



**DATE:** February 23, 2018  
**TO:** Mayor and Council  
**FROM:** Ryan Mahoney, Town Manager  
**RE:** Weekly Update  
**CC:** Department Heads

Good morning, hope you all had a productive week. This was a short week for most of staff with the exception of Public Works who had to get out early in the week to brave the storm. I have been riding around looking at the streets and sidewalks and despite the cold weather, things are looking clear and safe. Kudos to the crew for their continued efforts!

We just received sales tax information for January which actually reflects December sales and we are up by 15% as compared to the same month last year. The total monthly revenue was \$519,510 as compared to \$451,628 in 2017.

Work continues at the Whitewater Park though I think they may have been hampered a bit with the storm this week. Lisa MacDonald and I are now coordinating schedules with the subcommittee (two Council members and two Commissioners) and will hopefully get something scheduled late next week. The idea is to get input from our respective elected officials regarding the updated plans for the white water park. bluegreen, a local landscape architecture and planning firm, has been contracted to design an updated concept and has already been through an public scoping with stakeholders.

I have been working with Jay Harrington, Carbondale Town Manager, to bring in a colleague to provide a training session for Council in May. Elyse Casselberry, the consultant, has been a town manager, DOLA representative and now works part time for Delta County in addition to her consulting work. She has provided training for Carbondale in the past and has a great program and demeanor to connect with her audience. The May timeframe would be good as it will give the new Council member(s) about a month or so to settle in.

### **Public Works**

- Public Works staff was in on Monday with a limited crew and all in on Tuesday morning after getting Seven inches in some areas of town. The snow from this storm is taking its time to melt due to the colder temperatures. We are concentrating on snow piles in our parking areas and chipping ice to keep drainages open and as the temperature rises we will be able to clean the streets down to asphalt.
- Project planning continues with on-site visits that include staff and consultants to keep things moving along in the procurement phase. We are focusing specifically on East Valley Road, the Willits roundabout and Two Rivers Road this week.

- Public Works had some staff members attend a water training conference last week. The technology evolving in the water industry is really exciting. Advancements in treatment, infrastructure and technology from here in the US and all over the world make the future of water look bright.

## **Police**

- Our newest Officer, Bo Biggs, has successfully completed our field training program and has begun working shifts on his own. Congratulations Bo!
- Officer Nino Santiago has been appointed to our Community Resource Officer (CRO) position. The CRO position is responsible for code enforcement, community outreach and collaboration with home owners associations and businesses. Officer Santiago is bilingual and will be able to offer additional services to our Spanish speaking community members.
- We recently interviewed four people for our vacant Police Officer position. This was our second attempt to fill this position. One applicant was unanimously selected to move forward in our hiring process. This individual has been extended a conditional job offer and we are conducting their background investigation. If we are able to hire this individual we will be back at full staffing level.

## **Planning**

- Mid-Valley Area Community Plan – Meetings that remain to be held are scheduled for March 1, March 15, April 5 and April 19. The next meeting on March 1st will be a roundtable between the Roaring Fork Valley Regional Planning Commission and the Basalt P&Z. That meeting and the remaining meetings will be advertised for 5:30 to 7:30 pm. The Highway 82 Corridor Area will be discussed on March 15th. Staff will continue to post the County's workshops so that the P&Z and Council members may attend.
- Basalt Affordable Housing Commission (BACH) – BACH talked about the 2018 work plan and some items that will be coming before the Special Housing Evaluation Committee (SHEC) regarding administrative issues associated with individual qualification situations for the Real America project. BACH would like to have a Worksession with the Council on March 13th.
- Coordination with other regional efforts – Staff attended RFTA's 1st meeting concerning their efforts to formalize policies regarding use of E-Bikes on the Rio Grande Trail. Currently Pitkin County has a moratorium on the use of E-Bikes on the portion of the Rio Grande Trail that they manage but RFTA currently allows them. RFTA plans on surveying opinions and on having some public input meetings in the valley, including meetings in Basalt. This could affect the Town's policies on connector trails such as the Willits Trail and the portion of the Emma Trail in Town. Currently the Town doesn't have a policy. Staff has also attended meetings Pitkin County has held with waste haulers as part of the County's effort to amend their own regulations on waste and recycling and to have more consistent rules in the valley.
- Other – The major work effort during the week was reviewing approval documents for the Roaring Fork Club and having pre-construction meetings on the Roaring Fork Club's water main extension. A meeting was also held with the Roaring Fork Conservancy team to further the construction of Two Rivers Road and Old Pond Park. The Conservancy team is having a pre-construction meeting on the Two Rivers Road construction on February 26th. Other work included addressing questions on affordable housing deed restrictions.