

# City Manager's Report

City of Steamboat Springs

5/30/2018

For the 6/5/2018 meeting

## *Requesting council direction*

### Barrow's Chairlift Update

Craig Robinson sent me a recent e-mail, indicating additional movement with Tower 6 of the Barrow's Chair at Howelsen Hill. The haul rope is not centered in the sheave, creating the possibility of a derailment of the cable.

Similar to last year, we could contract to have the tower stabilized to get us through another year, however, it is very likely the tower would move again next spring during runoff. Such a stabilization effort would likely cost \$30,000 or more.

At this point, staff has serious concerns about operating the lift for summer and winter operations. The Winter Sports Club shares these concerns. This will also negatively impact our Ski Free Sundays, if that program is to continue.

Does council have any inclination to spend the money for stabilization or should we put those funds toward investigating a new alignment and a new lift? I welcome your input.  
"Ski Town USA" Oil Painting

I sent council a recent memo regarding the possibility of purchasing the original painting in the Centennial Hall lobby by local and nationally known artist Gregory

Block. The painting is on loan from Gallery 89, and they are willing to sell it to the city for \$10,500 (a 25%) discount. The Gallery would very much like to keep this painting in Steamboat Springs. Please let me know your thoughts.

### Dumpster Enclosures

It has been brought to our attention that some of the City's dumpsters are not in compliance with City Code. Specifically, the ones located at 10<sup>th</sup> and Lincoln and 8<sup>th</sup> and Oak parking lots are not in enclosures. The cost of enclosures could range from \$20 - \$30,000 each. There is no money budgeted for this, and the one on 8<sup>th</sup> Street is complicated by the fact that it serves commercial businesses. I would recommend we have an enclosure designed for the 10<sup>th</sup> Street dumpster and assign staff to figure out a plan for the 8<sup>th</sup> Street dumpster. Once determined, we should lease them a space

in the 8<sup>th</sup> Street lot and recoup the cost of the dumpster enclosure, if possible. Please let me know your thoughts.

## *From the City Manager*

### Comcast Channel Lineup Change

Per our Franchise Agreement, Comcast has notified the City that Effective July 1, 2018, NFL Network HD and NFL

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## *Kudos!*

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Kudos to Parks and Rec staff for our great ratings on Trip Advisor!

When we first started posting our facilities on Trip Advisor, they were ranked well down the list. Today, here's the ranking for "things to do" in Steamboat Springs.

- 1) Fish Creek Falls
- 2) Ski & Snow Tours
- 3) *Yampa River Botanic Park*
- 4) *Yampa River Core Trail*
- 5) *Howelsen Ice Complex*
- 6) Steamboat Ski Resort
- 7) Strawberry Park Hot Springs
- 8) Steamboat Gondola
- 9) Tread of Pioneers Museum

*Howelsen Hill Ski Area is #17.*

Congrats to our customer-friendly Parks & Rec crew!

Network (HD 676 and 168/417) will no longer be available on the Digital Starter tier. They will be available on the Digital Preferred tier. Current

Digital Starter customers will need to subscribe to the Digital Preferred tier in order to continue to see these channels.

### Multi-Sports Complex Update

- Attachment 1 is a memo from Kyrill Kretzschmar, Recreation and Enterprise Manager, with an update on the Multi-Sports Complex. You will note the updated construction budget stands at about \$2.5 million, and groundbreaking is scheduled for early July. An important development is the collapse of the Junior Hockey league (and subsequently the Steamboat Wranglers), which affects revenue projections. For now, Yampa Valley Youth Baseball and Lacrosse have less interest in the facility unless turf is installed, which would be an additional \$200K included in Phase 1. Our approach is to build what we can afford now, and build the additional facilities and components as fundraising allows. Please let us know if you have any questions about the memo.
- Parks staff has contracted with Doug Allen from Ski Area Solutions, Inc. to assist with identification of chairlift and tower alignment on Howelsen Hill. We have also met with Steamboat Springs Winter Sports Club (SSWSC) staff to discuss operational needs, reviewed areas of concern from Yeh's reports, and would like to have tower locations identified by the end of August. Yeh has noted they would need to study proposed tower locations over a spring drainage cycle to identify any structural concerns, with results provided early in summer 2019.

