



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

September 9, 2025

Mayor and Council:

The following is my report for the current term:

- The airport runway rehabilitation project will begin September 29, 2025 through March, 2026 and will include a 20 day closure of the runway from October 4-24, 2025. The project includes a 4" mill and overlay of the runway and taxiway connectors, groove-cut asphalt, navigational aid replacement, LED light conversion, electric vault installation, and center windsock relocation. In addition, the millings from the runway are being used to improve the airport perimeter fence access road.
- The Cortez Library will be launching a new catalog system, Aspen Cat, on September 24, 2025. The system offers an easier and more efficient interface for patrons and a larger data base of available materials. This will not affect any of the patron's library or Libby accounts.
- The third annual networking event hosted by the Cortez Municipal Court is slated to take place on Friday, September 19, 2025. This event draws court clerks, administrators and judges from across southwest Colorado to Cortez to network and learn from one another. This year's topic will be courtroom security.
- The City is fully engaged in preparations for the upcoming FY2026 annual budget. The individual department budget meetings are scheduled for this week, September 8-11, 2025 and the City Council budget workshop is slated for Friday September 26, 2025 from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at City Hall. The first reading of the FY2026 budget is anticipated to be October 28, 2025 with the second reading and public hearing on Wednesday November 12, 2025.