



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

November 28, 2023

Mayor and Council:

The following is my report for the current term:

- Mr. Scott Baker and the finance department have been working on several grants including The Colorado Safe Routes to School (SRTS) grant. The City was awarded \$750,000, for an \$810,000 project to upgrade and install sidewalks and bike lanes for Mesa Elementary students, between 7th Street and 2nd Avenue. Since 2021 we have secured over \$4.4M in grant funding for the City through State and Federal sources for much needed projects throughout Cortez.
- The City experienced a major water line break on Monday November 20, 2023 at about 1:45 a.m. on Main St. in front of Ziggy's coffee shop. Superintendent Randy Hunt and the water team responded immediately, isolated the leak and had it repaired and water service restored by noon that day.
- The trails in the Geer Open Space are sustaining some damage and erosion. There has been limited maintenance, overseen by a volunteer group, over the years and many of the trails have no outflow drainage. With heavy rains this causes the trails to act more as a drainage ditch. Parks and Recreation is taking a proactive approach and is working with a volunteer group to help support the trail maintenance efforts, most of which will occur in the Spring, 2024.