



State of the City

2021 ACCOMPLISHMENTS & 2022 GOALS



We Welcomed These New Businesses

- ▶ 3 Rocks Engineering
- ▶ Autumn's Attic
- ▶ Bella's and Phoenix
- ▶ Canon Wine and Spirits
- ▶ Cat's Karma Studio
- ▶ Cedar and Loom
- ▶ City on a Hill Coffee & Espresso
- ▶ Fremont Provisions
- ▶ Furry Paws
- ▶ Idemia Fingerprinting and Travel Agency
- ▶ KFC
- ▶ Medora Gallery
- ▶ Mel's Mill
- ▶ Mose Public House
- ▶ Natural Grocers
- ▶ Reed Agency
- ▶ Royal Gorge Zipline
- ▶ Ruby's Raspados
- ▶ The Pickle Patch Agency
- ▶ The Mage Tower
- ▶ What If Thrift
- ▶ Yarned and Dangerous

City Department Accomplishments

After a year of conducting business while navigating COVID rules and regulations, we continued to strive to do our best by offering quality services to our community while looking for ways to improve the way we conduct businesses while aspiring to be business friendly and providing the upmost transparency. We are proud to say we made many accomplishments this year including recognizing staff's dedication and hard work, completion of 2A Street projects, library & museum programming, and more! Here are just a few highlights of accomplishments throughout a number of departments.

2A Streets Completed Projects

- ▶ N. 10th Street
College Ave to Mystic Ave
- ▶ S. 11th Street
US50 (Royal Gorge Blvd) to Main Street
- ▶ Evelyn Drive
Shiloh Drive to Tanner Parkway
- ▶ Orchard Ave
Cherry Street to city limit line north of Elizabeth



Engineering & Streets

- ▶ We welcomed Kim Swearingen as our new Public Works Director.
- ▶ Pedestrian Improvement Project for Hwy 115 / S. 9th Street
- ▶ Ted Dell was promoted to Civil Engineer for the City. He has been with the City Engineering Department since 2006.
- ▶ 3,250 Pothole Repairs!
(495 of these were by citizen requests via call-in or utilizing SeeClickFix)



Community Vitality

► BUILDING

- Transitioned to 2018 Building Codes
- Implemented new Contractor and Citizen Building Permits Portal
- Elimination of use tax collection for construction
- 929 permits issued
- 152 residential plan reviews completed
- 574 licenses issued to contractors
- 1,949 various inspections completed
- Issued a total of 42 Certificate of Occupancies

► PLANNING & ZONING

- Adoption of Comprehensive Plan and Unified Development Code (UDC)
- Abbey PDD submittal

► ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Awarded \$800,000 Brownfield Multipurpose Grant
- Three (3) C-CARE Redevelopment Agreements
- Supported \$3,000,000 Grant for St. Cloud Hotel



Facilities

- ▶ Installed new name and cornerstone in honor of Chief Martin D. Stefanic at 161 Justice Center.
- ▶ Provided clean and safe Facilities for City Staff.
- ▶ Completed boiler replacement at the Royal Gorge Museum and History Center.
- ▶ Completed repairs and roof replacement on out buildings at Royal Gorge Museum.
- ▶ Continued progress on the ADA transition plan.
- ▶ Installed new security cameras at several city facilities.
- ▶ Assisted with homeless camp clean up.



Human Resources

- ▶ Completed and began implementation of the 2021 Pay Structure and Pay Philosophy.
- ▶ Implemented the revised Employee Handbook and Policies and Procedure Manual.
- ▶ Conducted 2021 Employee Survey to determine the health and climate of the organization.
- ▶ Implemented citywide training and development programs to strengthen the skills of our workforce, increase engagement and train future leaders.
- ▶ Enhanced the utilization of the recruiting, onboarding, benefits, training, data insights and survey modules in our Human Resources Information System.



Information Technology

- ▶ Will complete a multi-year network infrastructure redesign by end of year.
- ▶ Transitioned to a more work from home friendly environment.
- ▶ Increased security footprint and monitoring for network traffic.
- ▶ Upgraded courtroom technology.
- ▶ Finished transition to a Fiber WAN.
- ▶ Upgraded production server systems to allow for increased functionality and redundancy.



