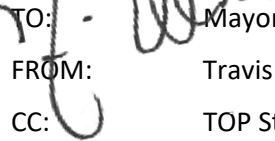




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TO: Mayor and Town Council  
FROM: Travis Elliott, Town Manager  
CC: TOP Staff  
DATE: September 9, 2022  
RE: Info Update

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#### DEMONSTRATING DEMOCRACY

The certified ballot language to amend our Charter, as approved by the Town Council at the special meeting on September 8<sup>th</sup>, has been sent to the Garfield County Clerk. The two separate ballot questions will be on the coordinated Garfield County ballot, and the questions will be on the ballot that will be sent to all registered voters within the Town of Parachute. We will be working on educational talking points to post on our website and share with the public. In the meantime, if anyone has any questions, please feel free to direct them our way.

#### **Ballot question summary:**

1. Shall the Parachute Town Charter be amended so that members appointed to a vacant position on Town Council fill the remainder of the term, instead of until the next election?
2. Shall the Parachute Town Charter be amended so that the Finance Director, Town Clerk, and Police Chief be appointed by the Town Manager, instead of the Town Council?

#### BAD NEWS

We are planning to re-paint the exterior of two of our water tanks in 2023 as part of our routine maintenance. Unfortunately, we recently found out that one of the three tanks has a lead-based paint primer. There is no risk to the public, but it will increase the cost of the project to dispose of the paint safely. We are working on getting updated cost estimates to determine whether we can still complete both tank paint jobs in 2023.

#### GOOD NEWS

The Town has been awarded a grant of \$150,000 from the Intermountain Transportation Planning Region for the continued development, engineering, and design of our 1<sup>st</sup> Street and Downtown Development Plan. The Town will be matching this grant with \$50,000 of our own funds in the 2023 budget. Congratulations!

TID BITS:

- The splash pad is OPEN for a bonus weekend to make up for the downtime experienced over the summer. Next weekend's hours are To Be Determined.
- The large 24 passenger PATS bus is almost fully repaired, and it will be picked up and put back into service next week.
- September is the last month of the Visitor center being open every day, and it will only be open weekends beginning in October.
- Kabloom Flowers has closed its location in the Southgate Plaza and will reopen with a Battlement Mesa location.
- We will be evaluating proposals and interviewing firms for the 1<sup>st</sup> Street / Downtown Development Plan over the next couple of weeks.
- Our used fleet of a trailer, two vehicles, and four RZR's successfully sold at auction this week. In total, the Town netted approximately \$70,000 from the sales.
- I presented at an HOA / Property Management group meeting Wednesday morning. We spent a majority of the time talking about code enforcement and ADU/STR regulations.
- Upcoming Meetings and Events:  
*(please let us know if you plan to attend so we can track public noticing requirements)*
  - State of the Grand Valley meeting #3 – 6:30 p.m. | September 21<sup>st</sup> at GV Rec Center
  - WSCOGA Scholarship Reception | September 29<sup>th</sup> at CMU Grand Junction
  - Wasson McKay Park soft opening celebration and staff appreciation barbecue (tentative) – Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - TOP Holiday Party (tentative) – Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.