



DATE: January 26, 2018
TO: Mayor and Council
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RE: Weekly Update
CC: Department Heads

Good morning and happy snow day! The guys were out early clearing the streets which was not a lot of snow but will help to melt it off when we warm up again. This weekend is the X-Games and I noticed a bit more activity in downtown last night on my way home. As I understand from Chief Knott, the hotels, busses and bars see a lot of activity up and down the valley. This is all good news but requires some extra attention from our PD.

Last night, with the help of Kris Mattera, we pulled the candidate names to determine their order on the ballot. Carol Hawk and William Infante were both present. Here is how it all shook out.

1. Carol Hawk
2. Gary Tennenbaum
3. Ryan Slack
4. Willian Infante
5. Todd Hartley
6. Bernie Grauer

I received an email from Town Attorney Smith regarding the IGA with Eagle County that pertains to our cooperative arrangement for reviewing land use plans in the 3-mile area. I misstated where we were in the process at last Tuesdays Council meeting. I had said that the "ball was in their court" to get us feedback on a draft that has been circulating for a few months. In fact it is in our court to get them feedback. I reached out to Commissioners Ryan and Chandler-Henry to let them know. Commissioner Ryan shared with me that she might recommend we wait to update the document until after the Mid Valley Master Plan (MP) is complete. She said this in light of the fact that she was hoping for stronger language in the MP regarding densities and improved alignment in the 3-mile area.

Planning

- The P&Z is going to meet on Tuesday, January 30th to discuss its comments to the Roaring Fork Regional Planning Commission (RFRPC) on the Mid-Valley Master Plan. Staff will forward any written comments to the Council. The RFRPC will be meeting on Thursday, February 1st and Staff will post that agenda and identify that P&Z and Councilors may attend that meeting. 2018
- Planning Staff met with the Chamber and Annie Glatz, representing Willits Businesses to organize 2018 events. The discussion will continue next week. A current idea is a community picnic on the River Park on August 11th along with celebrations on the opening of the River Center.
- Staff is having additional conversations with the Willits Developer regarding social capital items for the Willits PUD amendment. Work continues on refinements to approval and construction approvals for developments.

Public Works

- The concrete bases were poured this week on the flashing speed signs for Two Rivers Road. The signs were requested by the Police Department in an effort to slow traffic down due to the fact there is not any space for them to pull off and monitor speed. The signs that we have installed in different areas of town work well as a reminder to drivers to slow down.
- Public Works continues to work with the Planning and Building Departments to refine our in house projects East Valley traffic calming, Willits Round about repair and the painting of a million gallon water storage tank, in preparation for the bidding process. Also, we are working with numerous private contractors, developers and other public entities to get their projects going for the year.
- Public Works is working on putting the annual maintenance schedule together. We determine where the maintenance needs to be done and how the town can get the best value by using a particular method or treatment on roads, facilities, equipment and infrastructure.

Police

- The police department is investigating 14 suspicious bottles that were found in the Roaring Fork River near the 7-11 bridge. The bottles were submerged under the water and appear to have been used in the production of methamphetamine. At this time we are attempting to locate a certified hazardous material handling company to assist with testing and proper disposal. Over the past two weeks, one other suspicious bottle was located in the river near Emma Curve and one was located in the river near Homestead Drive. At this time we do not have any suspect information.
- The Chief of Police and School Resource Officer hosted our first Youth Advisory Council meeting with seven high school students. Two freshman, two sophomores, two juniors and a senior participated. The purpose of the Youth Advisory Council is to foster collaboration and teamwork with our students, explore community issues impacting them and to identify solutions. The police department, high school administration and students are very excited about this new program.