



To: Mayor and Town Council  
From: Clint Kinney, Town Manager  
Date: August 5, 2022  
Re: Info Update

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#### DEMOCRACY

“No one pretends that democracy is perfect or all-wise. Indeed it has been said that democracy is the worst form of Government .....except for all those other forms that have been tried... ..”Winston S Churchill, November 11, 1947. Mr. Churchill aside, our time to get involved with the election process and our local democracy is upon us. In the upcoming November election there will be two council seats (Sirkus and Goode) and the mayor’s seat (Madsen) up for election. Candidate petitions can be picked up starting on August 9 and will be due back August 29. Individuals looking to run for office will need to collect 10 verified signatures of support on their petitions. We will be advertising and trying to get the word out about these potential opportunities to serve the community. In the meantime, if you know any smart, community minded individuals that live in the Village and love it, you might want to ask them if they are interested in running for local office. ATCK are doing (or have done) it. Town Clerk Megan Boucher is our local election expert, she will be able to help candidates with all of the necessary information.

#### CAPITAL PROJECTS

With the Council approval of Town Park on Monday, we are working diligently with the design team to address remaining issues. We have met with the cell tower folks to determine the necessary heights of poles to improve cell coverage and still meet safety requirements for arena lighting, we have met with the bleacher people to continue that design, rodeo fence people are being met with this morning and of course we are constantly talking with our contractor and design team on pricing and construction timing. We should know next week if we are able to start in this Fall (2022) or if we will need to push the start date back in order to get all of the ducks in a row and guarantee that the Rodeo can operate next summer. We are also making really good progress on the Mall Transit Center Design. We are doing everything we can to make the platform as compact as possible and still meet all of the operational needs of RFTA and the Village Shuttle. We are planning on an owners review with the Council later this month in order to catch the Council up on the proposed design improvements and the likely funding scenarios. Finally, we believe we have a design for the critical culvert work at Owl and Brush that will protect the structural integrity of the culvert and get us through the winter. Essentially, we plan to keep the metal plates over the culvert and then asphalt over them (its more sophisticated than that, but PW dumbs it down for me). Depending on how deep the steal plates need to be buried into the existing street will dictate how long any construction closure may need to be. This short term fix will be deigned to keep everyone safe until a permanent fix for the culvert can begin in 2023. The permanent fix design work is expected to be completed by SGM.

TID BITS:

- Human Resource Director Kathy Fry has resigned from the Town. We wish her well in her future endeavors. I plan to put out an all staff announcement early next week and plan to start advertising ASAP for this critical position.
- Speaking of personnel, congratulations to Vic Simon on being hired as our newest police officer. Vic has worked in our very own Transportation Department driving the Village Shuttle for the Town for a few years, so he is super familiar with the Village and how we operate. He starts at the Police Academy later this month.
- On that note, Transportation is looking for a few great individuals to drive the Village Shuttles. We are also hiring in Parks, Recreation and Trails. These are great places to work.
- Speaking of buses, the Congressional earmark we requested to purchase a couple of trial electric buses was not approved. We knew the request was a long shot (only 1 of 8 projects in the state was approved to move forward). We received some good feedback on how we should proceed with future requests.
- We continue to aim to get the community survey on the street later this month.
- PTRAB is having its summer event at the Collective on August 11 at 4:30.
- Responses for design services for workforce housing in the Draw site are due back today.
- Between drive in movies, 5 k beer run and biking and hiking, we have a lot of cool events going on this weekend. Then next week the Plein air festival kicks off.
- Speaking of cool events, here is a shot from Heritage Fire last week.....



CC: Department Directors