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Weekly Info Update

To: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
From: MIKE BENNETT, CITY MANAGER
Date: JANUARY 23, 2015
Re: WEEKLY INFO UPDATE

This Tuesday's City Council Workshop

We have four items on the agenda for your Tuesday's workshop: (1) an update on 2014 court filings from Judge Brown, (2) a presentation by Chief Macy regarding off-highway vehicles, (3) a presentation by Family Health West regarding the City's help in issuing bonds (no financial liability but our name on the bonds) for an expansion to the Oaks and the Nursing Home, (4) a discussion of who should represent the City at a potential valley-wide drainage summit and (5) a brief update and discussion on redesigning the City's website.

BIG THANK-YOU TO THE RIVERFRONT FOUNDATION

The Riverfront Foundation heard our presentation at their board meeting this week and unanimously approved to contribute \$160,000 to assist in our match to a GOCO Paths to Parks grant we will apply for in March to extend the Riverfront Trail to Loma.

Legislative Update

Councilor Fuller and I attended the weekly AGNC legislative conference call today. Once again it covered bills schedule for committee this next week. There were no bills of significance to the City, but mainly some that have impacts on counties that were discussed at this point in time. It is of interest that only two weeks into the session, 249 bills have already been introduced. We will continue to monitor.

Citizen Thank-you

I wanted to highlight a great thank-you for a job well done by Officer Rezak that we received via email this past week from Charles Adamson:

"In this day and age when our police departments are coming under such scrutiny in towns from New York, Ferguson to LA, I want you to know that I'm proud of our police department in Fruita, Colorado.

You guys have always gone beyond being professional whenever I have been naughty or innocently in trouble.

Thanks so much for going out of your way helping me find my little dog today. Losing Jessi was the worse part of the accident but were both together again. You can count on me to stand behind our police department because you have such stand up officers.

Honor the Past – Envision the Future **FRUITA**

Thanks for everything you did Jessica and friends, you're the BEST"

Charles Adamson

TID BITS:

- The Community Center will be closed at 6:30 tonight to host the Night at the FCC.
- We are happy to have our street sweeper back in operation cleaning the streets. Unfortunately it was out of commission for a while, but it is back in business.
- We received bids for our most expensive equipment purchase this year (Vactor Truck) and bids were within budget.
- We are beginning interviews next week for our City Engineer vacancy.
- We are also beginning a recruitment process for a Planning Technician as Mary Van Ackeren was selected to be the new Administrative Assistant for Public Works (Hopefully Dahna will start talking to Ken again soon 😊).
- Chief Macy, Lower Valley Fire District Chief Cavaliere and I are reviewing and updating the City of Fruita Emergency Operations Plan. We will bring this to Council for an update and approval in the future.
- We are also preparing a request for proposals for banking services, with a plan to go to bid by the first of March in line with our purchasing procedures.
- Staff is coordinating with Partners and the Fruita Business Incubator seeking to work out how we can assist Partners to have a presence in Fruita.
- We are also reviewing a draft lease amendment with Dinosaur Journey and will be coordinating with Ed Sands on this.
- Had a great week meeting with the Sentinel's Managing Editor Mike Wiggins, Barb Bowman with the VCB, Orilee Witte with our Visitor's Center (and new Tourism Advisory Council Member), Janet Gardner at the Children's Nature Center, Superintendent of the CO National Monument, Judge Brown and our Tourism Advisory Council.
- Mayor Buck and I also had the opportunity to meet with the new Director of AGNC Bonnie Petersen this week.
- For those how were not able to attend the municipalities dinner Thursday, attached below is the agenda and PowerPoint presentation highlighting the operations of the regional communications center as well as the funding challenges ahead.
- Also attached below is a thank you letter from the Chamber for our hosting the After Hours event last week and an update letter from Kids Voting Board of Directors regarding the recruitment of a new director, their banquet in March and introducing new board members.
- Speaking of board members, I have joined the District 51 Foundation Board and look forward to partnering with our schools as education is a key factor to our community.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Thursday, Jan. 29th is the Grand Junction Visitor & Convention Bureau Travel & Tourism Annual Meeting at the Two Rivers Convention Center at 8:15 am.
- The January 2015 City of Fruita Meeting Calendar is available on the website at: <http://www.fruita.org/documents/admin/mtgcal.pdf>.
- The D51 White Iced Cocktail Party will be Feb. 7th from 7-10 pm at CMU this year. Tickets are \$60.

