

City Manager - Monitoring Report

August 4, 2015

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

➤ **Communications**

- The attached Long Range Planning Projects document will go on the website and start to be shared as a general update at National Night Out, the Community Safety Fair, Farmer's Market and the upcoming Town Hall Meeting. Thank you to Chad Reischl for creating that document for our use.
- Bill Garcia has graciously agreed to serve as Moderator for the August 12 Town Hall Meeting.
- Communications for how we will handle traffic safety with the opening of Prairie Heights Middle School are almost complete and will shared with Council soon.

➤ **CSU**

➤ **Recreation**

➤ **Finance**

The budget teams are making great progress, and are on track to meet the various deadlines. We would like to extend our gratitude to the dedicated and knowledgeable employees who are serving on these teams.

Final preparations are underway for the Office of Inspector General auditors to be on site beginning August 17th. The OIG will be conducting an audit of selected FEMA projects, and are expected to be here for approximately two weeks.

➤ **Police**

Taser X2

After nearly a decade of using the Taser X26 the Police Department will be retiring the older model for the new Taser X2. The X26, a single shot conducted energy weapon (CEW) device is being replaced by the Taser X2 mode, a multiple shot CEW device. The Taser X2 model also comes with added features of extended battery life, dual aiming lasers, LED flashlight, self-diagnostics and a warning arc. The added features along with the multiple shot capability will increase the officer's ability to incapacitate and arrest a combative subject.

Prairie View Heights School Opening

The Police Department has increased their presence and will be maintaining high visibility around Prairie View Heights School. With their grand opening next month road speeds have been reduced and officers are concentrating on educating motorists about driving the speed limit, traffic congestion and increased pedestrians when school starts. Traffic signs will also be used to educate drivers about the speed reduction, school opening and safety.

Patrol Vehicles

Three new police vehicles have been added to the fleet. The new Ford Police Interceptor (SUV) were finished and one vehicle was outfitted with a Lo-Jack stolen vehicle locator system. (Photo Below)



Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police (CACP)

The Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police is a professional organization of Law Enforcement leaders responsible for providing education, training and promoting high ethical standards. In July, Chief Rick Brandt was sworn in as the new President of the CACP for 2015-2016. This distinguished position provides an opportunity for Chief Brandt to represent the City of Evans throughout the state as well as represent the State of Colorado throughout the Country.

➤ **Public Works**

Engineering

- 37th Street to be complete this week. Currently Coyote Ridge is raising and collaring manholes and valves. Striping to take place today.

- Coyote Ridge Construction will move to the west side of the Highway to complete the 36th Street Storm Drain Project as well as improvements to the two detention ponds. Work will begin this week. Kyle has sent a notice to the individual on St. Vrain that has items in our right of way.
- City staff is working on narrowing the scope of the 2015 Asphalt Patch contract. Martin Marietta Materials will be scheduled soon.
- Material has been ordered in order to upgrade to the pedestrian crossing poles on 11th Avenue in front of Union Colony Elementary School.
- Working with Kolbe Striping to schedule this year's striping work.
- The 2015 Asphalt Overlay Project is currently out to bid. Bids will be opened on August 12th.
- Engineering will be bidding the Hwy 85 Entryway Landscaping & Signage. Bids to be opened on August 12th.
- Working with CDOT to get approval to bid the Hwy 85 Access Control Project at 37th Street.

Operations

- Pot Water: Finishing up with swaps and working on work orders from billing. Probably won't have enough money to do everything Billings wants.
- Non Pot Water: Up and running
- Irrigation: Training new employee, Margaret
- Streets: Repaired shoulder on west 49 St. We will be starting street sweeping. We are spraying ROW this week and will be mosquito spraying the first of the month.

Parks

- All mowing operations are on schedule.
- All irrigation systems that have non-potable available have been switched over except for the Library.
- Village Park restroom remodel should begin next week.
- We were awarded \$5 million through CDBG-DR for Riverside Park. We will be having a Park team meeting next week to go over the next steps for this project.

