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TO: Mayor and Town Council
FROM: Travis Elliott, Town Manager
CC: TOP Staff
DATE: July 29, 2022
RE: Info Update

SH*T TALK

BMMD recently completed an analysis of their wastewater flows, treatment capacity, and rates. Their analysis showed that it costs approximately \$6 to treat every 1,000 gallons of wastewater. Currently, the BMMD is only charging the Town \$3 / 1000 gallons for the wastewater that is sent to them via the Cottonwood Park Lift Station. This agreement between the Town and BMMD hasn't been reviewed since 2011, and they are requesting that we work to revise the agreement. TOP Staff will be evaluating our rates and budget over the next few weeks to determine how best to approach this, and any potential rate increase. Any proposed rate change would be incorporated into the budget process and wouldn't be implemented until 2023.

TID BITS:

- We are preparing for our joint work session meeting with the Garfield BOCC on August 18th. If you have anything that you would like to see on the agenda, please let me know.
- We issued the RFP for our Downtown Development Plan on Thursday.
- The 2021 audit is complete, and it has been submitted to the state
- It is budget season! Draft departmental budgets are getting wrapped up this week. Budget forecasts and assumptions will soon be developed to help plan for 2023 expenditures.
- We have posted the job opening for the Community & Economic Development Director. First review of applications is scheduled for Wednesday, August 17th.
- As approved by the Town Council, we are working to rollout the compensation increases for Town staff. Employees can expect to see the increased rate, and backpay, on their August 19th paycheck.
- Terra informed us that they will be doing some work and mobilizing a rig on the B&V pad today. They should be done by the end of day Friday, but you can expect to see the rig in Town.
- The DeBeque Town Council approved the Xcel powerline project, and they included a condition to investigate the possibility of a powerline trail.
- The Splash Pad is up and running! We are still working on getting updated signage installed.

- National Night Out is next Tuesday, August 2nd. Join us at the Shopping Center in Battlement Mesa from 4 – 7pm
- Planning for Grand Valley Days continues. The bands are booked, and we are planning the Town’s parade float. You don’t want to miss it.
- As you have likely noticed, Love’s is making a lot of progress, and they expect to be done with a lot of the dirt work and hauling by the end of this week / early next week.
- We will be auctioning some Town fleet and equipment on GovDeals. This includes the four RZR’s, an enclosed trailer, and an old admin car.
- We received a written request from our Municipal Judge, the honorable Care’ McInnis, to consider increasing her monthly stipend. This will be included for Town Council’s consideration during the annual budget process.
- The quarterly IT security training will be sent to all Town email users on Monday, August 1st.
- Upcoming Meetings and Events:
(please let us know if you plan to attend so we can track public noticing requirements)
 - National Night Out – August 2nd 4 – 7:30 p.m.
 - Grand Valley Days will be August 19, 20, and 21st