



City Council Work Session Minutes May 23, 2023

Mayor:	Robert Duncan, Presiding
Council President:	Mike Caughey, Present
Councilors Present:	Kimberly Downey, Robert Boese, and Randy Klemm
Councilors Absent:	Charlotte Thomas and Vacant Position
Staff Present:	City Administrator Michele Eldridge, Public Works Director Chuck Scholz and City Recorder/ Municipal Court Clerk Lori Ross
Meeting Location:	Harrisburg Municipal Center Located at 354 Smith St

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL by Mayor, Robert Duncan at the hour of 6:35pm

CONCERNED CITIZEN(S) IN THE AUDIENCE: All in attendance were there for items on the agenda.

THE MATTER OF MEETING WITH A MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE FROM LCSO IF ONE IS AVAILABLE

STAFF REPORT: Sergeant Frambes reviewed the LCSO Report for April 2023 commenting it was a busier month than usual which makes it difficult to space out the required monthly hours for Harrisburg as well as the other contracted cities. Sergeant Frambes stated LCSO has been spending scheduled time at the high school and if there was a need to be concerned for their attendance, the School District is responsible for notifying the parents, not LCSO.

- Sergeant Frambes commented about the hang up calls coming from the 400 block of Territorial Street stating there were several numbers involved which he believes has to do with the location of the cell phone towers and not Isovolta entirely.
- Mayor Duncan asked Sergeant Frambes about the missing teenager, Bryce Chilgren. Sergeant Frambes responded that LCSO has had a deputy and a lieutenant involved with the case and they will continue to collect more information.
- Eldridge asked Sergeant Frambes about the increase in crime this last quarter and asked if it was due to warrants being served. Sergeant Frambes replied that it was and if the defendant was cited for another offense, that would count too.
- Sergeant Frambes mentioned having a Q & A with residents here again soon.

THE MATTER OF REVIEWING THE 1ST QUARTER CRIME RESULTS FOR THE CITY OF HARRISBURG

STAFF REPORT: Eldridge reviewed the 1st Quarter Crime Report. Some of the highlights included:

- A break-in at Allstate located on the corner of Smith/2nd Street where \$1,200 worth of damage was done including a gun being stolen.
- Property crimes were in the middle and drug and alcohol crimes have gone up.
- Eldridge commented that warrants served were for other cities as well, not just Harrisburg.

THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION AND ALLOWING PUBLIC TESTIMONY IN RELATION TO ESTABLISHING OBJECTIVELY REASONABLE TIME, PLACE AND MANNER (TPM) RESTRICTIONS IN REGARD TO CAMPING AND TO SITTING, SLEEPING, AND LYING DOWN ON PUBLIC PROPERTY IN HARRISBURG

STAFF REPORT: Eldridge referred to Exhibits A, B and C and informed Council the action is to discuss any changes or suggestions they would like to make and bring back to a future meeting for adoption as an emergency declaration. Mayor Duncan read the script for the public hearing.

The Public Hearing was opened at the hour of 6:50pm.

City Attorney Catherine Pratt commented that cities are still allowed to regulated camping and this ordinance outlines what it means to camp and when it would be illegal. The ordinance is identical to Linn County which is identical to Oregon statute language. The City can regulate time, place and manner on property that is public property, like sidewalks, public parks, or other open areas which does not include City Hall or the School District which are private property. She further commented that if someone is sleeping in the park, when the park is closed, we could establish a place for them to be able to go to. If they don't leave after being asked, they could be charged with trespassing or other crimes and ordered to appear at Harrisburg Municipal Court or Linn County Circuit Court.

Pratt further commented there were some grammar changes made to the ordinance, like replacing must with shall and also amending Chapter 9.45 by making it a criminal offense for consuming alcohol in a public place. She noted this is not a requirement, just a suggestion. Pratt referred to page 63, and recommended delegating authority to the City Administrator or their designee, to be able to issue trespass citations. Eldridge commented that authority has already been given to both LCSO and Coburg PD.

