



Eric Friese Named Facilities Manager

Position Reports to Deputy City Manager & Starts November 7

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-October 27, 2022-The City of Steamboat Springs has named Yampa Valley resident Eric Friese as the new Facilities Manager. Friese starts in his new role on November 7 and will report directly to the Deputy City Manager.

“We’re excited to have Eric join the team,” said Deputy City Manager Tom Leeson. “To be able to add someone like Eric with his vast array of knowledge and experience that blends facilities and operations is a coup for the city and our community.”

Friese will oversee the five-person Facilities Maintenance Division which manages the operations, maintenance, improvement, design, and construction of the city’s facilities and building systems. The department is responsible for more than 130 buildings (roughly 485,000 sq-ft of space) including 10 properties on the historic register.

Most recently, Friese served as the Director of Maintenance, Operations & Transportation for the Hayden School District for the past four years. In this role, he oversaw the maintenance, construction, sustainability, security, and transportation for the school district including acting as project manager for the BEST Grant Funded PK-12 new school. In addition, he was a member of the school district leadership team.



Before moving down the road to the Town of Hayden, Friese worked in the Steamboat Springs community as the Director of Operations and Facilities for the Steamboat Springs Winter Sports Club (SSWSC). In this role, he oversaw club operations and ran multiple facilities as well as led the project management and completion for multiple infrastructure improvement projects.

“My family and I love the Yampa Valley and I’m looking forward to the new opportunities that this position provides,” said Friese. “The city has a fantastic facilities team and together we can move the city to the next level,” said Friese.

With Friese’s arrival, Brian Ashley will move into one of the Facilities Maintenance Supervisor positions, which was previously held by Jeff Nelson. The team is comprised of Facilities Maintenance Supervisor Jeff Liddle; Senior Facilities Maintenance Workers Darby Malone and Jordan Troiani; and Administrative Assistant Terisa Childers.

Friese, who has a Bachelor of Arts in communications from Ohio University, has lived in the Yampa Valley for more than a decade.

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