



Manager's Update

Dolores Colorado

To: MAYOR AND TRUSTEES
From: Ken Charles, Dolores Town Manager
Dt: February 13, 2023
RE: Meeting Information Update

Monday/s Town Board Meeting

On the agenda for our regular meeting Monday February 13, 2023:

1. The agenda includes two Resolutions including one to transfer ownership of the Galloping Goose from the Town of Dolores to the GGHS. Also, a resolution to discuss/approve the recommendations of the Housing Task Force authorizing due diligence investigation of 19th street properties for the affordable housing project. Site analysis includes property surveys, geotechnical work, and preliminary engineering.
2. Two Ordinances will be reviewed, including an ordinance revising business licenses to comply with Senate Bill 22-32. Town Clerk Neely and Jon Kelly will present. Also, an ordinance addressing use of the Escarpment as discussed at the previous town board meeting in January.

General Updates

1. Eric Simmons from the Dolores Fire District and I held the virtual walk-through session Friday February 3 with prospective vendors, of which there were five, interested in bidding on the Early Warning Sirens. The deadline for submitting proposals to the town is February 18.

Additionally, in January Montelores Survey surveyed the property for the separation and donation of town property to the fire district. Once we receive the survey, the town can begin the subdivision process.

2. The town received notice from the Federal Emergency Management Agency that they have approved our grant of \$59,240 to install a backup generator at the Water Treatment Plant. The town budgeted \$17,000 as match. We plan to include this in our 2023 projects.
3. Following this report is the signed agreement with the Colorado Water Resources and Power Authority for the \$10,000 planning grant that will allow SGM Engineers to produce the Project Needs Assessment. If the town decides not to pursue a loan, the town will NOT be required to pay back the grant. Project activities at this stage include: rate analysis, a more precise project description. Following this report the town will decide whether to proceed with the next steps and would trigger up to a \$300,000 grant to perform final design and bid documents, the environmental work, survey of the project, including what easements may be required.
4. At the January retreat, the town board discussed whether the town should become involved in economic development and what form should that take. The board was in favor of the town becoming active in developing the economy. I have asked that Region 9 Economic Development, we are members, prepare a presentation to provide ideas and options for small



town involvement with economic development. We have scheduled Region 9 for the February 27 workshop that precedes the regular meeting.

5. Also, at the retreat the town board discussed having a meeting with the planning commission to discuss lighting, both street lighting and private lighting. We will need to choose a date and develop an agenda and what outcomes we desire.
6. In the treasurer's proceedings included is the payment to Region 9 for \$2,109. This is a \$1,300 increase from previous years and is due to the costs associated with the merger of the Southwest Colorado Council of Governments (SWCCOG) with Region 9 in 2022. It is presently unknown what future Region 9 membership dues will be. The merger was necessary as the SWCCOG was finding it harder and harder to operate. While we were not current members, the COG provides important services to local governments in the region including staff for the Southwest Transportation Planning Region, broadband planning, affordable housing assistance. The Region 9 board approved merger expenses are for the audit, COG project management that Region 9 will now be responsible for, one COG employee that moved to Region 9. On another note, I have asked our website person to post the packet from the last quarterly board meeting. These packets often have 150 pages of various reports, actions and programmatic updates, but I would encourage you to take a few moments and scroll through. Region 9 is an effective organization for economic development efforts.
7. A new development with the Fishing is Fun project. I was informed by our consultant AquaHab that due to an illness and family obligation, she will be unable to finish the project. This is a significant setback as this type of river habitat restoration is a specialized skill set and she had 30 years of experience. Before CPW will issue a contract to the town, the town needs an Army Corp permit to work in the river and that process has not begun. She did leave me with a few contacts that may be helpful.

Upcoming Events

1. February 27-regular town board meeting and workshop.
1. February 22-6:00 pm. Joint housing task force and planning commission meeting with the town's land use code consultant for a presentation on recommended additions to the LUC regarding affordable housing. These revisions are those that the Department of Local Affairs expects local governments to adopt, at some level, to receive grant funding for affordable housing. The next steps would be for the planning commission to review and make a recommendation to the town board for a code amendment.
2. March 26-joint meeting at the Ute Mountain Ute casino. This is the second meeting between the three municipalities, county government and the tribe. The purpose of these meetings is first networking and second to catch up on what each entity is working on.