

CORTEZ CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR WORKSHOP
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2019

1. The workshop began at 5:15 p.m., with dinner being served. Attendance at the workshop included Mayor Karen Sheek, Mayor Pro-tem Orly Lucero, Jill Carlson, Sue Betts, Ty Keel, and Gary Noyes. Councilmember Mike Lavey was absent. Staff members present were City Planner Tracie Hughes, Director of Planning and Building Sam Proffer, Director of General Services Rick Smith, Management Intern Peyton Heitzman, Chief of Police Roy Lane, City Clerk Linda Smith, City Attorney Mike Green, and City Manager John Dougherty. There were three people present in the audience. Director of Public Works Phil Johnson introduced new City Engineer Chad Hill to Council. Mr. Hill spoke about his background/career and commented that he graduated from Montezuma-Cortez High School and is happy to be back in Cortez and working for the City.
2. Sam Mamet, Director of the Colorado Municipal League (CML), spoke about working with various City staff members over the past 40 years and commented that the new City Hall building, parks, recreation center, etc. are beautiful and Cortez is making things happen. He spoke about local government and the current issues (school funding, transportation, water, TABOR) that everyone across Colorado are concerned about. He stated that he will be retiring the end of March and wishes Cortez well and encouraged everyone to continue making Colorado great. Council presented Mr. Mamet with a basket of gifts representing the Cortez area and thanked him for his service to CML and to the City of Cortez.
3. Discussion was held on the Letter of Support requested by Dave and Lana Waters for their grant application for the purchase of a crusher to recycle concrete and asphalt. It was noted that the crusher would allow the City, developers, and local residences to bring their concrete or asphalt to be recycled rather than taken to the landfill. Ms. Waters spoke about the old high school material that they took during the time it was demolished and the amount of money that was saved by not taking it to the landfill. She commented that they want to help the community by offering this service.
4. Mayor Sheek spoke about including Councilmember Lavey in the workshop discussion during his time of healing. Discussion was held on allowing Councilmember Lavey to participate by phone so he can stay abreast of the items being discussed. It was agreed that Councilmember Lavey could call in and participate in the worksessions as decisions are not made during the worksession. Council agreed that a policy should be written on how to proceed in the future for Council to call in should they have to be absent from a meeting.
5. Council adjourned to Executive Session at 6:20 p.m., for discussion with the City Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions regarding settlement of litigation, as per C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(b).

No decisions were made during the Executive Session and Council adjourned from the workshop at 7:20 p.m.