

T.O.P. NEWSLETTER

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Manager's Message

2026 Budget Development

The primary focus of the Town during October is to work on developing the draft operating and capital budget for the upcoming fiscal year which is always a detailed process. This process typically starts in late August once the preliminary assessed property valuations are released and other revenue sources start being reported such as state highway users taxes. In early September I work with our contract accountant to finalize budget worksheets by department and send those to all directors to work on and return to me by the end of the month. Once the draft budget is formed during the last week of September I present it to the Board of Trustees during the first regular meeting in October to meet the statutory requirement of having the draft budget before the Board by October 15th.

In previous years I would schedule a series of 4-5 evening budget meetings to go over all aspects of the budget but in recent years we began completing this process during a one-day workshop which has proven to be more effective and efficient. This year's budget workshop is scheduled for Friday, October 10th at Town Hall and is open to the public to attend and listen to the budget discussions.

The overall budget doesn't change significantly from year to year as the primary changes derive from revenue fluctuations, uncontrolled operational costs such as utilities, and a detailed discussion on what capital projects can be completed with available funding. During the past several years we've completed several large capital

projects that have cost over a million dollars each including the paving of Reynolds Avenue with new sidewalks, constructing the new South Front Street connecting CR32 to CR30, repaving Grand Avenue and constructing new sidewalks on both sides, and this year expanding the cemetery to the east of the Veterans Memorial. These projects don't include the construction of the new wastewater treatment facility that cost approximately \$6 million dollars. All capital projects were paid for with available funding except the wastewater treatment facility which is funded through a 30-year loan with the Colorado Water Resources & Power Development Authority. As we develop the budget for the 2026 fiscal year I'm not currently promoting any large or expensive capital projects as I want to focus more this next year on improving operations and completing more maintenance projects.

Fall Cleanup Weekend

This year's fall cleanup weekend is scheduled for Friday October 17th and Saturday October 18th from 8:00am to 3:00pm both days and will be held again at the 101 N. Division Blvd location directly east of the Community Center. Prior to the Covid years the Town would have a full spring cleanup weekend and then scale back in the fall with a Leaf & Limb day to accept yard waste, leaves and tree branches but no trash. During the Covid years the Board agreed to have a full cleanup weekend both in

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.)

the spring and fall and since then we have continued doing it that way to provide an inexpensive means for the community to get rid of trash, old furniture and other unwanted items. The flyer is printed on the back side of the utility bill and items that are not accepted are also listed such as oil, paint and electronics. These items can still be discarded by contacting Weld County and taking them to either their Greeley, Dacono or Erie locations. Burn permits can also be applied for during the cleanup weekend by contacting Weld County Department of Public Health & Environmental Services.

Halloween Decorating Contest

I enjoy the fall and winter holiday season and will once again promote a Halloween Home & Yard Decorating Contest with prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places with several honorable mentions. To me this is just a fun way to encouraging residents to decorate for the holidays and recognizing some of the very well decorated properties in our community. No, this is not municipal governments responsibility, but simply something I like to do to promote our community and its residents. The contest will be held the last week of the month with the winners announced on Thursday, October 30th. I'll have another holiday decorating contest in December to promote Christmas.

Board of Trustees Meetings

I typically don't discuss specific Board meetings during my monthly newsletter but we have two scheduled in October on the 7th and 21st that also in-

clude study session and presentations that some might be interested in attending. On October 7th a study session will be held at 6:00pm prior to the regular meeting to present the final draft of the new Police Station Design and budget estimate. The Town obtained a small DOLA grant to help fund the design process and the Board will review the proposal and I'll ask them to approve the final design for future consideration. By no means are we wanting to go into long-term debt to build a new police station, but getting the design completed now is the first step followed by many detailed discussions in the future about funding options.

During the October 21st meeting date a study session is scheduled for 6:00pm prior to the regular meeting for a presentation on the Main Street Program. Traci Stoffel, Main Street Specialist with the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) will give the presentation to the Board with members of her staff to discuss the benefits of becoming a Main Street Program member. The Economic Development Committee will also be in attendance as they are working closely with the Town to find ways to promote local businesses and improve our downtown business district.

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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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