

## City Manager - Monitoring Report

September 15, 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 Management & Administration

#### ➤ Communications

In an effort to make water issues top of mind again, we have resumed including the H2Oh! mini-newsletter with the utility bill. General information on Windy Gap and NISP was included in the September bill. October's bill will include information about the relative cost of water.

Cities and Towns Week efforts will kick off at Evansfest, September 12 and education boards will on display at the Community Complex throughout the week of September 14-18 with fun and impressive facts about what this local government does for its residents. Links to the PSA's provided by CML will be on the website and Facebook posts will include factoids about what the City does "by the numbers".

#### ➤ Community Development

#### ➤ Economic Development

#### Riverside Neighborhood Tree Inventory

One of the unique aspects of the Riverside Neighborhood east of Highway 85 is the presence of many large and mature trees. In fact, nearly 100 of the Siberian Elms and Cottonwoods in the neighborhood have trunks that are over 3 feet in diameter. These trees have been shading homes, yards and streets for many decades and add a great deal to the character of the neighborhood. The recently completed Riverside Neighborhood Master Plan recommended that the City conduct an inventory of the existing trees in the neighborhood to determine the health and diversity of the trees in the area so that we have a better understanding of this existing resource as we begin making some investments into the neighborhood. Through a fortunate partnership with the Colorado Department of Local Affairs, the University of Colorado and the Colorado State University Horticulture program, the City was able to conduct a full inventory of trees along the streets and sidewalks of the Riverside Neighborhood as well as trees in City Park and at the Riverside Library. Shana Brown, a horticulture student at CSU, inventoried over 1500 trees in the neighborhood over 5 weeks this summer. Shana used a wi-fi enabled tablet and an easy to use application created by CSU to record the tree on a map and note each tree's species, size, and general health.

Thanks to this work we have a better picture of the composition of trees in the neighborhood. Some stats:

- 80% of the trees are in generally good condition
- Siberian Elms are by far the most common trees in the neighborhood; about 20% of all the trees counted were Siberian Elms. Unfortunately these trees tend to be invasive, expensive to maintain and are prone to breakage making them less than desirable.

- Aside from the Siberian Elms, the neighborhood has a relatively healthy mix of other tree species.
- There is room for more trees. The study noted appropriate planting spaces for nearly 300 more trees along the streets of the neighborhood. In order to insure that the next generations of residents continue to benefit from the tree canopy, the City should encourage the planting of additional trees, especially as the older ones approach the end of their life cycle.

You can see the full report here:

[http://www.evanscolorado.gov/sites/default/files/fileattachments/evans\\_tree\\_inventory.pdf](http://www.evanscolorado.gov/sites/default/files/fileattachments/evans_tree_inventory.pdf)

### South Platte River Update

During the months of July and August, The City of Evans, the Middle South Platte River Alliance, and a consultant of the Colorado Water Conservation Board worked together to set up three meetings for land-owners in the high-risk regions of the river. These meetings were intended to determine more specific projects along the river. Following these meetings CDM-Smith, our project consultant, will work on wrapping up the master planning document. We plan on bringing the plan back to City Council for adoption before the end of the year.

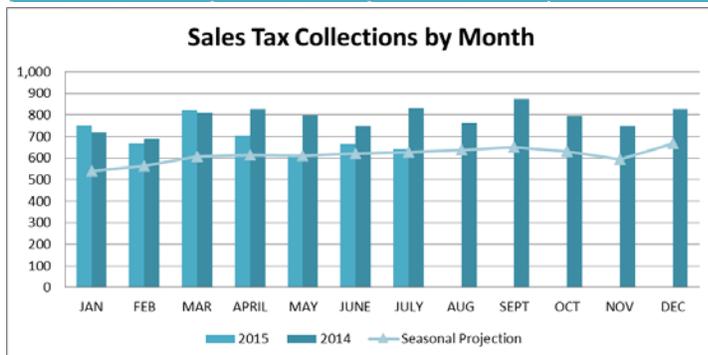
Meanwhile, we recently held a kick-off meeting for the next phase of this project: the Sediment Transport Modeling and Project Feasibility Study that we are undertaking with funding from the CDBG-DR program. This project will determine the nature of sediment in the river and propose some possible solutions to sticky spots around the Highway 85 Bridge and at the confluence of the Big Thompson River.

### ➤ Finance

Please find the July sales tax update below:

<b>July 2015</b>			
Category	2014 YTD	2015 YTD	% Change
<b>Base</b>	1,324,683	1,477,267	12%
<b>Commercial</b>	1,134,888	1,117,179	-2%
<b>Industrial</b>	1,668,112	1,039,236	-38%
<b>Utilities</b>	434,282	455,064	5%
<b>Motor Vehicle</b>	857,303	783,773	-9%
<b>Total</b>	5,419,269	4,872,518	-10%
<b>July 2015</b>			
<b>Lodging</b>	51,976	59,221	14%

As far as the monthly projection goes, we are \$15,382 ahead of what we needed to collect this month to meet our annual budget.



### ➤ Human Resources

### ➤ Police

## ➤ **Public Works**

### **Engineering**

City staff is working on narrowing the scope of the 2015 Asphalt Patch contract; the bid was awarded to Martin Marietta. A pre-construction meeting with Kolbe Striping will take place within the next week. Engineering bid the Hwy 85 Entryway Landscaping & Signage; the award of the bid will take place on Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>. We are working with CDOT to get approval to bid the Hwy 85 Access Control Project at 37<sup>th</sup> Street.

### **Operations**

Major unexpected projects included the replacement of a disintegrated road crossing culvert. Major road maintenance projects included placing road base and regrading the majority of our "in town" aggregate roadways and alleys. Finally, fleet is working on getting our street sweepers back on line and street sweeping will commence shortly.

### **Parks**

All operations are on schedule. The young man completing his Eagle Scout project is moving along. We have had several Elm tree issues at the Cemetery and City Park; we are working with a tree removal company on prices. Staff is working with Recreation to lay out the soccer fields. Staff is also working with Michele from the Evans Chamber regarding Evans Fest.

### **Waste Water**

The City has responded to all the EPA and CDPHE violations regarding recent inspections. Staff is working to provide information to the Flood Recovery Team for the auditors. Annual preventive maintenance cleaning of collection system is currently underway. Staff helped with Utility locates while Leon in Engineering was on a short vacation.

### **Stormwater Management Plan**

On September 3<sup>rd</sup> City staff met with Muller Engineering to kick off the City's Stormwater Management Plan. The first steps of this approximately year-long process will be to collect and analyze data from the City and other sources to determine the gaps that might exist in that Data. The engineers will then likely spend a few days in town doing some field work (with City Staff as necessary). This collection and analysis phase will likely continue through the remainder of the year. Once complete, the Engineers will start compiling this information together and present their findings and first conceptual plans to the community in February or March of 2016.

## ➤ **Recreation**