

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

➤ **Communications**



This Facebook analytic covers the week of June 2-8. Happenings in that timeframe included the Farmer's Market opening, road damage, low level flooding in streets, street closures and mosquitoes.

➤ **CSU**

CSU would like to welcome Andrew Gavaldon our new Customer Service Administrator. Andrew is sitting in the middle work station up front so please stop by and say hello!

➤ **Economic Development**

Highway 85 Corridor

The improving economy has brought lots of interest to the Highway 85 Corridor. At this point, the new major developments include Kum & Go (at 31st and 85 – the Western Sizzlin site) and Rush Trucking (north of the existing Double Clutch Café). The new Master Plan (adopted in August of 2014) and the new zoning have been very successful at attracting new retail development while prohibiting certain types of uses that would not be compatible with the Corridor plans. We do have some confusion over legal non-conforming uses, which will likely continue as we move this corridor from light industrial uses to more commercial and retail uses.

The Junction at Evans

Our attendance at ICSC went well and we have made some more contacts and built stronger relationships with our developer, our potential retailers, and others! Over time, with some persistence, we'll see the payoff from our work and effort. In the meantime we continue to work on specific retailers for our site at 31st and Highway 85.

Murals

(No update this month) You have likely seen our latest murals in town – they are beautiful and the result of a community effort. If you have other ideas about murals please let us know.

Farmer's Market

The first market was awesome, with over 100 people coming out to support our vendors in spite of the thunder and rain! We will be every Thursday night from 4-7 until October 8th. We are adding new vendors every week including food trucks and fresh produce, so please come by, support your local Farmer's Market, and bring your kids and pets!

Fun Flicks

This year Economic Development is funding 5 family movies to be held outdoors at the RLCC. In the case of bad weather, there is more than enough room indoors. The first one is this Friday night, June 12th at dusk.

Evans Riverside Area Master Plan

This plan is scheduled to be adopted on July 7th by the City Council. The Task Force will review the final (sort of) draft on this Thursday the 11th from 5:00 until whenever we get done! It has an economic analysis and an implementation plan and is on our website for you to review.

Riverside Park Master Plan

(No update from last time) This plan was adopted by the City Council last year, and the City has a team working on the engineering work necessary to make the plan a reality. In the best scenario, it would be 2018 before any sections of the park would reopen. Some trails may be open prior to that date depending on funding and design.



Stormwater Master Plan

The City just received a grant for an update to our City Wide Stormwater Plan (last updated in 1999). Interviews were conducted last week to select a consultant, and work should begin in July. The focus will be on helping the stormwater situation City wide, but this will tie in with our Riverside Area Master Plan for construction and timing.

Code Update

Our work groups have started the process of the code update. We will start with the land use section and will be hiring an attorney/consultant to advise us in those areas. Headed by the

Community Development and Public Works Director, the land use code will be amended to reflect best practices, current practices, and the vision of the City of Evans. We may update our Comprehensive Plan at the same time.

Strategic Planning

On June 23rd the City Council will hold an additional meeting about strategy, focusing on their vision for Evans in the future, and core priorities. The City continues to focus on strategic planning as a core principle of government. The Council recently met several times to refine priorities and an internal vision for our

operational teams. We will be creating a written operational strategic plan for the City Council later this year, then in 2016 reaching out to the public around strategic planning and visioning for the future.

Prairie View School

(No updates from last time) A beautiful building – please take a tour! It will be open this fall for students but is generally fully complete internally. There remain some significant road construction options to complete, but they were dependent upon grant funding and so will happen this year and next.

Business Ombudsman

We will be working with EEDAC to select our consultant for this project, which will be completed at the end of the year. The purpose is to learn how we can support our existing businesses and meet their needs. The goal is to reach out in personal meetings and phone calls to all the business owners located in Evans to ask some basic questions. A statistically significant survey will be created to use with our business owners year after year.

Landscaping in Corridor

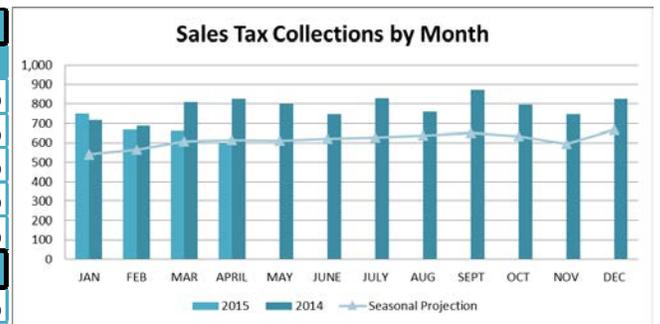
We’ve had a slight setback in this area with CDOT and will continue to work on it. Ever wonder about the entrance to Evans along Highway 85? We have some serious water issues in that area, so last year we asked for a design and construction documents for irrigation, signage, and planting. The Park and Ride being constructed by CDOT at 42nd and 85 will have all the landscaping installed by the City in the 85 Corridor ROW there. A new sign will be installed, and landscaping phased in this year and next year! It will be a significant improvement to the visual impact as you enter Evans.



➤ **Finance**

Please find the April sales tax update below:

April 2015			
Category	2014 YTD	2015 YTD	% Change
Base	689,744	827,031	20%
Commercial	623,652	625,429	0%
Industrial	973,674	728,295	-25%
Utilities	253,611	280,794	11%
Total	2,540,680	2,461,550	-3%
April 2015			
Lodging	25,229	30,540	21%



As far as the monthly projection goes, we are \$19,045 short of what we needed to collect this month to meet our annual budget. This does not include motor vehicle tax.

➤ **Police**

We will be swearing in two new officers next Monday, June 10th. We have also begun a new hiring process and anticipate hiring in September or October.

Commander Phipps has completed a month-long assessment process with Weld County evaluating a new dispatch computer system.

We have three new police vehicles being outfitted and hope to see them on line by mid-July.