



## Harrisburg City Council Business Meeting Minutes July 22, 2019

The City Council met on this date at the Harrisburg Senior Center, at the hour of 6:30pm. Presiding was Mayor Robert Duncan. Also present were as follows:

- Mike Caughey
- Kimberly Downey
- Adam Keaton
- Charlotte Thomas
- City Administrator Brian Latta
- City Recorder/Asst. City Administrator Michele Eldridge
- Public Works Director Chuck Scholz
- Finance Officer Tim Gaines

### **CONCERNED CITIZEN(S) IN THE AUDIENCE.**

- Anthony Bucher, 971 Sommerville Loop, was in the audience, and told the Council that he was following up on a conversation he had with them from two months ago. This was the meeting he was supposed to be presenting his request in relation to the recently partitioned property located at 905 Priceboro. It's taken longer for him to come to an agreement with the owner. He will be at a future Council meeting with this information.

### **THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE CONSENT LIST**

Caughey had some items on the payment approval report to discuss. He raised questions about the Oregon Asphalt payment of \$17,215. Was that for the crack sealing project? Scholz told him that it was. He also asked about the payment to Schneider Equipment for \$21,289. Scholz told him that was for a Well rehab for Well No. 4. Caughey also questioned a reimbursement that was made to Tim Gaines for \$1,173.95. Gaines told him those were for the TV's for the Council Chambers, and the routers and switch for the new chambers. We needed those to complete our project, and the purchase was through Costco. Caughey thanked them both for their answers.

- Keaton **motioned to approve the Consent List, and was seconded by** Thomas.  
**The City Council then voted unanimously to approve the Consent List. The motion to approve the consent list approved the following:**
  - **The payment approval report for June 2019**
  - **The minutes of June 11, 2019**
  - **The Appointment of Jayne Detering to the Library Board for a term ending June 30, 2023.**
  - **The Out of State Travel for the Finance Officer**
- Latta noted that staff is still working with the new software, so the items on the agenda that are numbered 2 and 3, were already approved through the consent list approval.

### **THE MATTER OF APPROVING ORDINANCE NO. 970, "AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY NUISANCE ASSESSMENTS AGAINST REAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF HARRISBURG."**

- Caughey motioned to approve Ordinance No. 970, “AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY NUISANCE ASSESSMENTS AGAINST REAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF HARRISBURG.” He was seconded by Thomas, and the City Council voted unanimously to approve Ordinance No. 970, and thereby placing a lien onto real property located at 892 Smith St.

#### **THE MATTER OF A DISCUSSION WITH THE LINN COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE.**

- Sergeant Greg Klein was present, and reviewed the report for the month of June. (Please see the report located on pg. 59 of the Council agenda.)
- Thomas asked him about the comments on petty theft from mailboxes, and other things on the report, such as the egging on N. 9<sup>th</sup> St.
- Sergeant Klein wasn’t sure if those were connected or not, but said it’s typical for summer activities.
- Downey added that the mailboxes on 5<sup>th</sup> St. had been affected.
- Caughey added further that there were 4 different mailbox incidents in town; not just in one place.
- Sergeant Klein thought some focus patrols were in order, except that Downey said that perpetrators often hide in the bushes until the patrol car goes by.
- Latta said that there had been a lot of complaints about speeding as well, on Diamond Hill Rd, between 9<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Sergeant Klein said that he was discussing all of these with his patrol groups.

#### **THANK YOU TO PLANNING COMMISSION YOUTH ADVISOR VICTOR HESSER**

- Mayor Duncan thanked Youth Advisor Victor Hesser for his time this last year serving on the Planning Commission. He presented him with a framed certificate, and Council also thanked him for his time.

#### **THE MATTER OF APPROVING A SPECIAL TEMPORARY HOUSING PERMIT**

**STAFF REPORT:** Latta reiterated the information in the staff report. Brett and Ginny Ward, who recently went through a house fire at 905 Priceboro, are in the audience, and can answer questions for the Council. He was suggesting that since they can receive a one-time extension of the 90 days, that Council allow him to authorize that request, should they need it.

