City of Cortez
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CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

May 14, 2024

Mayor and Council:

The following is my report for the current term:

- The three finalists for the Library Director position participated in staff, employee and community 'Meet & Greets" and staff and community interviews on Thursday and Friday May 9-10, 2024. There were 23 applicants that were reviewed and the top six semi-finalists were then interviewed by the City leadership interview panel. The six were pared down to our final three candidates, two out of town and one local, who came to Cortez for the two day event. Our community and leadership interview panels did an outstanding job during the process to help us make a very hard decision for the position. Unfortunately, we did not end up with a job acceptance and will continue the search to find the right fit for the position.

- Chief Vernon Knuckles along with Chaplain Dave Guy, Dispatcher Jay Dollar, and Dispatcher Aimee Raygoza attended the annual Colorado Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony on May 3, 2024 at the Colorado State Patrol Academy at Camp George West in Golden Colorado to honor Sergeant Michael Moran whose name was added to the memorial. There are 359 names on the Colorado State Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial. As part of the memorial ceremony, Chaplain Guy provided the invocation, and Chief Knuckles was one of three who presented the wreathes. Chief Knuckles will also attend the 2024 National Police Week in Washington D.C. beginning May 11, 2024 along with Sergeant Traci Mueller and the family of Sergeant Michael Moran. Sgt. Moran will be honored on May 15, 2024, Peace Officers Memorial Day, where he will be recognized during the National Peace Officers Memorial Service on the United States Capitol lawn.

- The annual City Council retreat is slated for this Saturday, May 18, 2024 beginning at 8 a.m. in Council chambers at Cortez City Hall.