



City of Cortez
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CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

August 27, 2024

Mayor and Council:

The following is my report for the current term:

- The U.S. Department of Transportation has issued the selection order for Denver Air Connection (DAC) to provide Essential Air Service at the Cortez airport for a four-year term from October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2028. Over the past 12 months, DAC has had a 99.36% completion (only 8 cancels – 4 round trips,) 83.71% on time departures, and 87.02% on time arrivals. This is well above average.
- The 2025 Budget timeline has been sent to City Council. The first reading for the 2025 City of Cortez Budget is slated for October 22, 2024.
- The City owned properties that are for sale are now listed on the Multiple Listing Service (MLS) Real Estate Listing.
- Recruitment through Columbia Ltd. for the Library Director and General Services Director is currently underway.
- I would like to commend our City of Cortez Municipal Court team for their unwavering dedication and professionalism. Our Court Clerk/Administrator Carla Odell, along with Judge Beth Padilla, our fill in Judges, and Prosecutor Drew Buffington, do an impeccable job keeping the court dockets running smoothly. Our Assistant Court Clerk Jasmine Petrose stepped into her position in March, 2024 and hit the ground running proving to be an invaluable asset and team member. Municipal Court has historically been held once a week, or four times a month. So far in 2024, court has been held at least twice a week and up to three or four times a week with court being held 14 times the month of June, 2024. This proves to be a lot of extra work for a small staff who approach the task with vigor while treating all of the Court's clients with respect and dignity. This is just one example of how the City's employees rise above the tasks at hand to better serve the residents of Cortez.