- After Mayor Duncan expressed his sympathies for what they were going through, Downey motioned to approve a Special Temporary Housing Permit for Brett and Ginny Ward for the property at 905 Priceboro Road, and to authorize the City Administrator to approve a one-time extension of the proposed permit for an additional 90 days. She was seconded by Keaton, and the City Council voted unanimously to approve the requested Special Temporary Housing Permit for the Wards, that will allow them to live in an RV on their property while they repaired the home, along with the authorization for the City Administrator to extend that request for a one-time extension of 90 days, if needed.

#### **THE MATTER OF HARRISBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY AMNESTY PROGRAM FOR LATE FINES AND LOST LIBRARY MATERIALS.**

**STAFF REPORT:** Latta reviewed the report materials, and noted that they had cleaned up the report quite a bit. The Library Board met with the directions from City Council, and revised their plans for the amnesty program. They are here tonight to provide you with that information.

**LIBRARY BOARD REPORT:** Members of the Library Board, Chairperson Cassandra Barney, Heather Long, and Librarian Cheryl Spangler were in the audience.

- Chair Barney told the City Council that the purpose behind the program is to help people feel welcome when we re-open the Library. She reviewed the three phases that are shown in the agenda. Phase one is what they are starting with. They had come up with an average for how much the average patron with outstanding materials has in late fees.
- Latta said that it was \$13.61.
- Chair Barney agreed, and said it was \$13.61 for all materials, which includes books, and other materials that can be checked out.
- Caughey didn't like the \$10 replacement fee for a hardback book; especially when he normally pays around \$30 for a hardback. If it's a used book, that would be sufficient.
- Spangler reminded City Council that when you purchase a new book for yourself, you may read it once or perhaps twice, and it gets put back on the shelf. Books in the Library, on the other hand, can be checked out 7 times in just a month or two. There is a lot more wear and tear on them.

Chair Barney thought the averages they came up with for phase 3 were good for the types of materials normally checked out. Thomas added that she liked the canned goods program. Most canned goods are more expensive now than they were, so the amount per can received is better than what we originally were thinking. Caughey liked the Food for Fines program. Latta noted that staff is happy with these changes, and recommended approval.

- Caughey **motioned to approve the amnesty program for late and lost books to begin August 1, 2019. He was seconded** by Thomas, and the **City Council voted unanimously to approve the Amnesty Program as outlined by the Library Board.**

#### **THE MATTER OF CONSIDERING WHETHER OR NOT TO ALLOW A MURAL BE PAINTED ON AN INTERIOR WALL OF THE LIBRARY.**

Council liked the mural idea, but wants to see the location of the mural in the Library. This is problematic because the shelves were not yet in the Library, nor was any of the other furniture. It was determined that the artwork that was shown to Council is conceptual in nature.

**Council Consensus:** *After furniture arrives, the area will be measured, and the artist can then come up with a final design for the area planned for the mural, and bring it back to City Council for approval.*

#### **THE MATTER OF DETERMINING WHETHER OR NOT TO APPLY FOR ODOT'S SPECIAL CITY ALLOTMENT GRANT FOR STREET REPAIRS TO LASALLE STREET BETWEEN 6<sup>TH</sup> AND 9<sup>TH</sup> STREETS.**

**STAFF REPORT:** Latta noted that a resolution was no longer required to apply for a SCA grant. He reviewed the information in the staff report, noting the cost of the project, and where the funds were budgeted. The deadline for applying is July 31, 2019.

