

Staff Highlights – 2024-06-04

City Council

City Manager

Attended a "soft ribbon cutting" for the Eel River Trail with Councilmembers Garnes, Carter and Wilson on May 24th. The event was for the Rio Dell Elementary School and went very well.

Work is underway on Pacific Gas & Electric's work outside of the substation to add new transmission capacity in Rio Dell. Most of the work will be along 2nd Avenue, Davis, Pacific and Eeloa and will be a combination of new overhead lines and new underground segments.

Staff will be holding a meeting with the Rotary club regarding the a concept to enable recreational non-motorized boating between Rio Dell and Fortuna.

City Clerk

Processed Five (5) Building Permit Applications:

1086 Riverside Dr. – Sewer Cleanout and Lateral
145 First Ave. – Re-Roof Residence
175 Davis St. – Detached Garage/Shop
610 Davis St. – Earthquake Damage Repairs
1275 Northwestern Ave. – Tenant Improvements for Metal Building

Processed One (1) Business License Application:

Mastec Network Solutions - Non-Resident Contractor

Processed One (1) Encroachment Permit Application:

Mobley Construction - Sewer Cleanout in Sidewalk at 1086 Riverside Dr.

Misc:

Submitted CHF/CIRB Building Permit Report for April

Completed Online Workplace Violence Training (SB553)

City Attorney

Human Resources, Risk & Training



Finance Department

Preparation of FY 24-25 Recommended Budget, Capital and Special Projects, Position Allocation Table, Organizational Chart, Salary Projection

Resolution 1608-2024 Budget Adoption, accompanying documents and Presentation material

Resolution 1607-2024 Gann Appropriations Limit

Resolution 1606-2024 Billable Rates

Resolution 1604-2024 Adopting List of SB1 Priorities

Executed Program Supplemental Agreement No. A579 for Project CRRSAA - 5396(015) with Caltrans

Audit Engagement Letter – Audit Services for FY 2023-2024

Executed TDA agreement with Humboldt Senior Resource Center per TDA guidelines

Addressed general cannabis related inquiries with City of Blue Lake City Council member

Processed Clean CA reimbursements for Eel River Trail expenses

Continuing to encourage CDAA/CalOES to process Rio Dell's Earthquake work/claim requests.

Prepared GIS Intern Job Description for Community Development Director to assist in locating new candidate for GIS work

Working with HCD, County, and City staff to discuss CDBG program and dispersal of PI funds to qualified applicants

Public Works Water

Public Works Wastewater

Results from Chronic Toxicity testing, passed!

Sewer Crew continues to inspect Lower Laterals for I&I issues.

Collection system checked weekly, system is much dryer.

Continuing testing of TTHM's and HAA5's, with ammonia dosing for chloramine project compliance during dry season discharge.

Belt Press bearing replacement in the works.

Draining South Contact basin for cleaning and switching for use.



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 April 10, 2024 to May 28, 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	75	8	0
Conner	142	11	1
Beauchaine	90	10	6
Landry	193	31	13
Sierra	50	5	2
Fielder	44	3	0
Clark	136	4	N/A
Totals	715	72	22
Averages	17.0 per day	10.3 per week	3.1 per week
2023 Yearly Average 13.7 per day		10.9 per week 3.6 per week	



Calls for Service at 355 Center Street

Туре	Date	Time	Location	Primary Unit	Case #
FU	04/13/2024	13:18:55	355 CENTER ST	6S2	
FU	04/13/2024	15:06:59	355 CENTER ST	6S2	
PATROL	04/14/2024	10:56:15	355 CENTER ST	6S2	
594R	04/14/2024	12:17:44	355 CENTER ST	6S2	
FOOT	04/16/2024	19:18:50	355 CENTER ST	R610	
FOOT	04/17/2024	18:38:08	355 CENTER ST	R610	
FOOT	04/17/2024	20:24:29	355 CENTER ST	R610	
APS	04/18/2024	16:39:14	355 CENTER ST	6A1	24-0000134
FOOT	04/19/2024	19:35:31	355 CENTER ST	R610	
CITIZEN	04/20/2024	09:08:04	355 CENTER ST	6S2	
UNW	04/21/2024	19:13:31	355 CENTER ST	R610	
602	04/22/2024	11:30:12	355 CENTER ST	6A1	
FU	04/22/2024	14:37:12	355 CENTER ST	6A1	24-0000134
VI	04/22/2024	15:31:27	355 CENTER ST	6X3	
FOOT	04/22/2024	22:37:58	355 CENTER ST	R610	
FU	04/25/2024	15:54:07	355 CENTER ST	6R9	
459A	04/27/2024	10:12:30	355 CENTER ST	6S2	
MP	05/03/2024	18:06:00	355 CENTER ST	6S1	24-0000157
FU	05/03/2024	19:54:40	355 CENTER ST	6S1	
WELFARE	05/07/2024	06:00:15	355 CENTER ST	6A1	
415	05/10/2024	14:03:57	355 CENTER ST	6S2	24-0000162
911C	05/11/2024	09:38:00	355 CENTER ST	6S2	
FI	05/11/2024	10:34:07	355 CENTER ST	6S2	24-0000164
FOOT	05/11/2024	22:35:43	355 CENTER ST	R610	
PATROL	05/14/2024	12:03:05	355 CENTER ST	6R1	
415	05/14/2024	21:35:53	355 CENTER ST	6S1	24-0000169
242R	05/15/2024	21:29:33	355 CENTER ST	6S1	24-0000172
415N	05/16/2024	12:55:03	355 CENTER ST	6R9	24-0000173
PATROL	05/16/2024	21:32:39	355 CENTER ST	6S1	
WELFARE	05/21/2024	11:51:22	355 CENTER ST	6R1	
415	05/23/2024	07:36:13	355 CENTER ST	6S2	