Waste Water

- Progress meeting with Landmark Builders on WW Repair project
- Annual preventive maintenance jetting of Collection System

➤ **Economic Development**

Attached please find the scope of services from our business consultant, Mike Masciola. The Evans Economic Development Advisory Council has reviewed and accepted his proposal, and his contract is in place! He will be providing the Council with updates and a time line shortly, and will also start reaching out to businesses immediately. Please let Aden or Sheryl know if you have any questions!

Also attached you will find a two page summary of long-range planning efforts in the City that was put together by Chad Reischl. We hope to use this for public outreach in the future.

City of Evans Economic Development Scope of Work & Firm Experience 7/8/15

Streamline Consulting
Michael Masciola - Owner

General Project Description

Provide assistance to City of Evans Economic Development Director and Council on the further development and implementation of existing business expansion and retention (BEAR) program as well as on incentives for the development and redevelopment of identified areas and uses.

General Approach

The consulting process and pricing shall be broken up into two (2) parts

Part 1 - \$25,000

Working with Economic Development Director, Sheryl Trent, develop/enhance existing business expansion and retention (BEAR) program, conduct surveying and advise on future implementation

Specifically:

1. BEAR (Business Expansion and Retention) program:
 - a. Establish, with Economic Development Director, City's key priorities for BEAR Program
 - b. With City and others as needed, establish business profile of City
 - c. Identify businesses to be visited
 - d. Create messaging and identify channels used to communicate the City is the "go-to" organization for business resolution and support efforts
 - e. Create BEAR survey with a defined number of responses
 - i. Define questions
 - ii. Define criteria for questions
 - iii. Design survey to be statistically significant and used in subsequent years
 - f. Include Chamber, EEDAC, SBDC, Upstate EDC and other ED partners in discussions
 - g. Conduct face-to-face interviews with number of specific, defined business owners for surveying and relationship building with the City
 - i. Identify partners who could assist in surveying
 - ii. Advise of other resources organizations available to businesses such as Chamber, EEDAC, SBDC, Upstate EDC and other partners
 - iii. Compile results for reporting
 - h. Where possible, establish similar Industry Task Forces to meet and discuss early warning signs of challenges emerging and opportunities among the business community and what and how they can be addressed/helped by the City and others
 - i. Identify potential programs - Based on survey results, input and available resources
 1. Examples could include:
 - a. Develop Business Accelerator or similar program to include existing business help with potential grants, Small Business Development and other services
 - b. As needed, continue to streamline and improve the "speed" at which development review is completed
 - c. Develop annual business appreciation event to recognize businesses
 - d. Communicate the availability of economic development ombudsman/liaison position.

Long Range Planning Projects

Every great city needs a vision for the future. Long-Range Planning allows us to create that vision. Plans are visible and tangible statements of where we are now, where we'd like to be in the future and what is required to get there. The City of Evans is guided by its Comprehensive Plan and several smaller scale, yet often times more technical, plans for specific components of the city such as a single neighborhood, the park system, or the transportation network. As the community grows and develops or experiences radical changes due to an event such as a flood or other disaster, these plans need to be updated.

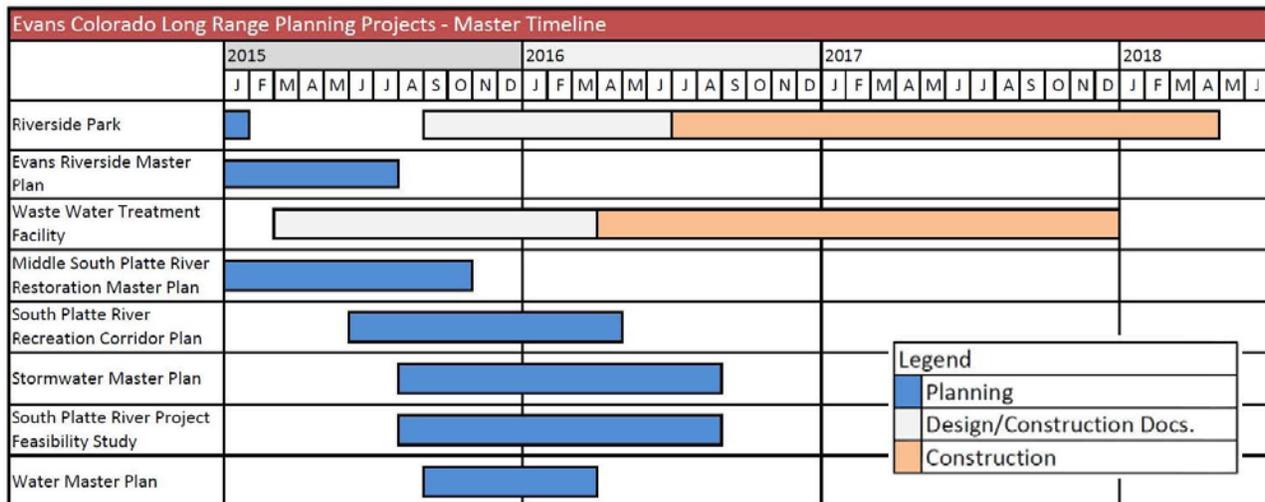
During the recent economic downturn, the City of Evans had few resources and very little growth and therefore put off long-range planning; now many of our plans have become outdated and are in need of updates. In addition, the 2013 Flood Event created the need for several planning projects along the South Platte River. Therefore, the City is now engaged in several long-range planning projects. The charts below give an estimated timeframe for the completion of these projects and an idea of the costs associated with each project. More details on each project can be found on the next page.