- The Fruita Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet will be Saturday, February 21, 2015 from 5:30 – 10:00 pm at the DoubleTree Hotel. The event will include dinner, cocktails and a silent auction, as well as dressing up as your favorite movie character. Tickets are \$60 per person or \$650 per table of 10. Please let Deb know if you are planning on attending.
- The 2015 Events Calendar is also available online at:
http://www.fruita.org/documents/rec/EVENT_CALENDAR.pdf

CC: Department Directors

AGENDA
Municipalities Dinner
Thursday, January 22, 2015
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Grand Junction Public Safety Building
Gary Konzak Training Room

AGENDA ITEMS:

- Welcome given by Grand Junction Mayor Phyllis Norris
- Severance Tax Issues Discussion ** Possible Press Conference Monday w/ Mayors*
- Tour of the Communications Center
- Sustainability of the Communications Center
- Addressing Update

ROUNDTABLE REPORTS:

- Town of Collbran
- Town of DeBeque
- City of Fruita
- City of Grand Junction
- Mesa County
- Town of Palisade
- School District 51



OTHER BUSINESS:

- Next Municipalities Dinner
** Fruita will host (~April)*



Current Operations

- The GJRCC is the only public safety answering point for the county.
- We provide service to 24 user agencies within Mesa County. User agencies include Law Enforcement, Fire and Emergency Medical Services.

Law Enforcement

- 21st Judicial District Probation Dept.
- Collbran Marshal
- Colorado National Monument
- Colorado State Parks - Highline*
- DeBeque Marshal
- Fruita Police Department
- Grand Junction Police Department
- Mesa County Sheriff's Office
- Mesa County Criminal Justice Services
- Criminal Justice Services
- Palisade Police Department
- Veteran's Administration Police

Fire Department & EMS

- Central Orchard Mesa Fire Department
- Clifton Fire Department
- DeBeque Fire Department
- East Orchard Mesa Fire Department
- Gateway-Unweep Fire Department
- Glade Park Volunteer Fire Department
- Grand Junction Fire Department
- Grand Junction Regional Airport
- Lands End Fire Protection District
- Lower Valley Fire Protection District
- Palisade Fire Department
- Plateau Valley Fire Department
- St. Mary's Critical Care Transport*

A Busy Place...

Incidents per Proficient TC

2014: 9150
2013: 4479
2012: 4110

Number of Authorized Employees:

Dispatchers	35
Supervisors	7
IT Staff	3
Operations Manager	1
Project Manager	1

Total Call Volume:

- 2014 - 290,710
- 75-80% calls made from cell phones
- 2013 - 295,830
- 2012 - 319,305

Total Incidents Billed:

- 2014 - 144,803
- 2013 - 135,205
- 2012 - 127,782

Current Funding Sources

9-1-1 Surcharge

- \$1.30/phone line per month
- Funds are used for:
 - Infrastructure
 - Capital Investments
 - Maintenance of equipment
 - Training related to 9-1-1
 - Debt Service

Cost Share

- User agencies are billed per incident
- Used to support operational activities such as:
 - Personal
 - Administrative costs and training


2015 User Agency Billings

Agency Name	2015 1 yr avg % of Total	Agency Share Annual Total
Mesa County Sheriff's Office		
Mesa County Sheriff	77.91%	\$ 1,188,199
Glade Park Fire Dept.	0.25%	2,129
Mesa County Fire Marshal	0.21%	821
Community Corrections	1.10%	4,217
Subtotal Mesa County	81.47%	1,195,366
Other Agencies		
Central Orchard Mesa FD	0.06%	1,406
Clifton Fire Department	2.18%	91,808
Collbran Marshal	0.19%	4,089
Colorado National Monument	0.18%	88,111
DeBeque Fire Department	0.15%	4,328
DeBeque Marshall	0.06%	23,949
East Orchard Mesa FD	0.07%	251
Fruita Police Department	0.04%	251,138
Gateway Fire Dept.	0.01%	1,299
Grand Junction Airport	0.02%	1,177
Lands End Response Team	0.21%	4,583
Lower Valley Fire Department	1.37%	56,198
Plateau Valley Fire Department	0.20%	8,113
Palisade Police	1.87%	77,483
Palisade Fire	0.56%	24,093
Colorado State Parks/Highline	0.17%	6,188
Prosser	0.06%	17,890
VA Security	0.07%	251
Subtotal Other Agencies	14.99%	608,118
TOTAL MESA-CITY CO & O.	96.46%	1,803,484
City of Grand Junction		
Grand Jct. Fire Department	10.26%	186,794
Grand Jct. Police Department	48.91%	1,397,878
Subtotal Grand Junction	59.17%	1,584,672
TOTAL ALL USERS	100.00%	2,388,156