- Thomas **motioned to authorize City staff to apply for the Special City Allotment Grant for Improvement to LaSalle Street between 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Streets. She was seconded** by Caughey. **The City Council then unanimously approved the motion to apply for a SCA Grant for street repairs to LaSalle St.**

#### **THE MATTER OF CONSIDERING A LOBBYING LETTER PROVIDED BY THE COALITION AGAINST BIGGER TRUCKS.**

Latta explained that both he and Caughey had been contacted by the representative of this group, Josh Collins. The concern is with small City's, whose roads are typically impacted by heavy traffic. They are working to keep limits on both size and weight of large vehicles. Staff had no

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opinion on the request. After some discussion in relation to the bridge over the Willamette, as well as types of vehicles, Council voiced that they had concerns about supporting the lobbyist's letter without having more information about the subject, including information from both sides of the issue. Scholz noted that nobody has heard anything about this going through legislation as of yet. Latta said that at the federal level, there had been some language that came out, and the lobbyist is trying to prevent anything sneaky from happening. *The consensus by Council was to shelf this request, until and unless they can receive more information.*

## **THE MATTER OF REVIEWING THE 4th QUARTER FY 2018-2019 FINANCIAL REPORT DOCUMENT**

**STAFF REPORT:** Finance Officer Tim Gaines explained that the bonds would be closing soon, on the 21<sup>st</sup> of the month.

Latta added that he hasn't had the time to put this information on the website as of yet, but he has been working on getting a timelines from the City Engineer and from Chuck. It is not comprehensive, and will only have 7 to 10 bullet points.

Downey asked about page 262 and the percentages to budget that they were seeing. Keaton was also interested in this. Gaines said that this was a good thing, as discussed before; the red was in relation to revenue we had received in excess of what was budgeted. Caughey said it was discussed before, and he was comfortable with it.

- Keaton **motioned to approve the 4th quarter financial report for fiscal year 2018-2019, and was seconded by Caughey. The City Council then voted unanimously to approve the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Financial Report for FY 2018-2019.**

### **Other:**

- Scholz handed out a draft master water plan. This information is required to go to Council. (Please see Addendum No. 1 for a copy of the memo provided to Council.) He asked the City Council to review the plan, and to provide questions, comments or concerns to him by August 13. We will be asking Council to approve the plan. The draft that they are receiving is protected, and confidential, by the Department of Homeland Security. He asked that they not share the information in the report.
- Scholz had another 'Other' topic, on his Public Works crew. He had a priority on the strategic plan to have his PW crew all certified. Other than the newest guy, everyone has now been certified as an operator.
- Caughey noted that there were a ton of complaints about speeding in town, especially on Territorial and Diamond Hill Roads. He was very happy with the number of patrols and tickets shown in the June LCSO report. Can the City do anything in relation to speeding in those areas, other than patrols? A lot of the comments were in relation to the speed bump that had been removed by the City.
- Downey said a citizen had suggested traffic cameras.
- Latta told her that you have to have a stop light, to be allowed to use traffic cameras.
- Scholz said that he's easily had as many people thrilled by the changes at 9<sup>th</sup> and Diamond Hill Road, as he has had complaints. The speed bump was built incorrectly, so it's better that it was removed.
- Thomas lives on 6<sup>th</sup> St., and everyone entering town on the south end come in speeding. Could they put up a flashing light, with signs that they are entering a speed controlled area?

- Scholz told her that if you talk to transportation specialists, and LCSO, you'll find that the signs don't work. ODOT's concern is to get people to move from point A to point B, quickly and efficiently. He actually liked the idea of a flashing light.
- Thomas pointed out that she knows a flashing light means slow down.
- Scholz said that he would do some research on the subject. It will take a few months, with everything he has on his plate right now. He will talk to someone in transportation about it.
- Keaton cautioned everyone to not get roundabout's.....they were probably the most hated traffic control.

**At the hour of 7:33pm, the City Council entered into an Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(F).**

**THE MATTER OF OPENING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(2)(F): "TO CONSIDER INFORMATION OR RECORDS THAT ARE EXEMPT BY LAW FROM PUBLIC INSPECTION."**

**The City Council exited Executive Session, and returned to regular session at the hour of 7:57PM.**

- Mayor Duncan asked for a consensus from everyone as to instruct the City Recorder to attach the memo from the Executive Session to the City Council minutes for this meeting.
- ***Council Consensus was to instruct the City Recorder to attach the memo to the City Council meeting minutes. (Please see Addendum No. 2 for a copy of the memo released by the City Council.)***