## *From the Departments*

### Parks and Recreation

- Opening day at Haymaker Golf Course was on 5/10/18.
- The interior of the Club House has been painted and is open for business.
- Aeration and fertilization of greens has been completed with conditions improving as night temperatures get warmer.
- Basic clean up from winter is complete, and the new bathrooms are prepped and ready for use.
- Installation of flow meters, labeling, and sustained yield tests are being done to secure water rights on all Haymaker wells.
- The golf shop is fully stocked and looking great.
- Rounds are increasing, and we look forward to a great next couple weeks. The Memorial Day weekend officially kicked off the golf season.
- Golf pass sales are increasing, and we are within 5% of our total pass sales from last year.
- Haymaker is expecting several group outings in the next two weeks, ranging from 20 to 120 players each.
- The Spring Creek Dam Restoration project bid will be awarded to Anson Excavating. Staff is waiting on Army Corps of Engineers and the State Historic Preservation Office for approval with a goal of starting the project in mid-July.
- Logan Simpson is preparing the draft Parks, Recreation, Open

Space and Trails Master Plan update and is scheduled to present at the next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on June 13. A final version will be presented to Council sometime in late July.

- Staff has contracted with Five Smooth Stones on river improvement design from the 13<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge to the Depot (D) Hole, including structural repairs required on the D Hole.
- Staff continues to discuss next steps with YVEA to lease and/or purchase the building and outdoor storage space behind the Parks and Recreation building.
- Yeh and Associates have been on site to complete instrument readings and Lidar, and will be following up with a summary report soon.
- The rodeo crew is prepping the facility for the Pro Rodeo season, including putting up awnings, fencing, turning on water, and routine maintenance and repairs.
- The arenas have been reconstructed to move from winter operations to summer.
- The Rodeo Board purchased a new ticket booth for the front entry.
- A contractor is wiring and testing the new scoreboard that was purchased by the Rodeo Board.
- Open Space and Trails Crews have been working on all the trails on Emerald Mountain and around town to get them open and safe for summer.
- Crews constructed a new bridge on the MGM trail to avoid a seasonally wet area.

- Concrete repair work was done on the Core Trail near Rich Weiss and Rotary Park.
- City and paid Routt County Riders staff rebuilt jump features and performed annual maintenance to get the Bear River Bike Park open for the season.
- The Skyline Trail has been reopened after being closed all spring for a water and sewer project at Mount Werner Water.
- The Yampa River appears to have peaked at over 3,000 cfs. with many sections of the Core Trail closed due to high water.
- Staff turned on all irrigation systems and opened public restrooms for the summer.
- The Steamboat Classic Lacrosse Tournament hosted 27 teams, May 26-27 at Emerald and Ski Town Parks.
- American Legion and Yampa Valley Youth Baseball season began Memorial Day 5/28/18, adult volleyball league started Tuesday 5/29 at Howelsen Park, and adult soccer league starts Wednesday 5/30.
- All outdoor courts at the Tennis Center are open for play.
- The Tennis Center hosted its first annual Rotary of Steamboat Cornhole Classic tournament sponsored by Alpine bank. Over 300 people/128 teams participated, and the new fundraiser raised thousands of dollars for the Steamboat Rotary Club.
- City programmed adult summer volleyball, softball, soccer and hockey leagues start this week – softball and soccer are not as

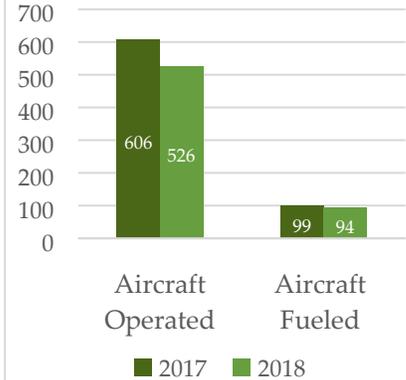
strong as last year; volleyball is very popular.

