



## **Staff Highlights – 2023-04-18**

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### **City Council**

#### **City Manager**

The number of earthquake victims utilizing the County's hotel voucher system has been reduced to two households from a high of over 100 in the first weeks following the earthquake.

Attached to the staff update is the latest release from Humboldt County OES, including information for a new call line for disaster victims seeking assistance with their properties.

On the evening of Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> the City Manager attended a meeting at the Fire Hall to discuss the earthquake and its response with various area officials.

On the evening of April 10<sup>th</sup> the City Manager met with Political Science students at Cal Poly Humboldt to discuss local government as an alumni.

On April 5<sup>th</sup> the City Manager met with Congressman Jared Huffman to discuss FEMA and the earthquake. The CM was joined by the Mayor and key City/County/NGO officials involved with the Eel River Valley Long Term Recovery Group.

Rio Dell's annual clean up day will continue this year on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> the day before Mother's Day.

A Hazard Mitigation Grant round is opening up. The City, in conjunction with Redwood Coast Energy Authority is pursuing a grant for adding solar at the Corporation Yard, an objective of the Council for many years. The City should be competitive for a 100% grant based on new programs unveiled by the State. The City is also looking at other potentially competitive projects to submit.

Sadly, Small Cities Organized Risk Effort (SCORE) Board member and Treasurer Roger Carroll was killed in a hit and run accident in Sutter County on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Roger was a trusted and wise Board member and informal advisor to many Northern California finance and administration professionals. He was also the Finance Director for the Town of Loomis. Rio Dell is a member of SCORE and has a seat on the Board.

#### **City Clerk**

Processed Eighteen (18) Building Permit Applications:



111 Ogle Ave. – Foundation/Drywall  
948 Rio Dell Ave. – Earthquake Repairs/Wood Stove  
306 Wildwood Ave. – 40 Gallon Water Heater  
506 Wildwood Ave. – Gas Heater  
350 Woodland Ave. – PV Solar  
56 North St. – Re-Roof Residence  
53 W. Center St. – Repair Stucco on Siding and Misc. Repairs  
545 Davis St. – Rebuild Porch/Foundation Work  
64 Fern St. – Re-Roof Residence (Partial)  
1010 May Ave. – New Perimeter Foundation  
671 Rigby Ave. – PV Solar  
141 N. Pacific Ave. – Re-Roof Residence  
130 Wildwood Ave. – Rebuild Carport and Stairs  
255 Ogle Ave. – Foundation Repair  
409 Davis St. – Water Heater and Waterline  
45 Fern St. – Replace 3 exterior walls, siding and framing  
279 Bellevue Ave. – Earthquake Repairs  
168 Ogle Ave. Unit C – Earthquake Repairs

Processed Four (4) Business License Applications:

O & M Industries – Non-Resident Contractor  
RDM & Co., Inc. – Non-Resident Contractor  
Lindstrom Construction, Inc. – Non-Resident Contractor  
Blue Timber Real Estate – Real Estate Sales/Renovations

Misc.

Submitted U.S. Dept. of Commerce Building/Zoning Permit Report for March  
Submitted Quarterly Seismic Report to Department of Conservation  
Submitted Quarterly AB 1473 Building Standards Report  
Submitted Disability Access & Education (DSA) Fee Quarterly Report  
Submitted CHF/CIRB Building Report for March  
Letter to Heather Watkins Re: Business License for Blue Timber Real Estate  
Submitted Bureau of Labor Statistics Report for April  
Sent Address Verification Letters for new ADU at 855 Rigby Ave.  
Submitted First Quarter Building Permit Report to County Assessor

**City Attorney**

**Human Resources, Risk & Training**

**Finance Department**

**Public Works Water**



### **Public Works Wastewater**

Corresponding with the SWQCB on compliance project for the disinfection By products.

Reviewing and possible approval of the Time Schedule Order extension for the upcoming permit renewal

Annual Acute and Chronic Toxicity Testing.

Submitted 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter SMR to the CWIQS database.

Interviews for Operator, utility and part time utility positions.

Coordinating with the irrigation field farmers for reseeding and grading field for summer land discharge.

Routine collection system cleaning.

Ordering and Purchase of the Chlorine generator replace with Travis Sanborn and Telstar

Budget Time submit a draft budget to Travis for review.