- based on 5-yr. rolling avg. → % billed on # of incidents


Benefits of This Collaboration

- Regionalized Center
- Provide a service that individual agencies cannot afford on their own
- Broad-based Board works well together
- Seat at the table
 - FirstNet
 - PUC Taskforce
 - CACP Public Safety Communications Subcommittee
 - Consolidated Communications Network of Colorado
 - State Training Standards Committee
- State and National recognition
 - Colorado Communication Center of the Year - 2011
 - Incident Dispatch Model for Department of Homeland Security
 - Colorado Director of the Year - 2011
 - National Institute for 9-1-1 Center of Excellence - 2012 & 2013
 - Recruitment & Training Process Accredited through the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials - 5 years running
- Instruction and Consultation
 - National professional organizations - NENA & APCO
 - Other communities
 - CMU
- Low Complaints




Challenges

- Increasing complexity and responsibility = more costs
 - Cell
 - Emergency Medical Dispatch
 - Emergency notification to citizens (Everbridge)
 - "Answering Service" for other entities
 - Progression of complexity
- Funding
 - Dipping into previous year fund balance to keep billing flat
 - Relying on high turnover
 - 9-1-1 surcharge revenue has peaked
- Fairness in Governance
 - Board representation
 - Authority
 - Contract
- Fairness in Billing
 - How to allocate



Looming Threats


- ✓ Expectations are Increasing
 - Next Generation 9-1-1
 - Text to 9-1-1
 - Photos/Videos
 - Social Media
 - Public Safety Apps
 - Security Monitoring
 - Internal
 - External
 - Emergency Medical Dispatch
- ✓ Revenue
 - 9-1-1 surcharge dollars are flat
 - Grants are not as widely available
- ✓ Cost of technology upgrades and replacement



Now What?

Some Options to Consider...

- Encourage/collaborate on statewide funding of 9-1-1 dollars
- Expanded Regionalization
 - CSP?
 - Other Western Slope agencies?
- Public Safety Communication tax
 - Communication Authority or District
- Privatization
 - How would users be charged?
- Contracted Service
- Contracted Service combined with a Public Safety Communication tax





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January 16, 2015

Michael Bennett
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Dear Michael:

Thank you for hosting the *January Business After Hours*. It is vital to the Fruita Area Chamber of Commerce to have your support. The evening gave an excellent opportunity for business networking and for chamber members and guests to get to know City of Fruita.

We received many positive comments regarding the festive atmosphere you provided for the evening. Thank you again for hosting this event.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tami Biart". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tami Biart
Administrative Assistant
Fruita Area Chamber of Commerce



January 15, 2015

Contributors & Friends

We are grateful for your continued support of Kids Voting Mesa County, so want to keep you informed of some changes and upcoming events.

Karen Houlihan, who was brought in this past year as our executive director, has had an excellent career opportunity with a local banking organization. Karen notified us just prior to the holidays that she would be moving on in mid-January. We appreciate the professionalism and energy Karen has given Kids Voting in the past few months and wish her continued success.

Having advertised the position for Executive Director since Karen's announcement, we have been fortunate to have several qualified candidates. Thus we are in the final stages of selection of our new Executive Director and will keep you posted via the website when that person is on board in the next few weeks.

In the meantime, with some solid support from many of our previous donors and some new contributors, we are moving ahead with plans for our 2015 events! Our Kids Voting Banquet, where we honor students for their outstanding community service, will be Saturday, March 12 at the Colorado Mesa University Ballroom again this year. We hope to have you and many of your friends and associates join us! Just contact our office for tickets at 245-3414, email us at kvmcdirector@gmail.com or contact one of our board members. If you would like to volunteer for any of our 2015 events, call or email us.

Regarding our board members, we are happy to welcome Ethan Schweissing, a student at Fruita Monument High School, Amy Gekas a student at Colorado Mesa University and Jodie Atchley of Rocky Mountain Health Plans who all joined our board this fall. We are also excited to have George Holley, who is an assistant district attorney for Mesa County joining the board as of January 2015. We are continually looking for both adult and student board members, as our board members transition out, so if you know someone who may serve our board well, please have them contact Jana Gerow, (970) 640-0176 or dcsincJana@gmail.com, our board member heading the board selection committee.

We have lots more coming up for Kids Voting in 2015, so keep in touch with us via phone, email or the website at www.kidsvotingmc.org

The Board would like to thank you again for your support, and we hope that 2015 is a wonderful year for you, your staff and your family.

Kids Voting Board of Directors

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