- Adult Spring Hockey Clinic was a success, with 20 adult skaters participating weekly for five weeks.
- Summer Asset Camps are mostly full or have wait lists.
- The Igloo garage sale took place on May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. The roughly \$500 that was collected from the sale will benefit our Youth Scholarship Fund.
- Planning is underway for the 2018 Town Challenge MTB race series with the first race taking place on June 6th at Marabou Ranch
- The Ice Arena is closed until June 11<sup>th</sup> for annual system maintenance and repair.

#### Public Works

- The 2018 Airport Master Plan has been approved for CDOT grant funding, but the FAA Reauthorization Bill has not been approved by Congress and the FAA has not received funding. The Airport Master Plan grant funding will not be received until the FAA is funded. In the meantime, proposals will be evaluated and a selection will be made, but a contract will not be signed until the funding is freed up.
- Airport staff completed an annual mailing to all Colorado Airports. The mailing packet contained the Chamber Visitor magazine and information on the Wild West Air Fest, KSBS summer Pancake Breakfasts, and our summer fuel sale.

Flight Ops - May 2017 & May 2018



Fuel Sales & Revenue - May 2017 & 2018



- Planning continues for the annual Wild West Air Fest, which will be held on Saturday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. An air show practice, pilot seminars, and a pilot BBQ will be held on Friday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. The airport plans to host some Elementary School students on that Friday. The airport also plans to host the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Young Eagles program on Sunday, September 2, with orientation flights for those interested in flying.
- The Airport Manager attended an Aviation Accident Response Training held at Yampa Valley Regional Airport. Max Green, Emergency Operations Coordinator, NTSB, was brought in from Washington, DC, to conduct the one day training

session for emergency personnel throughout Routt County.

- The FBO took delivery of our new Ground Power Unit (GPU). The unit will be used to start aircraft engines (turbines, in particular) during cold weather. This piece of equipment has been requested by pilots for many years and we are very excited to be able to provide this service and generate some more revenue for the FBO (see photo below).



- The Streets Superintendent met with the City Manager and Lisa Popovich from MainStreet Steamboat to talk about light pole banners and flower baskets on Mainstreet. The flower baskets are already up, and Lisa has the mounting brackets for the light pole banners.
- The Streets Superintendent and the Streets Supervisor conducted a walk-through with John Barringer for the upcoming Corvette Event.
- Annual catch basin cleaning has begun.
- The milling operations for the Paving Program have been completed, and overlays are underway.
- Streets crew worked on widening Elk River Road to accommodate bicyclists.
- Engineering Technician RFP: Baseline Engineering started conducting field inspections for water and sewer service lines on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

- 2018 Riverside Water Main project: The contractor is looking to start the end of July or early August; the anticipated duration of the project is 2 months.
- Water Treatment Plant for the Yampa Wells: Construction is still in progress. The contractor estimates that they are behind schedule by only four days at this point, and they may be able to make up this time. Completion is slated for June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- 2018 Water Supply Master Plan: Applegate Group was selected to conduct this study, which is jointly funded by the City and Mt. Werner Water.
- Infiltration gallery capacity expansion analysis: Received six statements of qualification. The study will be awarded to Leonard Rice Engineers, with completion slated for December of 2018.
- The Distribution & Collection Manager attended the Backflow Prevention & Cross-connection Control 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference on May 1<sup>st</sup> at Eagle River Water & Sanitation District.
- Staff attended the CDPHE Regulation 100 Stakeholder meeting to discuss proposed updates to facility classifications and operator certification requirements; according to the proposed updates the City of Steamboat will be upgraded to a class 3 water distribution system, which has more stringent requirements.
- The water crew spent 16 man-hours responding to a water outage on 5/18/18 caused by a contractor hitting a water service line during excavation on Fish Creek Falls Rd. The service line