### **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 March 15 to March 28, 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	11	3	0
Conner	3	1	0
Beauchaine	21	1	0
Landry	46	5	5
Burns	48	6	5
Johnson	50	10	7
Fielder	19	0	0
Clark	40	1	N/A
Totals	213	27	17
Averages	15.2 per day	13.5 per week	8.5 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	03/17/2023	01:32:06	355 CENTER ST	6S1	
415N	03/17/2023	20:31:04	355 CENTER ST	6S1	
FU	03/18/2023	21:44:25	355 CENTER ST	R618	
415	03/19/2023	14:49:00	355 CENTER ST	6S2	
5150	03/23/2023	13:31:55	355 CENTER ST	R615	
WELFARE	03/25/2023	19:56:47	355 CENTER ST	R618	
FU	03/25/2023	20:05:45	355 CENTER ST	R618	
415N	03/27/2023	23:59:08	355 CENTER ST	R618	

415 – Argument or disturbance

FU – Follow up or generic call for service

415N – Noise Complaint

5150 – Mental health evaluation

WELFARE – Mental or physical health check

6S1 – Sergeant John Beauchaine

R618 – Officer Russell Johnson

6S2 – Corporal Crystal Landry

R615 – Officer Liam Burns

During the period of March 15 to March 28, 2023, there were seventeen calls for service related to animal control issues. Six dogs were transported to Miranda's Rescue. One of the dogs was extremely difficult to capture and was only taken into custody with the assistance of his human. The human relinquished the dog and he was transported to Miranda's Rescue. He apparently enjoyed the vagrant lifestyle that he was accustomed to and managed to chew his way through the chain link kennel where he was housed and then jump a seven-foot wall. He roamed through Fortuna despite the efforts of both CSO Mary Clark and CSO Amy Carrington of the Fortuna Police Department. His human was finally able to grab ahold of him and agreed to try and rehouse him out of the area. Our last information was that he was headed to the Willow Creek area. CSO Clark also assisted Public Works in rescuing an elderly horse from a mud bog. A backhoe was used to remove some of the mud and then the horse was gently dragged to firmer ground. It managed to regain its feet and started to graze. CSO Clark also took a dog into custody that was being housed in an abandoned car without adequate food or water. The dog had been inside of the car for at least two weeks and the interior was covered with feces. The dog's human agreed to move it to another location, but when CSO Clark returned the next day, it was back in the car, prompting the seizure. An animal abuse case has been prepared and may be forwarded to the District Attorney's Office depending upon the human's actions post-seizure.

On March 20, 2023, Officer Johnson stopped a motorcycle with expired registration. The driver had a suspended license and was taken into custody. A search incident to arrest found suspected fentanyl. The driver told Officer Johnson that he was in town to meet his daughter who was having financial problems and he was going to give her some money. Officer Johnson towed the motorcycle, putting the father on foot looking for his daughter. As the bike was being pulled onto the bed of the tow truck, Officer Johnson heard that Officer Burns was attempting to pull over a truck nearby. He responded to



assist. The driver of the truck finally yielded after several blocks. As it pulled to the curb, a woman jumped out of the passenger side and took off on foot. Officer Burns elected to stay with the driver, but Officer Johnson was just arriving and followed the running woman in his patrol vehicle until she began to tire. He then gave chase on foot. She stopped when it became apparent that she was not going to get away. She was arrested on several warrants from all over Northern California as well as possession of fentanyl and delaying/obstructing an officer. The driver was also arrested for similar charges. And yes, your suspicion that the woman was the daughter of the motorcycle rider is correct. He arrived on foot just as the couple were being driven away in route to the jail.

On March 25, 2023, Officer Johnson spotted a vehicle speeding on Pacific, but could not catch up to it in order to make a traffic stop. A short time later, he saw the same car at the gas station. He parked where he could watch the car without being easily seen. The driver went inside the business. When he left, he accelerated rapidly, breaking traction as he did so. Officer Johnson was able to get behind him and clocked the speeding sedan at 50 mph on Wildwood. When he turned on his emergency lights, the car took the southbound onramp to US 101 and continued to accelerate. Officer Johnson followed in pursuit. The two cars travelled at over 100 mph until they reached the Stafford area where Officer Johnson ended the pursuit for safety reasons. The next morning Corporal Landry went back to the gas station and watched their security camera footage. She showed it to Officer Johnson and they were able to identify the driver. The car was registered to his girlfriend. Both officers went to the suspect's address in Scotia and took him into custody. As they were preparing to transport him to jail, Corporal Landry was dispatched to a fight in progress. Officer Johnson elected to cite the miscreant so that he could back his partner.

## **Community Development Department**

### **Intergovernmental**

#### **Humboldt-Rio Dell Business Park**