



## **Staff Highlights – 2023-10-03**

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### **City Council**

#### **City Manager**

Held a mandatory pre-bid meeting on the Gateway Landscaping project. Three contractors attended.

Job advertisements, recruitments and interviews.

Review and discussions on plans for the Eel River Trail and ADA compliance.

Meeting & Tour with CalOES in person at City Hall to discuss Earthquake projects for Public Works.

Work with resident's representatives on easement issues at Painter Street.

Multiple meetings with Humboldt Area Foundation, Eel River Valley Long Term Recovery Group on earthquake recovery.

Attended meeting on the latest changes to the Humboldt County Climate Action Plan.

Various meetings on the subject of Organics Processing RFP and Vendors with HWMA and other member agencies.

Met with the Humboldt Gables Motel owner to discuss some low cost implementable changes to marketing Rio Dell.

#### **City Clerk**

Processed Eleven (11) Building Permit Applications:

735 Walnut Dr. – New Windows

130 Webster St. – 614 sq. ft. Residential Addition

348 Cherry Lane – Re-Roof Residence

326 First Ave. – Re-Roof Residence

87 Berkeley St. – Replace 2 water heaters and 2 wall furnaces

150 Butcher St. – Re-Roof Residence (Partial)

470 Fourth Ave. – Sewer Lateral

1275 Northwestern Ave. – Grading

221 Ogle Ave. – Re-Roof Residence

160 Monument Rd. – Earthquake Repairs



223 Belleview Ave. – Gas Water Heater

Processed Two (2) Business License Applications:  
Ace Tree Enterprises, Inc. – Utility Tree Trimming  
Sergio Valencia – Non-Resident Contractor

Misc.

Submitted CHF/CIRB Building Permit Report for August

Submitted U.S. Department of Census Employment Report for September

Attended a Beautification, Walkability & Pride Committee meeting on 9-15-23

Submitted Second Quarter Building Permit Report to County Assessor

Followed up with SCORE on LAWCX Renewal Payroll Survey questions

Submitted Address Verification letter to County Assessor for 1010 May Ave.

Attended Humboldt Eel River Long-Term Recovery Group meeting on 9/28/23

Finance Department

Coordinated surplus auction that is currently taking place on Gov Deals platform.

Met with CalOES reps regarding Earthquake claims and current List of Projects

Meeting with GHD to discuss the design of the Eel River Trail.

Staff worked with the City website host to ensure accessibility requirements were met.

Submitted Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Study Invoice #9

Created Resolution to accept ABC Police Grant

Working to update the City of Rio Dell Agency QAP Renewal per Caltrans guidelines with GHD

Assist cannabis businesses' with tax questions

Invoice #1 Rio Dell Pedestrian Connectivity Project

Provide updates to CleanCA reps updating progress on grants

Preparing to close out FY 22-23.

Contact County about revenues for FY 22-23



## Public Works Water

### Public Works Wastewater

Routine Collection system cleaning and maintenance.

3 Sewer lateral inspections.

Assisting utility crew with street patching and pothole repairs

Chloramine trial is going very well.

Ordered replacement Chlorine tanks and Scheduling delivery of Replacement Chlorine generator.

Generator Start up for Fern St lift station is complete. Both lift stations have new CAT generators and are operational.

Finishing up 3<sup>rd</sup> QTR compliance testing and Reporting.

Interview for Operator, Utility and Wastewater Superintendent positions.

### Public Works Streets, Buildings and Grounds

#### Police Department

The Department had the following statistics for the period of August 30 to September 12, 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	18	2	0
Conner	2	1	0
Beauchaine	31	3	1
Landry	47	6	5
Burns	48	1	1
House	57	5	1
Sierra	47	1	0
Fielder	7	0	0
Clark	36	2	N/A
Totals	230	21	8
Averages	16.4 per day	10.5 per week	4.0 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	09/21/2023	12:32:26	355 CENTER ST	R619	23-0000404
415FIGHT	09/21/2023	19:28:46	355 CENTER ST	R615	
VI	09/23/2023	00:55:27	355 CENTER ST	R618	

415 – Argument or general disturbance  
415FIGHT – Physical fight in progress  
VI – Parked vehicle investigation

R619 – Officer Aimee House  
R615 – Officer Liam Burns  
R618 – Officer Agustine Sierra

Officer Liam Burns turned in his notice to leave employment with the Rio Dell Police Department. His last day will be October 7, 2023. He is taking a position with the Arcata Police Department.

On September 17, 2023, Sergeant Beauchaine was contacted while off duty as a member of the County's Critical Incident Response Team. Sergeant Beauchaine spent the day in Hoopa assisting in the investigation of the shooting of an unarmed man by a California Highway Patrol Officer. Per new California law, the incident is also being investigated by the California Department of Justice in an effort to ensure transparency.