FOOT – Foot patrol through the complex PATROL – Documented check of the complex SUSP – Suspicious person CITIZEN – Non-criminal contact FU – Follow up or generic call for service FI - Field Interview or pedestrian contact 415 – Argument or generic disturbance FU – Follow up contact or generic call for service WELFARE - Check for physical or mental health VI - Vehicle investigation 5150 - Mental health evaluation 415N – Noise complaint 594R – Vandalism report THREAT – Threat of violence report APS – Elder abuse investigation UNW – Unwanted person on the premise 602 – Trespassing 459A – Burglary alarm MP - Missing person 911C – 911 disconnect 242R – Assault and battery report

6S2 – Corporal Crystal Landry 6S1 – Sergeant John Beauchaine R618 – Officer Agustin Sierra R610 – Sergeant Jeff Conner 6A1 – Chief Greg Allen 6R9 – Officer Agustine Sierra

During the period of April 10 to May 28, 2024, there were fifty-eight calls for service relating to animal control. Five dogs, four puppies and a cat were taken to Miranda's rescue. There were numerous calls for canines running loose and reigning havoc upon the City, however, the vast majority of these dogs were known to the Department and were returned home. Of the five dogs taken to Miranda's Rescue, three were quickly reunited with their human companions, while the other two appeared to have been abandoned. Several members of the Department tried to catch a baby possum that had wandered inside of a small residence that was filled with hiding spots. Fortunately, the chases were not recorded or Rio Dell PD would be a YouTube sensation. The possum was eventually captured by means of a live trap. It was transported to the animal rescue folks in Arcata and will eventually be released back into the wild.

Chief Greg Allen resigned from the Department to take a position as the Chief of the Cal Poly Humboldt Police Department.



On April 24, 2024, Sergeant Conner responded to a man who told Dispatch that he had been stabbed. Sergeant Conner located the man standing next to a truck that had ended up in a ditch. The man did not have any significant injuries. He was intoxicated. While Sergeant Conner was trying to determine what had happened, he was informed that another man had called 911 also telling the dispatcher that he had been stabbed. Additional units from Fortuna and Ferndale arrived to assist. Sergeant Conner was able to determine that the original caller had been at the bar and left after being advised that he was too intoxicated to drive. He had crashed his truck as a result. Several men, including the man who had actually been stabbed, heard the crash and walked to the site to make sure everyone was ok. A combination of too much alcohol and testosterone led to a scuffle in which the intoxicated driver had used a large Bowie knife to stab one of his assailants. The intoxicated driver was arrested for assault with a dangerous weapon and DUI. The victim was transported to St. Joseph's Hospital where surgery was performed to clean the wound and make sure that there was no damage to internal organs. On April 28, 2024, Corporal Landry responded to a residence where a teenager claimed that she had been physically abused by her father. She did not disclose this immediately, however, as she believed that her father was listening. She was able to get Corporal Landry's phone number. A short time later, Corporal Landry received a text from the young woman that her father was hitting her while they were at a gas station in Fortuna. Corporal Landry contacted the Fortuna Police Department and left to try and located the young woman. She spotted the father's truck on the way back to Rio Dell. She made a traffic stop and arrested the father for DUI. She was then able to obtain a statement from the daughter and additional charges of child abuse were added. A Child Abuse Support Team (CAST) interview was arranged and the daughter disclosed a long list of additional crimes. These included having a gun pointed at her head and being asked if she wanted to meet God. Additional felony charges were added and the father is currently incarcerated awaiting his preliminary hearing.

On May 16, 2024, Chief Allen and Officer Sierra responded to a residence where an elderly woman was alleging that she had been physically abused by her son. The son had been arrested for this same charge in the past and was currently on probation for elder abuse. He was taken into custody once again and is also currently incarcerated, awaiting his preliminary hearing.

Community Development Department

Intergovernmental

Humboldt-Rio Dell Business Park