



**City of Cortez**  
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## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

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May 23, 2023

Mayor and Council:

The following is my report for the current term:

- The Cortez Kennel hosted the Bergen Spay/Neuter Clinic in conjunction with For Pets' Sake Humane Society May 11 – May 14, 2023. The clinic was very successful with estimates of over 250 animals being served.
- This week, May 21 – 27, 2023, is National Public Works week. The theme this year is “Connecting the World Through Public Works” to show how public works connects us all through infrastructure and service, enhancing the quality of life for the communities these professionals serve.
- With that I would like to share our Employee Spotlight – Diane Roberts:

We would like to recognize Diane Roberts, Project Manager, Public Works Department, as someone who exemplifies the “can do” spirit of our Public Works team.

Diane has gone above and beyond our expectations since she arrived at the City in 2017. Before that, Diane spent over 20 years as a Superintendent in the male dominated Construction Industry and brought an “I’ll outwork anyone mentality” to the job. She is usually the first person in the office and the last to leave.

Diane was hired as our Safety Inspector, but has done a little bit of everything to keep our Public Works projects on track. She has served as our primary project manager, developed project scopes and cost estimates in the absence of a City Engineer, served as our on-site construction representative, and even worked on the trash trucks when needed, while continuing to serve as our Safety Inspector.

In the last year, Diane was instrumental in leading the efforts to successfully completing our Sligo and Mildred Street Capital Improvement projects, street improvement program projects, and many other Public Works projects. She also provides ongoing support to co-workers across a broad spectrum of skill sets and is an asset in every situation.

Diane is a consummate professional, a dedicated public servant, and is a credit to the Public Works team and the City of Cortez.