



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

July 9, 2024

Mayor and Council:

The following is my report for the current term:

- The City of Cortez has been awarded a federal grant, \$187,694, for the design services for the runway project at the Cortez airport, phase I, to include a precision path indicator system, end identifier lights, and lighting systems upgrades. The runway will be rebuilt in 2025 and will also include asphalt improvements and upgraded signage. This will help bring the airport into conformity with current standards.
- The City of Cortez 2023 Audit was completed and submitted to the Office of State Auditor (OSA) three days ahead of the June 30, 2024 deadline. We earned an unqualified audit opinion, which can be translated to a “clean” audit opinion, and we received no recommendations. This is the highest and best level of audit opinion possible.

The application for the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting was also submitted two days ahead of the deadline. The checklist for the award requirements was 48 pages long. Additional information required for the award included 12 different stats sections which covered a period of ten prior years. Ms. Sara Coffey, Ms. Lynette Reece, and Finance Director Kelly Koskie were able to provide all of the required information. The GFOA awards will be announced later in the year.

**George Washington Rule of the Week – #24 “Do not laugh too loud or too much at any public spectacle.”*