



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

October 8, 2024

Mayor and Council:

The following is my report for the current term:

- The 2025 budget workshop with City Council held on Thursday September 26, 2024 was a success. The proposed budget can be viewed on the City of Cortez website where the public can submit comments through October 22, 2024. We sincerely invite community members to weigh in on the budget process.
- The City hosted and interviewed four finalists for the Library Director position October 2-3, 2024. After a long process, an offer was made and accepted for the position. Ms. Elizabeth 'Beth' Edson, currently residing in Kansas City, MO, is anticipated to fill the Cortez Library Director position on December 16, 2024.
- I attended the 100th birthday celebration for Ms. Betty Donahoo on October 2, 2024 at Vista Grande. Ms. Donahoo, born in Omaha, NE in 1924, has been a resident of the Cortez area since 1950.
- I would like to report that the retaining wall on Sligo St. that was damaged by a motorist earlier this year is scheduled to be repaired starting October 14th.
- As most of us know, an aviation accident occurred at the Cortez Municipal Airport on September 29th, which was a Sunday. The involved aircraft caught fire and burned on the runway resulting in significant damage to the pavement. I am very proud to report that Airport Director Jeremy Patton addressed the problem immediately, was able to line up a contractor very quickly, and the repairs were made to the runway within 48 hours of the accident without any interruption to commercial airline service. A sincere thank you to Director Patton and the airport team for a job well done.