City of Cortez
123 Roger Smith Ave.
Cortez, Co. 81321

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

March 11, 2025

Mayor and Council:

The following is my report for the current term:

- I regretfully announce our Finance Director, Ms. Kelly Koskie, has submitted her resignation and will be leaving the City of Cortez to pursue other endeavors. She has accepted a position as Assistant City Manager in Sunnyside, WA. Ms. Koskie has helped guide Cortez through some of its most turbulent financial affairs and brought this City to the secure financial footing we now appreciate. Ms. Koskie will be truly missed, but we wish her well and success in her new position.

- The City of Cortez has lost a dear friend and esteemed community member, Mr. Orly Lucero. Orly passed away on Friday March 7, 2025. Orly served as a Cortez Councilmember from 2002 – 2010 and again from 2014 – 2022, serving as Mayor from April, 2004 – April, 2010. He has also served the City on the Planning and Zoning Board from 2010 – 2014, the Board of Adjustments and Appeals since 2022; and on many other boards throughout our community including the Cortez Fire Protection District, the RE1 School Board, the Housing Authority, to name a few. Orly worked hard for our community, he knew everyone by name, and was loved and admired by all. Funeral services for Orly will be held at 10 a.m. Friday March 21, 2025 at the Cortez Recreation Center gym. Interment will follow in Bayfield, CO.

- CDOT has posted the new (reduced) speed limit signs, now 25 mph, on Main St. and Broadway, Hwy. 160/491, especially around the middle school. Please slow down and contribute to a safer Cortez.