



**City of Cortez**  
123 Roger Smith Ave.  
Cortez, Co. 81321

## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

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January 25, 2022

The following are the current events and topics for the City:

1. The USDOT has two applicants who are bidding to assume our essential air service (EAS) at the Cortez Municipal Airport. Both are hoping to present their service to City Council in February and staff is working to make this occur. Our Airport Manager Jeremy Patton and Finance Director Kelly Koskie are preparing a public comment section on our Cleargov system to allow the public to weigh in and share their opinions regards what destinations and services they would like to see. More to come on this.
2. The road project on north Mildred Street will start next month. The road rebuild on south Sligo St. will not start until school lets out in order to minimize conflicts with High School traffic. We have attempted to get bids for the library HVAC/roof project, but there are no interested contractors who can start before the end of 2022 or beyond. We will continue to work the problem.
3. The City of Cortez, led by the efforts of General Services Director Rick Smith, hosted a regional broadband meeting. The meeting brought together broadband providers, contractors, and other stakeholders in an effort to discuss how we can best work together to build out services in our area and achieve connectivity along the HWY160 corridor. This was well attended and commitments have been made to continue the collaborative effort.
4. It was my privilege to participate in a community forum with the local league of women voters. I was invited along with my counterparts in Mancos, Dolores, and Montezuma County. Feedback from attendees indicates they found the conversation enlightening and rewarding.

### **EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHT**

Randy Hunt – Senior Water Treatment Plant Operator

Nominated by: Interim Public Works Director Rich Landreth

Randy started work with the City Public Works Department in 2006 as a part time maintenance worker. He then worked as a Building Maintenance Worker for two years before transferring to the Public Works Department as a full time Operator. In July of 2013, he moved to his present home at the Water Treatment Plant. During his time at the water plant he has studied and tested his way to a Class A Water Treatment Plant Operator license. Recently Randy has taken on additional responsibilities when Rich Landreth accepted the position of Interim Director of Public Works. Randy accepted these responsibilities and has proven again that he is an exceptional employee. In his time off, Randy enjoys off-roading, hunting and fishing.