**More Others:**

- Latta told the Council that as a follow up, he wanted to remind them that his last day is coming up soon; he had sent out notice to them all over the weekend, but had a copy of it for the record as well (**Please see Addendum No. 3**). He spoke about the challenges he will have in relation to his job at the City of Dallas. He said that his contract with Harrisburg reads that he should give the City Council a two month period before he leaves their employ. He was asking if Council will allow him to have his last day be September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019. This will be ten days short of the two month period. The reason is so that he doesn't have to commute as his children are now enrolled in school in Dallas. If you are ok with this, then he will start at the City of Dallas on September 9<sup>th</sup>. He expressed his sincerest gratitude to the City Council, and knows that there are a lot more great things that Harrisburg will do. He has a great Council, and it will be very hard to leave.
- The Council congratulated him on his hire, and spoke about the challenges he will face. Mayor Duncan noted that he knew that Latta would only be with us for a small amount of time. He was the right man for the right job, at the right time. We were blessed in having him be our City Administrator. It's a life investment he made to them, and he was happy he was here as long as he was.
- Downey commented that while she is mad with Dallas for hiring him, at the same time, she is very happy for him on a personal basis. This is the time for you to do

new things, and to move on in your career. She doesn't blame him for leaving, and she wanted him to know that. She was angry because he is doing such a good job, and we hate to lose him. She hoped that he would put some word out about getting a good replacement.

- Latta had mentioned it to several people already.
- Downey wanted to make sure that we got someone who was positive, and pro-active like he was.
- After a few more comments by Council, Latta said that we had to file a preliminary statement with bond counsel, because he had to disclose to them that he is leaving. So they need to have a plan on how long they feel it will take to replace him. Is there anything that Council can share?
- Caughey would rather do it right, and to have someone replaced in 3 months, or 5 months, if needed, to get the right candidate. Michele can handle whatever is needed until then.
- Latta asked then if it was Council's plan to hire a new City Administrator by the end of the year.
- City Attorney Jim Brewer asked if we had a formal timeline.
- Eldridge said that she has been putting a timeline together. She noted that most City Administrators are now employed contractual in basis, and that a typical time frame for severance was two months out. Once we hire the replacement, it will likely be two months before they are able to start with the City, give or take a month.
- Latta said that some contracts can specify up to six months. He asked if they intend on promoting Michele to interim City Administrator in the meanwhile.
- Eldridge commented that she can do whatever is needed for City Council.
- Latta asked if the Council wanted to hire an interim City Administrator.
- Downey told him yes.
- Brewer said that you needed to have a game plan, because when it comes to fiscal management, you had to show continuity.
- Latta said that other than this last comment, he suggested that we save the rest of the comments to the Personnel Committee. He suggested that the City Council and Personnel Committee focus on hiring a City Administrator. He can easily contract out the planning for the City, and the City would benefit more from hiring a pure City Administrator. We need to deal with the park, urban renewal, and grant writing. Having someone with project management skills is ideal. Council was lucky that they got him, and that he was good as a manger. Most planners are good at planning, but aren't strong in management skills.
- Caughey would have that concern as well.
- Downey noted it was what Bruce wanted, which is why we went with it.
- Brewer added that he never has met another City that had a planner that became a City manager. Management skills don't normally go with a Planner. You really lucked out on what you received; he wouldn't expect them to be that lucky the next time around.
- Latta reminded Council that on August 9<sup>th</sup>, a small cities meeting would be held here in Harrisburg. It's a lunch, and we plan on holding it in the new Justice Center Building. It runs from 11:00 to 1:00. It's a legislative recap first, and gives us the

ability to show off our newbuilding, minus the library. We will take possession of the new Municipal Center next week, and need the contractor to build the shelves in the Library before we can accept that. He had some problems with the contractor we had hired, because we had intended on them installing the category 5 cable, and they said that it wasn't their job to do that. We just hired another contractor, who will try to do that for us in the next three weeks.

