

Manager's Update

Dolores Colorado

To: MAYOR AND TRUSTEES
From: Ken Charles, Dolores Town Manager
Dt: February 27, 2023
RE: Meeting Information Update

Monday/s Town Board Meeting

On the agenda for our regular meeting Monday February 27, 2023:

At the 5:30 workshop, Heather Otter of Region 9 will present first, on Region 9 general updates and second, best practices for small town economic development.

Trustees will discuss and possibly act on Resolution 521 awarding a contract to SGM Inc. for planning services required by CDPHE. The services will produce a Project Needs Assessment for Phase II water improvements.

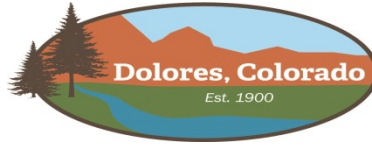
Also in your packet are a series of Release agreements regarding settlement agreements the with several opioid manufacturers and distributors. These settlements were negotiated by the federal government on behalf of the states. Jon Kelly will present that section.

I met with Shak Powers of Regin 9 to discuss the "Broadband Ready" project that Region 9 is managing for local governments in the region. Region 9 has applied for \$66M in grant funds to the National Telecom Infrastructure Administration that if awarded would install fiber from Pagos Springs to Cortez, then to Mancos, Dolores, Rico, and Silverton. This infrastructure is typically referred to as the "middle mile" of internet technology. The Broadband Ready project is the next piece and this would develop individual community plans for either fiber to the home/business or fiber to a tower for high speed wireless.

General Updates

1. The Town Received one proposal for construction and installing the two early warning sirens from Security Siren Inc. out of Penrose Colorado. The FPD, Sheriff and town staff will review the proposal and try to bring a resolution to award the contract to the trustees in March. The proposal is within the project budget.
2. I began constructing a new team for the Fishing is Fun project. Fortunately, our former consultant left several contacts that might be interested in working with the town. This would include a company that may help with the Army Corp 404 permitting; another with final design and project management and another who will do the river work.
3. With the help of our website contractor, we created a Projects link that provides information on our projects such as Affordable Housing, Fishing is Fun, Phase II water and others.
4. Regarding GOCO, the town was unsuccessful with the preliminary grant application, which means we were not among those who are invited to submit a full application. We will be scheduling a debriefing with GOCO staff to determine how we might improve our project and

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return in August.

Jon Kelly and I met with the Bike. Park committee to discuss next steps and how the town and the committee can coordinate efforts. The notes from that meeting are in your packet. Jacob Carloni and I conferenced with the American Ramp Company (ARC) to discuss the design project. For the bike park. Next steps include developing an agreement between the town and the not-for-profit bike group, reviewing the American Ramp Company's design scope of work and other preliminary discussion. We are recommending the town moves forward with a sole source award versus a competitive bid process as the bike group has been working with ARC for some time, feel comfortable with them and ARC has a good background.

Upcoming Events

1. March 16-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.
2. March 13th and 27th town board meetings.
3. March 7 is the planning commission meeting. This will be a joint meeting with the Housing Task Force to review and discuss land use code consultant Elizabeth Garvin's draft recommendation adopting or creating Innovative Housing Strategies.
4. March 9 is the Parks Committee meeting.
I will be on leave the week of March 20.