	355 CENTER ST	6A1	23-0000484

- ANIMAL – Animal control issue
- FU – Follow up or generic call for service
- VI – Vehicle Investigation
- 488 – Petty theft

- 6X3 – Community Services Officer Mary Clark
- 6A1 – Chief Greg Allen
- R618 – Officer Agustin Sierra

Officers will be participating in this years Shop with a Cop on December 16, 2023. Local youth will be given a \$100 gift card to spend at Target.



Our new parking citations should be arriving by the end of the month. Those that receive citations will be able to pay the fine online through the city's website.

Chief Allen will be a guest speaker at Eureka's Community Town hall Meeting December 2, 2023 at 10:30am. The topic: Substance Abuse Disorder- The Longest Pandemic

Follow up - One suspect has been arrested for the burglary of a local business and is currently in custody. Another suspect has been identified with an active felony warrant for his arrest

On November 5, 2023, Officer House received a call from a business where one of the clerks suspected that an intoxicated customer had driven away from the store. Officer House was able to locate the vehicle and noticed that it was weaving from side to side within its lane. She made a traffic stop and contacted the driver. He admitted to drinking a couple of beers and Officer House had him perform a series of field sobriety tests. He did not pass these tests, but did not fall over either. The last of these tests involved the use of a preliminary alcohol screening (PAS) device. This is a breathalyzer that does not meet evidentiary standards but can provide an estimate of the blood alcohol level of the person taking the test. The man blew a 0.32% on the PAS device, four times the legal limit for driving and a level that would leave most people incoherent on the floor. He was arrested for DUI and his vehicle was towed. The evidentiary breathalyzer test gave results of 0.31% and 0.30%. The man was booked into the jail until he sobered up, which may have taken a while.

On November 5, 2023, Officer House responded to a residence for a report of an assault. Upon her investigation, she learned a 72- year old male was assaulted with a cane and threatened by an acquaintance. Officers attempted to locate the suspect but were unsuccessful. A request for a warrant was sent to the District Attorney's office requesting charges for Threats and Elder Abuse.

During the period of November 1 to November 14, 2023, there were ten calls for service relating to animal control. Two cats and two dogs were taken to Miranda's rescue. Both dogs were retrieved by their humans. Both cats had health issues, one appearing to be sick and the other with an infected puncture wound in the chest. The injured cat was taken to the vet prior to being deposited at the rescue.

Code Enforcement

** Attached on the last page of the Staff Report.

Community Development Department

Foundation Inspection 467 Sequoia Ave – Corrections required

Complete Draft Rental Housing Ordinance – Refer to City Attorney for review

Attend Energy Code webinar

Revise Rental Housing Inspection Ordinance based on City Attorney comments.



Roof Inspections 153 Meadowbridge.

Final Inspection 386 Center Street. Corrections required (sediment trap on stove and tamper resistant receptacles).

Continue work on Cannabis ordinance amendments.

Prepare Staff Report on Climate Action Plan Update.

Prepare staff Report and Resolution regarding amending the Master Fee Schedule.

Final Inspection 220 Cherry Lane.

Review Deck/Stairs Plans for 130 Wildwood Ave, corrections required.

Prepare Deck/Stairs Handout.

Final Inspection wall and hot water heaters 87 Berkeley Street.

Prepare Draft Ridenour NEPA Categorical Exclusion document for HCD review and approval.

Meeting regarding eel River Trail.

Prepare CDBG OOR update staff report.

Final Inspection 386 Center Street.

Nuisance Committee Meeting.

Preliminary Inspection 94 Wildwood Avenue

Revise address information for the Avenues.

Prepare and send letters to owner's of two Red-Tagged structures.

Intergovernmental

Humboldt-Rio Dell Business Park

VEHICLE ABATEMENT

Since October 1, 2023, the Department opened 15 vehicle abatement cases where the violations included inoperable, unregistered, abandoned on private and/or public property, or illegally parked vehicles. During the same time period, 7 of those cases were closed for voluntary compliance received from the registered owners and 8 vehicles were towed or are due to be towed for non-compliance.

VEHICLE ABATEMENT CASES			
September 1, 2023- October 1, 2023			
Opened Cases	Closed Cases	Vehicles Towed	Active Cases
10	4	2	6
October 1, 2023- Present			
Opened Cases	Closed Cases	Vehicles Towed	Active Cases
15	7	2	8

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Since October 1, 2023, the Department has opened 11 new code enforcement cases. 4 cases have been closed and 1 abatement was completed. There are 14 cases that were opened prior to time listed above due to reoccurring violations and/or cost recovery processes for abatements that have been completed. The Department currently has 21 active code enforcement cases.

CODE ENFORCEMENT CASES			
September 1, 2023- October 1, 2023			
Opened Cases	Closed Cases	Abatements Completed	
6	8	1	
October 1, 2023- Present			
Opened Cases	Closed Cases	Abatements Completed	Active Cases
11	4	1	21