- Caughey had one last item to discuss. He handed out a memo he had written, **(Please see Addendum No. 4)**. Most of Council knows his feelings about the LCSO contract. The numbers he had worked out, based on the average amount of traffic hours we receive per month, show that for the enhanced services, we are paying over \$400 an hour for the traffic services we received. The deputies do a great job for us, but he feels the problem is that they aren't being given the information we've provided for them, even though we've begged and pleaded for it to be shared. They get what they are told to do, which is not necessarily what we have asked for. There is also not consistency in what is provided, as you can see that there are warnings for driving a certain speed, and tickets for the same speed. That bothers him. He feels that the path that Brian has started down, with obtaining some traffic services from other cities police is the right one to go down. He won't be here for the August meetings, and the first September meeting, so he wanted them to know his feelings. In reality, we could simply ask them to provide our police services in their entirety.
- Latta said that we will be talking about this issue in August; he handed out the memo he had received from Sheriff Yon. **(Please see Addendum No. 5)**. He had talked with the police chiefs for both Junction City and Coburg, who can both provide more than the 20 hours a month of traffic services, up to 75 hours. He has also asked them if they have the capacity to provide full police services. Hypothetically, he asked if we could pay for 1.5 FTE's worth of officers. Both said yes, they can do that. The Sheriff will be making his presentation at the August 27<sup>th</sup> meeting, and the City Council can make a decision then, or wait until September to do so. He recommends that with a new City Administrator coming on, that we continue with the Sheriff's office through this fiscal year. Then if the Council wants to take a separate path, they can do so in six to nine months, with a new Administrator.
- Downey agreed with his suggestion, and felt that was prudent.

**With no further business to discuss, the City Council adjourned at the hour of 8:39PM.**

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Mayor

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City Recorder



## MEMORANDUM

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**TO: CITY COUNCIL**

**FROM: CHUCK SCHOLZ – PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**

**SUBJECT: WATER MASTER PLAN - DRAFT**

**DATE: 07-22-2019**

**DEADLINE: PLEASE REVIEW BY: AUGUST 13<sup>TH</sup> 2019**

A copy of the draft – Water Master Plan is being provided to you so you will have time to review it before the next Council business meeting. A copy of the Draft-Water Master Plan has been supplied to the Oregon Health Authority for their comments to ensure that we have supplied all information required that must be included in a Master Plan per ORS 333-061-0060,0061 and Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 223.297-223.314

Please get me any question, comments or concerns to me at [cscholz@ci.harrisburg.or.us](mailto:cscholz@ci.harrisburg.or.us).

Staff will be asking council to approve the Water Master Plan at the August regular scheduled Council business meeting.



## CONFIDENTIAL LEGAL MEMORANDUM

To: Harrisburg City Council

From: City Attorney

Re: Municipal court traffic diversions and deferred adjudications

Date: July 22, 2019

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### Issues:

1. May municipal judges allow diversion or deferred adjudication for traffic violations?
2. If so, how are fees collected pursuant to the diversion or deferred adjudication to be allocated?

### Brief answers:

1. Yes, they may. And most do, especially when the violator has a clean driving record.
2. Courts are divided across the state. Some pay out a portion of the fee collected; others keep the entire fee at the city level. The recommendation of our office is to call the program deferred adjudication rather than diversion to avoid paying a portion of the fee to the state.

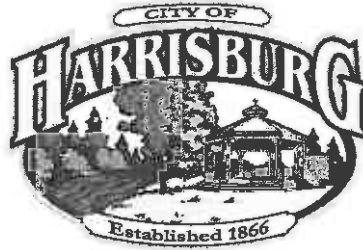
### Analysis:

1. There is no statute or case law prohibiting judges from offering and allowing diversions and/or deferred adjudications. ORS 153.030(1) states “The procedures provided for in this chapter apply to violations described in ORS 153.008. Except as specifically provided in this chapter, the criminal procedure laws of this state applicable to crimes also apply to violations.” ORS 135.886 permits prosecutors to offer and enter into non-DUI criminal diversions, upon consideration of various factors. ORS 137.533 permits probation without entering a judgment of guilt (also called a deferred adjudication) under circumstances similar to diversion under ORS 135.886. For traffic violations, there is no prosecutor (unless a defendant hires an attorney). Therefore, courts have discretion to allow diversion and/or deferred adjudication in traffic court.