As we look into the future, the City of Evans will need to update several other plans in the coming years. These include the Comprehensive Plan, the Transportation Plan, and the Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails Plans. As we work out the details for funding and scheduling these plans, we will keep you updated.



*This represents costs for the master plan only. The cost of full design and construction is estimated at over \$15 million. As of July 2015 the City has approximately \$11 million in committed grant funding for the project.

**Design and engineering for this project is estimated at \$2.65 million of which \$2.2 million is grant funded. This total has been removed from this chart for clarity. The full cost of the project is estimated at over \$35 Million.





Project Details

Riverside Park

The City of Evans completed a Master Plan for a reconstructed and more flood resilient Riverside Park in January of 2015. We are currently working on securing funding for substantial build out before hiring a contractor to create the final construction documents for the park. We anticipate reopening the park in the spring of 2018.



Evans Riverside Master Plan

The City of Evans completed a Master Plan for the Riverside Neighborhood east of Highway 85 in July of 2015. The Plan lays out a framework for revitalization of the neighborhood and preservation of land in the floodplain of the South Platte River. The City will use this plan to undertake local projects over the next decade.



Wastewater Treatment Facility

After the wastewater treatment facility in east Evans was flooded in 2013, the City recognized the need to consolidate both facilities at our western location. The City is finalizing plans for this larger, modern facility and the pumping of sewage from the old plant location to the new one. Design should be completed early in 2016 and then proceed right into construction. Construction should be complete in 2017



Middle South Platte River Restoration Master Plan

After the 2013 flood, the State of Colorado asked Evans to create a restoration master plan for the 20+ mile stretch of the Platte River most heavily affected by the event. The City has hosted several meetings and is participating in the creation of a stakeholder alliance for the corridor. The plan should be complete in fall of 2015.



South Platte River Recreation Corridor Plan

Prior to the 2013 Flood the City began a planning study for recreational opportunities and a trail system along the Platte. This process was interrupted by the flood event and postponed. The City is now revisiting this study. Public engagement will occur in the late summer and fall of 2015. The project will wrap up in 2016.



Stormwater Management Plan

In May 2015, the City received a flood recovery grant to create a Stormwater Management plan. This plan will address stormwater needs throughout the city and create a plan of action for repair, maintenance and construction of new facilities if necessary. The plan will kick off in fall 2015 and continue into the summer of 2016.



South Platte River Project Feasibility Study

Sediment, built up over the years near the Highway 85 bridges and the Latham Ditch Diversion structures south of Evans, has been identified as a cause of increased flood risk. This project will examine how sediment is moving throughout the river system and determine ways to reduce the affects these structures have on flooding.



Water Master Plan

Starting in Fall 2015 the City will be working with a consultant to determine the future of the City's water supply. The City wants to ensure that water provision in Evans is both sustainable and cost-effective for many years to come.



Future Plans

Future Planning Projects include:

- Comprehensive Plan
- Transportation Master Plan
- Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails Master Plan
- Others as needed. . . .

