



DATE: January 11, 2019
TO: Mayor and Council
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RE: Weekly Update
CC: Department Heads

It's been a busy week in Town Hall and we continue to make progress on several fronts. Staff has been out with our engineers walking sites to finalize scoping for our 2019 projects. Many of our projects will be going out to bid in late winter. One of these projects will include the flood mitigation efforts. We continue to work with NRCS to get the grant requirements satisfied so we can get those projects out to bid.

The finance department put out a Request for Proposal for qualified Certified Public Accounting firms to audit its financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2018. Details can be found at www.basalt.net under News Feed on the main page.

Planning

- Willits – Staff received a land use application from the Aspen Skiing Company for providing thirty-six (36) residential units on Block 9 of Willits Town Center. The Application will require review by the P&Z and Town Council as the Skiing Company is asking to amend the PUD to permit the ability to have more than three (3) unrelated individuals in a unit and to construct residential units on the first floor of the building adjacent to Robinson Street instead of the required commercial space. Staff is reviewing the application for completeness and it will be sent out for referral once Staff finds the application to be complete.
- Basalt Master Plan – Considerable time was spent in the last week finalizing the GIS mapping and updating tables in preparation of kicking off the consultant effort. The Consultant proposals are due on Thursday, January 31st.
- POST Committee – The POST Committee met on Wednesday to prepare for their Worksession discussion with the Council which is scheduled for Wednesday, January 23rd at 5:30 pm and received an update on Committee structure as discussed by the Council on January 8th.
- BPAC Committee – Watkins attended the BPAC meeting on Wednesday (1/9). BPAC's proposed 2019 projects were presented to Council on December 11th, and these projects were discussed in more detail this week. A list of potential locations for the Motio 3.0 project has been drawn up. It was determined that it would be best to postpone the granting program until some progress has been made on BPAC's strategic planning effort. A worksession with Town Council on February 12th has been proposed by Staff and BPAC members are excited for the opportunity.
- BACH Commission – BACH met on January 23rd. They discussed the Snowmass affordable housing units with Christy Hamrick and presented their thoughts on selling these units with a deed-restriction. They also discussed their 2019 Work Program in anticipation of a February

12th Worksession discussion with the Council. There is interest in identifying parcels for community housing development potential and exploring partnerships to develop housing on the identified sites. Results from the Regional Housing Study are anticipated in early to mid-February, and the group discussed the upcoming open house to hear the results.

- Green Team –A subcommittee of the Green Team met on Monday, January 8th to advance their program to conduct energy audits for large energy users and develop a program for reducing impacts. The subcommittee is expected to report on their discussion and provide recommendations to the larger group on Monday.
- Ongoing Activities - Staff has been busy with several ongoing zoning enforcement issues.

Public Works

- Public Works continues cleaning up after the snow storms. We have been busy keeping the streets clear by pushing back the thawed slush and breaking ice in the parking areas. The shady parking areas that get very little sun are always the hardest to keep clear.
- The Basalt Police Department is helping Public Works by carrying buckets of sanding material in their patrol cars to help sand when needed. In the event that a small amount of sand can be used to make an area safe they will sand it and not have to call out Public Works.
- The Town is getting closer to going out to bid on two notable projects for 2019. One project is the Cottonwood Drive sidewalk widening which will make that area safer for school kids and the adjacent neighborhood residents who walk along that corridor. The other is a concrete path extending from the River Conservancy to the existing pedestrian bridge on Two Rivers Road. This will create a loop for the park and keep people out of the driving lanes.

Police

- We conducted interviews today for our vacant police officer position. We received a total of eight applications. Originally we scheduled four people to be interviewed. Of those, two withdrew their applications at the last minute. Two applicants were interviewed and we are in the process of making a decision to hire.
- Three officers attend an eight hour Human Trafficking training in Rifle. At this training they learned about human trafficking, indicators to look for, and best practices in investigating these complex cases.
- The State of Colorado Department of Local Affairs awarded the police department a \$130,000 grant to implement our Co-Responder program for mental health response and training. We will be working with the Hope Center to provide improved mental health services for our community members.