- Mayor Duncan asked Pratt about chapter 9.55.070 regarding garbage on page 56. Pratt replied that knowingly is to intentionally leave your garbage, either dumping or having a picnic and not picking it up.
- Mayor Duncan asked Pratt about hunting on City property with a bow and arrow. Pratt responded you can cite by state statute and cite to appear in Harrisburg Municipal Court or Linn County Circuit Court. Eldridge commented that HMC 9.55.170 enforces bow and arrows, BB guns and air rifles in public parks.
- Downey asked about the status of beer gardens being held during public events. Pratt responded that applicants would just need to go through the proper permitting process for any liquor, sound, or inflatable permits.
- Scholz referred to page 66; HMC 9.45, Exhibit A, banning liquor in public places, city roads and public right of ways. Scholz commented that most residents don't know where their property lines are located, and a portion of their yard could be considered public right of way. Scholz commented that very few cities have this in their municipal code.

The Public Hearing was closed at the hour of 7:09pm.

- Downey commented that she is concerned with Scholz's point of view regarding drinking in public places.
- Mayor Duncan asked how the City would know whose property belongs to who.
- Boese voiced his concern with residents not knowing where their property lines are and residents not knowing the rules and regulations. Boese also questioned how it would be enforced.
- Downey asked about changing it to being intoxicated in public instead, and Pratt responded there was no statute prohibiting intoxication, only the action it causes.
- Mayor Duncan clarified it was originally placed in the code to give the City teeth for a separate issue.
- Pratt commented that this was just a suggestion from the City Attorney's Office and the Council could reduce from a misdemeanor to a violation if they choose or leave out entirely.
- Downey commented that she doesn't like this code, stating it feels like it's taking away the right of the citizen. She can't approve it and wants to leave as is. Boese agreed Downey further commented that she was tired of regulations and asked if we could address those concerns in our camping ordinances.
- Eldridge commented that Council can motion to remove it and bring it back to a future meeting for adoption.
 - Downey **motioned to amend Chapter 9.55 as discussed at the meeting, remove Exhibit A and to adopt Chapter 9.65 and was seconded by Klemm. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0.** (Yes: Caughey, Downey, Klemm and Boese. No: None.)

THE MATTER OF APPROVING A PARADE PERMIT FOR THE HARRISBURG OLD-FASHIONED 4TH OF JULY PARADE

STAFF REPORT: Eldridge stated the only changes are the addition of a Pet Parade held on 2nd and 1st Streets. All pets are welcome. No further discussion.

- Downey **motioned to approve the Parade Permit for the Harrisburg 2023 Old-Fashioned 4th of July Parade and was seconded by Klemm. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0.** (Yes: Caughey, Downey, Klemm and Boese. No: None.)

THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO APPROVE A PUBLIC EVENT PERMIT FOR THE 71ST YEAR OF THE HARRISBURG OLD FASHIONED 4TH OF JULY

STAFF REPORT: Eldridge stated the only changes are the following:

- The addition of a beer garden, open both Monday the 3rd and Tuesday the 4th, which is being held in the City Hall parking lot.
- The addition of barricades at S 9th and Sommerville Lp, due to the new street going through.
- The route changing for the 5K run due to a conflict with an event at the high school. The 5K will begin and end at grade school.
 - Klemm **motioned to authorize the City Administrator to approve the Public Event Permit for the 71st year of the Harrisburg Old-Fashioned 4th of July Celebration as conditioned as was seconded by Downey. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0.** (Yes: Caughey, Downey, Klemm and Boese. No: None.)

OTHER ITEMS

- Eldridge referred to **Addendum 1**, a flyer for the RAIN Entrepreneurs Showcase being held June 8th where they will be recognizing local business “That Place in the Country” owned by Sharon Rogers Skiles. Eldridge stated she would ask someone from the Chamber to attend in her absence.
- Eldridge received an email from the Capital Construction Sub-Committee asking if our water project delay is having an impact on our housing supply. Eldridge to respond indicating yes, it has had an impact on development and new residents moving to town.
- Eldridge has received information from Mark Cowen with the Oregon Parks and Recreation Grant Department suggesting we make some changes to our application to make it stronger. Eldridge to work on those changes.
- June 24th is the Republic Services Clean-up Event. Information will be coming out in the utility bill next week.
- Eldridge wanted to thank everyone who participated in the first work party event. Future work parties will be held June 24th, July 22nd, August 19th, and September 9th.
- Resident Kay Barnett of Whitledge Place, and her husband, Council President Caughey, generously offered to purchase some plants to be planted on the trail since they are not able to participate in the work parties.
- Eldridge informed Council that a resident, who was recently denied a memorial bench for a loved one, due to not meeting the criteria, will be coming to Council in June with their request.