2. Courts are divided across the state. Regionally, Corvallis, Philomath, Creswell, and Sweet Home all keep the entire fee. Springfield and Junction City pay \$35 to the state and keep the rest. Lebanon treats the fee the same as a criminal fine, so they pay the state, the county, and then keep whatever is left.

Like many legal matters, this is a situation where words matter. If a diversion is allowed under ORS 135.891, \$35 must be paid to the state. ORS 137.533 does not have a similar requirement for deferred adjudications, so the fee is not mandatory.

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Mayor Robert Duncan and Harrisburg City Council  
120 Smith Street  
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Dear Mayor Duncan and the Harrisburg City Council,

This letter is to inform you, I have reached an agreement with the City of Dallas, OR to become their next City Manager. According to Section 9.4 of the employment contract, I am obligated to provide the City Council with a two month notice to terminate this contract, unless the parties agree otherwise in writing.

Please consider this letter as my notice of intent to terminate the employment contract. I am requesting the City Council agree to end my employment on Tuesday, September 3, 2019. This date is six full weeks from today's date, and seven weeks from when I first informed the Council of the possibility I would be leaving the City's employ. I am requesting a shorter termination notice period, so I can relocate my family to Dallas prior to the start of the school year.

If the Council does not agree to a shorter termination notice period, my last day will be September 13, 2019.

I want to express my sincerest gratitude to the Mayor and City Council for taking a chance on hiring me to lead the administration of this City. My family and I are indebted to you and the City. I hope you feel I have fulfilled the Mayor's proclamation by leaving Harrisburg better than I found it.

If you have any questions regarding the information in this letter, please contact me.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Latta".

Brian Latta  
City Administrator

**To: Harrisburg City Council**

As a follow-up to my comments on the LCSO contract and impending charges, this note is to provide in writing the actual and proposed numbers for Harrisburg participating in the contract with LCSO ongoing.

I think that we all have concerns with the services we are currently paying for and what we are receiving. I have been able to attend several of the quarterly meetings between the previous and current Sheriffs and their staff concerning the contract and concerns of the participating Cities. All of the cities are small, and we all have the budgetary issues of paying the fees to LCSO.

During one Contract Cities meeting with Sheriff Riley concerning hours and costs, he repeatedly used the term "enhanced services". What he was referring to was the "extra" hours that the LCSO was spending in the cities for purposes that were not the mandated function of the department, i.e. traffic patrols and code enforcement. Sheriff Yon has used the same terminology.

We found that the cities that do not have contracts with the Sheriff department, still get all the mandated services that the Contract Cities receive. This includes 911 calls, crime investigations, animal control, etc. Those non-contract cities do not get regular traffic enforcement commitment from LCSO, nor code enforcement.

This explanation indicated that what the Contract Cities are really paying for is for traffic and code enforcement only.

After our last City Council meeting with Sheriff Yon and representatives of his staff, he stated that without a contract, 911 calls would still be handled by LCSO. This statement supports the scenario that we are really paying for traffic and code enforcement.

The contract is costing our city a large amount every year. \$258,550 in 2018/2019. In a time that we have the demands upon our budget for increases in costs of PERS fees, trying to keep our employees on track with competitive wages and our poor roads situation, we are being charged for services we are not receiving at a truly alarming rate.

We have contracted for 75 hours of traffic enforcement but on average only received 53 hours per month. That is about 71% of contract amount.

The following is data from the previous contract and proposed increases.

**Hourly fees per contract:**

2017/2018	\$65.00/hr.
2018/2019	\$67.33/hr.
2019/2020	\$69.74/hr. at 3.58% increase. LCSO projects \$70.36/hr.
2020/2021	\$72.24/hr. at 3.58% increase. LCSO projects \$73.53/hr.

When we look at costs for only "enhanced services", such as traffic enforcement and code enforcement, the numbers are quite different based on actual average of 53 hours per month.

2017/2018	\$392.45/hr.
2018/2019	\$406.53/hr.
2019/2020	\$ ???
2020/2021	\$ ???

For the most part, we no longer rely on LCSO for code enforcement, which is handled by our own city staff.

