



City Manager Monitoring Report July 16, 2013

Below is a compellation of updates and projects that are either new or have changed since the last City Council meeting.

- **Community Development**

- **Building Activity**

- The latest numbers (updated from the Monitoring Report info from July 2nd) show the building department has issued 15 single family homes. Building permit activity for the department has remained brisk and we continue to see permits for investment in property; basement finishes, additions, etc., which leads us to contend that the trend of Evans residents remaining in the community, investing in their property, and taking pride in their homes is continuing.

On the non-residential side of things, activity for new office/warehouse buildings has picked up with businesses that support the oil and gas industry looking to the Evans industrial area as their choice for location or expansion. We have seen permits pulled for restaurants in the area, most notably Roma's, who is looking to 23rd Avenue in Evans to place the 3rd location of this popular eatery. Smaller retail establishments have come through as tenant finish permits and there has been a handful of telecom expansion and upgrades in the city as well.

- **Neighborhood Services**

- Since the beginning of the year a handful of changes have come to Neighborhood Services and Code Enforcement. We welcome Kyle Fehr, our new full time Code Enforcement Officer to the department and welcome back Elisabeth Grant our returning seasonal officer. Kyle and Liz have been working hard at addressing city-wide code enforcement cases and responding to the needs of the community. Their efforts at building relationships with the citizens and business owners of Evans has already paid dividends and preliminary statistics show a 90% compliance rate among active cases from 2013.

In addition to new staff, the department has created policies and procedures for field personnel for the enforcement of the codes, including nuisance, zoning, sign and property maintenance. The new policy manual will go a long way in addressing the prioritization of cases, levels of enforcement, timelines and due process, as well as documentation and accountability. The department stresses the need for greater accountability in this regard and believes that accountable, accurate and well trained field staff are a benefit to the entire community. In addition to the policies and procedures manual, staff has also



updated some the code provisions for the notice and citation process that affects our work. We will be looking to update more code enforcement provisions in the latter half of the year.

Animal Control

Animal Control efforts still rest with the Evans Police Department. Since the transitions of staff earlier in the year, Community Development has continued to weigh options as to how best to address the animal control needs for the City. We continue to work with the Evans PD, Weld County Animal Control, The City of Greeley and the Weld Humane Society during this time of transition. In addition to local agencies, we are reaching out to regional operators for animal control to best judge and determine the most cost effective approach for animal control in Evans. Over the course of the next couple weeks, the department will be working with the police department to develop priorities and a plan for coming months and years regarding animal control coverage. We will be looking to work cooperatively with other agencies in the local region to bring about a mutually beneficial outcome for animal control.

In addition, we will be recommencing the animal control revision committee formed in 2012 in order to finalize modernization and changes to the animal control code for the city of Evans. This committee consisted of staff and council, as well as interested citizens and the humane society. Anticipated changes to the code will be coming this fall.

- **IT**

The selection committee for the IT Manager made its selection this week. Bart Wylie will be joining the City and his start date is set for Monday, July 15th. Bart has a diverse background in the IT field with his most recent positions being held in the gaming industry. Please take a minute to stop by and welcome Bart, his workstation will be in the community development area.

- **Events**

August 3rd—Library Ground Breaking 9 am to 11 am

August 6—National Night Out (times and location TBD)

August 10th—Inaugural Community Safety & Awareness Event, 9 am to Noon, Sam's Club Parking lot