With no further discussion, the City Council Business Meeting adjourned at hour of 7:45pm.

Mayor

City Recorder



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May 22, 2023

REAL Entrepreneurs Showcase (June 8th) to Feature Innovative Rural Linn and Benton Businesses

Rural Economic Alliance, RAIN Catalysts Invites Community to Meet Up-and-Coming Entrepreneurs

For a sneak peak at the next generation of local businesses, mark your calendars for the [REAL Entrepreneurs Showcase](#) on June 8th in Lebanon. Hosted by the region's [Rural Economic Alliance \(REAL\)](#)* in partnership with [RAIN Catalysts](#) and with support from [Business Oregon](#), the event will feature innovative entrepreneurs and small businesses from throughout rural Linn and Benton counties, presenting their business concepts and delivering product demonstrations. Guests can enjoy complimentary refreshments, free product samples, networking time, and a keynote address by [Ellen Yin](#), podcaster and Founder of [Cubicle to CEO](#). Leaders from Business Oregon will speak to recent initiatives aimed to boost entrepreneurship in the region. The event is free to attend; pre-registration is encouraged.

REAL Entrepreneurs Showcase

Thursday, June 8th | 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

[Best Western Premier Boulder Falls Inn](#)

[505 Mullins Dr. Lebanon, OR](#)

Free to Attend | Learn More & RSVP online at:

<https://www.raincatalysts.org/entrepreneurshowcase>

"On behalf of Rural Economic Alliance and RAIN Catalysts, I would like to extend a warm welcome to the communities of Linn and Benton counties to attend the REAL Entrepreneurs Showcase. 'It takes a village to raise an entrepreneur,' and here, you will have the chance to meet and show your support for some of the region's most innovative and hard working entrepreneurs. You will also have the unique opportunity to learn from and be inspired by Ellen Yin, who is an amazing example of what is achievable through entrepreneurship," said Nate Conroy, RAIN Catalysts' Venture Catalysts for Linn and Benton counties.

The exhibiting companies represent a wide range of industries and all corners of Linn and Benton Counties, including makers of fine arts like [That Place in the Country](#) from Harrisburg, food manufacturing like [Corylus Farms](#) in Lebanon, to health-tech companies like [IonBottles](#) of Adair Village. Many have dedicated significant time into RAIN Catalysts' entrepreneurial development programs, such as the recently-completed [Destination Creation Course](#), a nationally-recognized training program for small businesses to become can't-miss consumer destinations.

Ellen Yin is a business coach and entrepreneur who helps online coaches and service providers grow their businesses. Ellen is the founder of Cubicle to CEO, a podcast and online membership community that offers resources and support for individuals looking to start or scale their businesses. She has been featured in Forbes, Entrepreneur, and other major publications. Ellen has recently sold one of her courses to leading online classes platform Kajabi and continues to grow and transform her business to a media company.

For questions about the REAL Entrepreneurs Showcase, contact Nate Conroy: nate@raincatalysts.org

*Communities of the REAL Alliance include: Adair Village, Brownsville, Halsey, Harrisburg, Lebanon, Monroe, Philomath, Sweet Home, and Tangent.

About RAIN Catalysts: The Regional Accelerator & Innovation Network (RAIN Catalysts) is a 501(c)(3) global non-profit organization that is run by experienced entrepreneurs and entrepreneurial ecosystem-builders. RAIN Catalysts exists to reduce barriers to entrepreneurship and innovation for underrepresented populations and communities. Since 2014, RAIN Catalysts has been invited into 52 communities in Oregon and Washington and 2 cities in Pakistan to help them build inclusive entrepreneurial ecosystems and innovation economies. RAIN Catalysts' model is investigative, not prescriptive – which means we join existing community activities/conversations, engage local stakeholders, listen, map ecosystem assets, identify and leverage strengths, identify gaps with partners, and spin-up programming that meets the needs of that region's entrepreneurs.

RAIN Catalysts' mission is to partner with communities to catalyze inclusive entrepreneurial ecosystems, connect entrepreneurs to resources—including overlooked entrepreneurs—and contribute to the creation of prosperous economies.

RAIN Catalysts' vision is that communities everywhere support, value, and celebrate entrepreneurs; regional leaders recognize entrepreneurs are a primary creator of net new jobs; communities of any size have thriving economies, and a culture of possibilities is embraced. Visit www.raincatalysts.org to learn more.

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