Beyond the costs involved, we have the additional issue of citations that are issued, however they are not all coming to our court. Some offences that should have come to our court, instead went to Albany.

**My comments:** I feel that we are not getting what we are paying for. The Sheriffs have not listened and responded to our requests for traffic enforcement, they do not comply with the terms of the contract and are not meeting the need to keep our streets safe at a level that we wish.

The deputies that service our city are doing what they have been instructed to do as to the performance of their duties. I do not fault our front line public servants. Communication in the LCSO has been notably poor. The deputies seldom, if ever, know what our requirements are as far as traffic enforcement. The problem areas still exist, some worse than previous. The method of citation to court was apparently not made clear to the deputies.

It is obvious to me that the LCSO is unwilling to do as we ask for this huge expense to our city. I believe that we need to take action on this issue and seek better solutions instead of another contract being signed with the LCSO.

The alternatives that we have discussed have brought to light different scenarios for handling our need for traffic enforcement. If we still get the same 911 and other services with or without a contract, why will we continue to fund the LCSO organization from our small budget?

It is a reality that LCSO is under-funded by the County. The Commissioners are (in my view) not supporting a very important piece of their responsibilities.

Brian has been very proactive on this issue by looking for alternatives to the problem. We, the City Council, have a duty to our citizens to provide a higher level than the LCSO contract. We must do what is best for our city and provide the best services for the money that we can.

Thank you for considering my opinions and data.

Mike Caughey  
City Council President  
Harrisburg, OR



# LINN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## MEMORANDUM

To: Harrisburg City Council

From: Sheriff Jim Yon

Date: 07.11.2019

Re: Follow up questions

1. *How does the Sheriff's Office propose to achieve the City Council's traffic enforcement goal of 75 hours per month?*

After looking at the numbers and continued reduction of contracted hours, we are not going to achieve the goal of 75 hrs of traffic enforcement. We would reduce this number to the 30ish range. It is also difficult to split out traffic hours from patrol hours. It is essentially doing the same function while patrolling in town.

2. *What did Sheriff Yon mean when he said, "without a contract, we will provide the same services we always have to the citizens of Harrisburg, we'll just cut the City out of it?"*

Absent a contract, we will continue to answer calls of service in the city limits of Harrisburg. My meaning behind "we'll just cut the city out of it" is simply we will operate like we do in unincorporated Linn County, the City of Waterloo and the City of Sodaville. We handle calls for service and handle our business without input from the city.

3. *Absent a contract, will the Sheriff's office initiate major crime investigations and operations in the City of Harrisburg?*

Absent a contract, we will initiate major crime investigations and operations in Harrisburg. It is our jurisdiction and we would continue to handle those investigations. Again, it will be like the Waterloo and Sodaville.

4. *Absent a contract, will the Sheriff's office patrol in the City of Harrisburg?*

Absent a contract, the Sheriff's Office will continue to answer calls of service in the city of Harrisburg. It would be no different than responding to a call in Shedd or at Hayworth Seed. It will not be to the same response time as it is now because the contract pays to keep us in town for a dedicated number hours.

People who commit crimes and cause problems know we are in town. They know almost every shift there will be a deputy in town for a number of hours. This has kept the crime rate in Harrisburg to a very low level.

With the contract, we are there for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade every year. We work the waterfront and in town during the evening of the 4th. We have extra staff in town.

If a deputy is off or injured, we will generally rotate someone from another area to cover our contracted cities. We have always done this. We have created supervisor positions to work with the cities to minimize issues or get them addressed quickly.

There was also talk about how expensive we are. I give you Mill City as an example. They requested a quote for police services from Marion County Sheriff's Office. We were in support of this request because we knew what the answer was going to be. The quote came in with less time and less deputies and was almost \$100k more than what we charge. I believe we charge a fair rate for the services we provide.

The cost to have your own police department and come close to the services we provide would be financially difficult. You would not want the exposure (liability) of having your own department. The expense of doing what we do is going up every year. There are more regulations Now, you would be able to tell them how and what there are going to focus on.