

T.O.P. NEWSLETTER

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Manager's Message

Project Scheduling & Grants

January is typically a month for scheduling and planning annual projects and writing grants and this year proved to be no different. I completed another Weld County Community Development Block Grant application to build a new restroom at Riverview Park and expect to hear if it was awarded in the next few months. The past two CDBG applications were successful for the playground ADA improvements (2025) and the Lincoln Park restroom (this summer) so I'm hoping this one is as well so it can be constructed next summer.

Another grant that was completed in early January is a Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) planning grant and it has already been awarded for \$25,000. These funds will help to complete the final design and construction documents for the new Police Station proposal. Infusion Architects completed the initial conceptual design that the Board approved last fall and will complete the final documents this spring. The proposed Police Station will be discussed in a lot more detail in the coming months as part of this process includes a community engagement public meeting and more information will be provided on cost estimates and funding options.

One of our capital projects this year is to complete the design and construction documents to pave Front Street from CR32 to CR34 including improved storm drainage with utility upgrades. This is an expensive project with a cost estimate of \$300,000 so we looked into two DOLA grant opportunities include the Energy/Mineral Impact Fund (EIAF) and the Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI) Grant. Upon reviewing

them both with our DOLA Regional Manager we decided to pursue both of them in hopes of getting up to 50% of the funding needed as these grants are extremely competitive and will be difficult to get awards. DOLA suspended their grant programs last year so many communities around the state will apply for these grants now that they're open trying to get funding assistance for a wide variety of capital projects. We may not get funding from either grant program but we hope to at least get partial funding to help offset our budget costs. Over the past 20 years the Town has been successful in receiving DOLA grant funding to help complete many planning and capital projects. Some of these projects include multiple planning grants to complete the comprehensive plan update, wastewater utility study, storm drainage study, and police station design to name a few. Several larger construction grants have also been awarded including the senior center and fitness room addition to the community center, reconstructing portions of Division and Sterkel Blvd's, and the largest and most expensive project of building the new wastewater treatment facility. I'm hoping to continue our success in getting DOLA grant awards as we go into 2026.

Town Fee Increases

January is also a time in which the Town reviews all of its fees and to decide what if any changes need to occur regarding costs for services. The Board reviewed the fee schedule during their January 13th meeting and approved fee increases for water and sew-

Town Departments

Administration

400 Grand Avenue
Platteville, CO 80651
(970) 785-2245
Mon-Fri 8:00am-4:30pm
platteville.colorado.gov

Police Dept.

(970) 785-2215
Non-Emergency Dispatch:
(970) 356-1212

Public Works Dept.

(970) 785-6415
After Hours:
(970) 304-2534

Recreation & Seniors

508 Reynolds Avenue
(720) 438-0711

Pioneer Museum

502 Marion Avenue
(970) 785-6285
Mon & Wed 10:00am-3:00pm
Sat. 10:00-2:00pm

Ft. Vasquez Museum

Welcome Center
13412 US85
(970) 785-2832
Wed, Sat, Sun 10am-3pm

Public Library

504 Marion Ave./PO Box 567
(970) 785-2231
Mon - Fri 10:00am-6:00pm
Sat 10:00am-2:00pm
www.PPLCO.us

Nantes Library (Gilcrest)

703 Birch Street
Gilcrest, CO 80623
(970) 737-1035
Mon-Fri 10:00am-6:00pm
Sat 10:00am-2:00pm
www.nanteslibrary.us

Manager's Message (cont.)

er base rates, trash services, and an increase for municipal court docket costs with small increases for recreation baseball registration fees.

Water and sewer fees are an ongoing annual increase due to increasing costs with providing these services. Unfortunately our water provider who treats and delivers water to Platteville, the Central Weld County Water District (CWCWD), informed us two years ago that they had to increase their treatment and deliver fee 100% over a four year period to offset their expenses so we had no choice but to increase our fees. After working with our contract financial accountant to analyze how this would impact the water fund, I presented to the Board of Trustees a 17% annual increase that began last year and was approved again this year on base rates but not the usage rates. The 17% is enough to offset the estimated 25% annual cost from CWCWD for the treatment and deliver costs with no increased costs for the rest of the water fund for operations and maintenance.

As for the sewer fees they were increased by 6% which is what was recommended by our financial /consultant when the new wastewater treatment facility was built several years ago. This increase, which will be reduced to 2-4% in the next few years, is to offset the costs of the annual debt service the Town pays for the \$6.2 million dollar facility over a 30-year period. The consultant calculated a 6% initial annual increase for the first 5 years of the debt service and then a reduced increase of 2-4% for the remaining years until it's paid off.

The annual increase in trash collection services is another direct impact on the residents for a service that the Town provides. Two years ago B&C Refuse sold their business to RAM Waste Collections and the Town decided to continue services with RAM based upon the recommendations by the owners of B&C. At that time the monthly trash collection fee was \$24.00 and RAM reduced it to \$22.00 for this past year and also provided two large trash containers to each resident or property at no additional cost. Even though the monthly fee was initially reduced, a 5% annual increase was built into the contract so starting this month the trash fee will increase to \$23.10 per month. This past year has been an adjustment going from B&C to Ram but if you look into what other trash companies provide for containers (number and size) and costs I believe RAM is one of the better trash companies we could contract with for our community.

The only other fee increases the Board approved that could impact residents include small increases for baseball registration fees. Otherwise, an increase to the court docket costs for defendants who come to our monthly municipal court for violations was increased from \$30 to \$50 and new development impact fees for non-residential development was also increased based upon a study that was completed last summer by BBC Research & Consulting.

Troy Renken, Town Manager

Citizen Committees

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Civic Organizations

Parks, Trails, & Trees

Monthly Meetings: 2nd Tuesday at 6:30pm at Town Hall

Recreation

Monthly Meetings: 4th Monday at 7:00pm at Senior Center

Economic Development

Monthly Meetings: 1st Tuesday at 5:30pm at Town Hall

Public Safety

Monthly Meetings: 4th Thursday at 6:30pm at Town Hall

Veterans Memorial

Monthly Meetings: 2nd Wednesday at 6:30pm at Town Hall

Senior Association Advisory

Monthly Meetings: Last Monday of month at 10:00am at Senior Center

Historical Society

Monthly Meetings: 1st Wednesday at 10am at Pioneer Museum

Rotary Club

Weekly Meetings: Thursdays at 6:30pm Platteville Town Hall on odd months and The Merc in Mead on even months

Lions Club

Monthly Meetings: 2nd Monday at 7:00pm at 723 Goodrich Ct Platteville

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