



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

April 9, 2024

Mayor and Council:

The following is my report for the current term:

- We would like to thank our designated election official City Clerk Linda Smith for another successful City election. The Cortez City Council election will not be official until Thursday April 11, 2024. The unofficial results currently show Ms. Rachel Medina, Ms. April Randle, and Mr. Bill Lewis each securing a four-year term, and Mr. Robert Dobry securing a two year term. Changes may occur after the final ballots are counted on Thursday.
- Ms. MJ Rieke retired on April 2, 2024 from the City of Cortez after 17 years of service. Ms. Rieke started with the City in January, 2007 as a dispatcher, and then transferred to City Hall in October, 2011 working half time for the finance department and half time for municipal court, ultimately transitioning into a full-time position in finance. Ms. Rieke's welcoming smile and enthusiasm at the front desk of City Hall will be missed.
- Mayor Rachel Medina, Community and Economic Development Director Rachael Marchbanks, Executive Assistant Wendy Mimiaga and myself attended the Clearnetworx & FastTrack Communications Ribbon Cutting Ceremony held on March 28, 2024 at the FastTrack office in the Tech Center, Durango, CO. This strategic partnership will help accelerate the expansion of high-speed fiber Internet access across Cortez, Montezuma County, and southwest Colorado.
- The public works department held a naming contest for their new excavator. They received 56 entries. The winning name was "Scoop Dog." The three runners up were The Dig Lebowski, Muddy Buddy, and My Heavy Ex.