

## **Dolores**

Colorado

To: MAYOR AND TRUSTEES

From: Ken Charles, Dolores Town Manager

Dt: May 5, 2022

RE: Meeting Information Update

## Monday/s Town Board Meeting

On the agenda for our regular meeting Monday May 5:

- Resolution to increase the water tap installation fees to bring the fee in line with the actual present costs.
- Review the staff selections for Energy savings projects. The town's Energy Service Company has prepared the energy audit findings spreadsheet. Staff has reviewed the list and made selections based on how meaningful, cost/benefit and energy saved as a result. A financing plan will also be provided. A representative for the Colorado Energy Office and Inconergy will be present virtually.

## **General Updates**

- The CDPHE Vaccine Bus will be in JRP on the following Fridays 9:00 am to 1:00pm: May 13, June 10 and at the Farmers Market on June 15.
- Community Intervention Program- (CIP)-The CIP had the official start on Monday May 2. The town is a partner with Mancos, Cortez and Montezuma County in funding the program Dolores's share is \$16,000. The program mobilizes two-person teams consisting of a medic (paramedic or EMT) and a behavioral health professional who have training and experience in that supports community-based interventions. The CIP teams will respond to calls that come through 911 and will help community members with a wide range of mental health-related crises and substance use-related crises, and more, relying on trauma-informed de-escalation and harm reduction techniques. CIP staff are not law enforcement officers and do not carry weapons; their training and experience are the tools they use to ensure a non-violent resolution of crisis situations. They will partner with law enforcement across the county during the initial months of the program. Besides the response element of the CIP, the recovery services portion is just as important. It is hoped that with the team approach and the presence of the behavioral health professional that follow-up can be presented immediately with individuals and families.
- Region 9 Quarterly meeting update. Region 9 held their quarterly meeting on April 29. An



important agenda item was an update on the merger of the Southwest Colorado Council of Governments (SWCCOG). The transition of the SWCCOG to Region 9 is necessary as the COG has reached a point where they can no longer maintain the organization. Dolores is a dues paying member of the region wide Region 9 Economic Development District. How the merger affects dues for all the communities is an unknown at this point. One of the planned foci for the COG is broadband deployment.

- Broadband Summit-I attended the summit organized by the City of Cortez. Speakers included Michelle Haynes of Region 10 EDD who is Region 9's Laura Lewis-Marchino's counterpart in the Montrose Delta region. Michelle began working on a regional approach to broadband deployment in that entire region bringing in \$20 M worth of capital to build middle mile fiber. This is potentially a great model for this region. With all the funding for rural broadband development becoming available through various federal programs, there is activity at the state level to help potential development in SW Colorado.
- Community Garden-the MOU between the Town and the Dolores Family Project has been signed. The town crew will extend the water line 100-feet to the garden site in mid-May. Notes from April 30:

We are waiting on a final date from the town for when the water line can go in.

We will be implementing the build immediately following that date!

First will be a land blessing and land acknowledgment for the groundbreaking

Looking at a 1-week build, 2 beds at a time

We will need to till the round beneath the beds, by hand

we will need to lay chicken wire to prevent gophers from coming up into the beds

45' X 30' total area, 10 full beds and 7 half beds

Parks and Rec have offered to dig our holes and operate the machinery

Greg with the CSU extension took soil samples

Potential presence at the River Fest June 4th? Amber will be out of town but if we have a logo/t-shirts by then we can attend and hand out flyers, talk to people, etc.

## **Upcoming Events**

- May 23-town board meeting/workshop
- May 17 P & Z meeting
- May 12 Parks committee
- May 9 & 10-Town Clean up
- May 23, 6:30 Meet with County Commissioners
- June 1 Farmers Market Begins
- June 4 Riverfest
- June 8, 5 PM CIRSA presentation at Mancos-dinner will be provided