



**City Manager  
Monitoring Report  
March 17, 2015**

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

➤ **City Manager**

FLOOD RECOVERY - We are transitioning to a new manager for our Flood Recovery Team. Former Evans Fire Protection District Chief, Warren Jones, will be headed off to the joys of retirement in mid-March. I have appointed Community Development Manager, Zach Ratkai, as the new Flood Recovery Manager for the next 24 months. Zach is looking forward to the project and the challenges it will bring. He and the entire Flood Recovery Team are working hard to repair the infrastructure damaged in the flood.

LEGISLATIVE SEASON – The Colorado General Assembly is in full session and City staff is working with the Colorado Municipal League (CML) to stay informed on pending legislation that will impact our community. The City’s Legislative Team monitors legislation from its introduction all the way through the final vote. CML is a valuable partner in monitoring bills and lobbying for either opposition or support. Our focus is on “local control” as we believe the residents and elected officials of Evans know what’s best for our community. One potential bill of specific interest so far is one that would limit the effectiveness or eliminate the opportunity for cities and towns to use an Urban Renewal Agency to assist in blight clean-up and enhance economic development efforts. The City will oppose such legislation if the bill gets presented.

➤ **Communications**

The first planning meeting for a 2015 Evans Photo Contest took place with volunteer judges to establish rules and timelines. Judges are: Sherri Finn, Council Member; Heather Guirriini, Professional Photographer and Evans Resident; Gail Ford, Artistic Designer and Evans Resident and Crystal Lague, Evans Business Graphic Designer and Evans Resident. The contest will be announced early April and run through mid-November. The intent is to generate community engagement and pride.

➤ **Customer Service**

The Customer Service Unit would like to welcome Kimberly Doss on Monday, March 16, 2015. Kim will be our new Customer Service Administrator. She has numerous years of Administrative Specialist experience which will add to our great team.

➤ **Economic Development**

South Platte River Corridor Master Plan – Just prior to the 2013 flood event, the City had contracted with Rock Creek Design to create a master plan for the South Platte River Corridor. Due to the amount of post flood clean-up work and some contractor issues outside of our control, the plan was never completed. While we would like to resurrect this project, staff recognizes that since there are much more pressing needs at this time, there is not adequate funding to do so anytime soon. After looking at several existing city plans, and recognizing the work that is being included as part of current planning efforts (i.e. Riverside Park Master Plan, Evans Riverside Neighborhood Master Plan and South Platte River Restoration Master Plan), City Planner Chad Reischl has determined that a good portion of the work for this master planning effort is already out there and just needs to be pulled together into a single cohesive document. As such, he is looking at the possibilities of pulling this data together into a “Staff Report” that could be used to give the city a short-term vision for the Platte Corridor in the coming years. Ultimately a formal plan with full public participation should be undertaken by the city, but that effort may be at least 3-5 years out at this time. This report could guide any trail/park planning in the next few years if and when opportunities arise to acquire property and/or easements, fix/upgrade roads in the corridor, or work with other partners to create a regional trail along the South Platte River.

➤ **Finance**

The entire finance department has been working hard with our external financial auditors who are currently on site. We anticipate they will wrap up their on-site work this week, and over the next 6 weeks will be finalizing our audit and financial statements to be presented to Council at the end of April. We recognize the additional work that is also asked of other departments and continue to thank those involved for their timely assistance and understanding as we devote our attention to this project. After the completion of this audit, we will be issuing an RFP for audit service in future years. We have had the current firm complete the audit for a number of years, and we will be doing our due diligence in selecting the proper firm for the coming years.

➤ **Police**

Hiring Process – we have completed oral-board interviews and compiled a list of candidates to proceed. We currently have six openings. This candidate pool is a strong one and we have hopes to fill at least 4-5 of the positions. A final list will be compiled in early to mid June.

➤ **Public Works**

<b>OPERATIONS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WATER-Swaps; We've have had a few errors and are working diligently on correcting them. All in all we are making good headway.</li> <li>• NP WATER-Have been on hold due to weather</li> <li>• FLEET-Have all PW vehicles ordered to this point</li> </ul>
<b>ENGINEERING</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working with Ditesco on WW design coordination &amp; needs</li> <li>• Continuing Civil Engineer hiring process.</li> <li>• Will be assisting with GIS interviews in the following two weeks</li> </ul>
<b>WASTE WATER</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attended meetings with design engineers for the WW Project.</li> </ul>
<b>PARKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working with Mike on Vineyard Park pond overflow line.</li> <li>• Have started to receive bids for playground equipment for City and Village.</li> <li>• Working on Village Park restroom remodels and pavilion replacement.</li> </ul>