



City of Cortez
123 Roger Smith Ave.
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CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

July 25, 2023

Mayor and Council:

The following is my report for the current term:

- Attended a meeting of The Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) the Southwest Health System Board of Directors (SHS) and the Montezuma County Hospital District Board of Directors (MCHD) on July 17, 2023 during the BOCC workshop. The current situation with Southwest Memorial Hospital remains a concern that we continue to monitor.
- Met with Cortez Fire District Interim Chief Rick Spencer and Battalion Chief Cory Elliott July 18, 2023. The District is currently in the process of hiring a full-time fire chief who will reportedly start soon. The July 4th fireworks display was a huge success. The City, through an MOU with the Fire District, contributed \$15K for the purchase of the fireworks. We look forward to continuing our strong partnership with CFPD.
- The Cortez Police Department has secured a \$235K grant from the Department of Justice (DOJ) to purchase and install mobile data terminals (MDT's) in all police vehicles. An additional \$80K in BATTLE funds (Beat Auto Theft Through Law Enforcement) has been applied for through the Colorado Auto Theft Prevention Authority (CATPA.) If granted, this will help fund the addition of printers and e-citations to also be installed in all vehicles. This is a long overdue equipment upgrade for the PD and we will continue our efforts to accomplish this need.
- The 2024 budget process starts August 9, 2023.