On September 22, 2023, Officers Burns and Sierra responded to a report of domestic violence. A man alleged that his girlfriend had taken his wallet when he declined to give her a ride to Eureka. When he attempted to get his wallet back, the girlfriend bit him on his upper arm. He showed the officers an obvious bite mark on right, upper arm. The girlfriend admitted to taking the wallet, but claimed that she was doing so only because she had given it to him and she was leaving the relationship. When she started to take the contents out, she claimed that the boyfriend tried to push her. Her response was to bite him. She went to jail for domestic violence.

On September 25, 2023, Corporal Landry responded to a home after a neighbor had made threats against the couple who lived there the night before. Corporal Landry was familiar with the neighbor and was aware that he had mental health problems. She learned that the neighbor had demanded that the husband come out of his house at about midnight. The neighbor was holding a baseball bat at the time. When the man declined to come out, the neighbor smashed the bat against a fence and then threw it at the house. He then obtained a step ladder and threw it at the house also. Corporal Landry and Chief Allen, tried to contact the neighbor that morning, but after a brief appearance, he retreated back into his house, telling the officers that if they came back, they were going to have to shoot him. Corporal Landry began work on an arrest warrant, while Chief Allen began to line up additional resources including the Humboldt County Crisis Negotiation Team and SWAT. Before it became necessary to enter the neighbor's house, however, he was spotted walking down the street. Corporal Landry and Chief Allen contacted him. They were able to de-escalate the subject and he was taken into custody without incident. He was booked at the jail for stalking, making criminal threats, and vandalism.



On September 19, 2023, Sergeant Beauchaine, Officer Sierra and Chief Allen responded to a residence for a report of a fight in progress. Officers arrived on scene and spoke with the victim who displayed injuries to his face and head areas. During the investigation officers responded to the suspects residence and the subject was arrested for Assault and Battery.

On September 28, 2023 Chief Allen assisted CHP with a possible road range incident where a firearm was pointed at another vehicle while driving southbound 101 near Metropolitan. Chief Allen located the suspect vehicle in the pullout near southbound 101 at the south Scotia exit. Chief Allen along with Fortuna PD performed a high risk stop on the vehicle and detained the subject for CHP. This investigation is ongoing.

The department received a grant from Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) to help reduce youth access to alcohol and increase safety in this community.

**Code Enforcement - PD**

During the time period of **September 2021 to September 2022**, the Department opened 182 vehicle abatement cases where the violations included inoperable, unregistered, or illegally parked vehicles. During the same time period, 129 of those cases were closed for voluntary compliance received from the registered owners and 53 vehicles were towed due to non-compliance.

During the time period of **September 2022 to September 2023** the Department opened 174 vehicle abatement cases where the violations included inoperable, unregistered, or illegally parked vehicles. During the same time period, 123 of those cases were closed for voluntary compliance received from the registered owners and 45 vehicles were towed due to non-compliance. There are currently 6 active vehicle abatement cases open and 2 of those vehicles have been towed.

Since September 1, 2023, the Department has opened 10 new vehicle abatement cases. 4 of these cases have been closed and 2 vehicles have been towed. There is a total of 6 active cases.

<b>VEHICLE ABATEMENT CASES</b>			
<b>September 2021-2022</b>			
Opened Cases	Closed Cases	Vehicles Towed	
182	129	53	
<b>September 2022-2023</b>			
Opened Cases	Closed Cases	Vehicles Towed	
174	123	45	
<b>September 1, 2023- Present</b>			
Opened Cases	Closed Cases	Vehicles Towed	Active Cases
10	4	2	6



During the time period of **September 2021 to September 2022**, the Department opened 52 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, 50 of those cases were closed for voluntary compliance received by the Property Owner and/or Occupants of the Property. 3 abatements were completed due to receiving no compliance from the Property Owners and/or Occupants.

During the time period of **September 2022 to September 2023**, the Department opened 64 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, 56 of those cases were closed for voluntary compliance received by the Property Owner and/or Occupants of the Property. 2 abatements were completed due to receiving no compliance from the Property Owner and/or Occupants.

Since September 1, 2023, the Department has opened 6 new code enforcement cases. 8 cases have been closed and 1 abatement was completed. There are 13 cases that were opened prior to the time periods listed above due to reoccurring violations. The Department currently has 21 active code enforcement cases.

<b>CODE ENFORCEMENT CASES</b>			
<b>September 2021-2022</b>			
Opened Cases	Closed Cases	Abatements Completed	
52	50	3	
<b>September 2022-2023</b>			
Opened Cases	Closed Cases	Abatements Completed	
64	56	2	
<b>September 1, 2023- Present</b>			
Opened Cases	Closed Cases	Abatements Completed	Active Cases
6	8	1	21

**Community Development Department**