was tapped off a 20-inch water main, causing several homes to lose water service after the water crew turned down the water so that the contractor could repair the service line. The repair was completed by approximately 1:30 pm and service was returned to all customers by 2:30 pm. The water crew flushed hydrants in the area once the repair was made. Mike Lane put out a press release via Facebook, Twitter, our website, and the radio to alert the public of the shut down as well as the reinstatement of water service.

- Several staff members attended the inaugural Spanish class that was created to help us communicate with the Spanish speaking public.
- The Wastewater Treatment Plant treated 101.78 million gallons of wastewater; approximately 19% more compared to the same time in 2017.
- Bids were opened for the new digester project. Duckels Construction was the apparent low bidder.
- Wastewater crews were called out at 5:00 AM on Saturday May 26. A pipe pressure gauge broke, resulting in electrical drive failure.

#### Planning and Community Development

- There are currently seventy-nine projects at some stage of the TAC review process.
- Eight projects were submitted the week of 5/28/18.
- The largest projects currently under review continue to be the Yampa Valley Medical Center expansion (which has selected a

site to the west of the Medical Office Building), River View Revised PUD and Plat (to be heard 6/18), Overlook Park, the Ice Arena, Fox Creek Condos and Bear River Grill expansion.

- There are no projects currently showing as late in completing TAC comments.
- The online presentation and survey about the Downtown Plan received 634 responses. Twenty came from duplicate computers but had different responses, indicating the two individuals likely shared a computer.
- Staff was successful working with the Pilot and Today to publish an article that likely helped generate interest in the Downtown Plan survey.
- Among the top concerns identified in the early round of the survey were:
  - \* Preserving the historic character of downtown
  - \* Supporting local businesses
  - \* Maintaining views, greenery and gathering areas.The need for a central public gathering area for community events was identified by over half the respondents.
- Among the top challenges mentioned were development costs and the time it takes to find a parking spot.
- The consultants will teleconference with the Working Group on June 6 or 13 to discuss the draft summary of the public response, schedule and organization for the plan draft and initial recommendations for review at the second round of public workshops this summer.

- A summary of conversations about housing, as well as recommendations resulting from conversations with local builders and developers is included in the Council packet.

High land and construction costs were identified as the primary challenge to development of attainable housing.

Encouraging or facilitating more accessory units and new manufactured housing sites were cited as opportunities to be pursued.

- Consultants have completed initial mapping of wetlands within the City and the Urban Growth Boundary. Accurate mapping is a component of the STARS Communities goal of ensuring “no net loss” of wetlands and is critical in appropriately managing wetlands within the developed areas of the city.

#### Transit Snapshot

- Steamboat Springs Transit carried 42,745 passengers. During the same time last year, Steamboat Springs Transit carried 47,098.
- Cost per passenger is currently \$5.15. This is \$0.50 more than last summer. Summer ridership is down 9% from last summer.
- Steamboat Springs Transit trends at 95% on-time and 5% late. This compares to 92% on time and 8% late last year.
- Three SST managers attended the Spring CASTA (Colorado Association of Transit Agencies) meeting in Greeley. They brought back a wealth of information to be incorporated into the operation of SST.

- The popular paratransit service, provided by Steamboat Springs Transit, has been rebranded to “Access the Boat”. Steamboat Springs Transit continues to see steady growth in this program.
- Along with the successful launch of SST’s information on Google Transit, Steamboat Springs Transit has upgraded to RouteShout 2.0. This new application combines the map showing where the nearest bus is along with real time information for each stop. The app is available for both the iPhone and Android phones.