Library

- ▶ New Mural in Teen Room
- ▶ Summer Reading Program
- ▶ Moors & McCumber Concert
- ▶ Makerspace Room



Museum & History Center

- ▶ Designated three properties (the Fremont County National Bank, St. Scholastica Residence Hall, and the Peabody Mansion) and one historic site (St. Scholastica) to the Cañon City register of historic properties.
- ▶ Educational videos streamed on Channel 191
- ▶ Drainage improvements and the porch rehabilitation of the Anson Rudd Stone House



Parks & Open Space

- ▶ Celebrated the Grand Opening of the Point Alta Vista Trail in the Royal Gorge Park.
- ▶ Updates to East Ridge Campground including construction of twenty-three new designated campsites, construction of new parking lot, installation of underground power to the site, installation of a pay station kiosk and instructional signage
- ▶ Campground Reservation Revenue has brought in \$28,717 YTD since March
- ▶ Implemented a new Forestry Division
- ▶ Completion of Royal Cascade Trail (Royal Gorge/Tunnel Drive connection trail)



Police Department

- ▶ Recognized staff through Life Saving & Achievement Awards
- ▶ National Night Out
- ▶ K9 program: Duke's Retirement and new K9 Tyr
- ▶ Expanded the supervisor-training program that uses modern leadership principles and performance metrics to evaluate and prepare newly promoted first line supervisors
- ▶ Shop With a Cop grew to 49 children



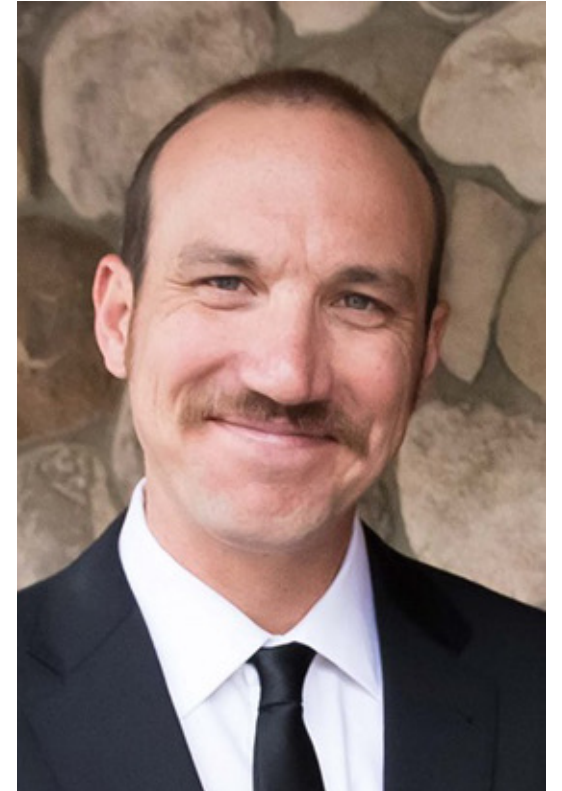
Stormwater

- ▶ Storm Manholes Cleaned – 76
- ▶ Storm Inlet/Boxes Cleaned – 357
- ▶ Feet of Storm Culvert Cleaned – 56,606.52 = 10.72 Miles
- ▶ Yards of Material Removed – 207.8 = 41.56 Bob-tail Dumptruck Loads
- ▶ Water Used to Clean & Flush – 73,510.25 Gallons
- ▶ 170 inspections conducted on GESC-permitted construction sites
- ▶ 190 public requests received by the Stormwater Program resulting in 72 investigations
- ▶ 60 illicit discharges were reported or discovered and addressed

Water



- ▶ Retirement of Bob Hartzman who dedicated 33 years to the City at the Water Department.
- ▶ Promotion of Travis Payne to Water Superintendent. Travis has been with the City at the Water Department since 2004.
- ▶ Completion of 2A projects (ex: water line on Orchard)
- ▶ Promotion of Shawn Rowe to Water Treatment Supervisor. Shawn has been an employee with the City since 2000.



We Welcomed Amy Schmisseeur

We welcomed Amy Schmisseeur to City Council as an at-large council member on June 7th.

“I take seriously my responsibility to work hard on behalf of our entire community. I know the decisions made by City Council have a lasting and personal impact on everyone’s lives and wallets. I believe in a service-oriented culture of learning and innovation, as well as local government that is transparent, collaborative, and accountable to all those affected by its decisions. “



Newly Elected Council Members Andrea Stein & Emily Tracy

Andrea Stein and Emily Tracy were elected to City Council during the November election. They were sworn in during the January 4, 2022 City Council meeting along with re-elected councilor John Hamrick and Mayor Ashley Smith. Andrea is the district one representative and Emily is an at-large councilor. All councilors will hold 4-year terms and the mayor holds a 2-year term.



In Memory of Jim Meisner

July 12, 1954 – February 26, 2021

Jim was first elected to city council in 2015 and re-elected to a second term in 2019. He was dedicated to spending money wisely and keeping our citizens best interests in the forefront of all decisions made at council and at the City.

“Just because we have money, doesn’t mean that we need to find somewhere to spend it. What should we be doing today to help make tomorrow better for our citizens and youth while considering the impact on our citizens with fixed incomes?”



Next Steps & Moving Forward

- ▶ 2A Streets Projects:
 - Raynolds Ave- Royal Gorge Blvd to Pear St
 - Pear St
 - Allison Ave – Yale Place to N. 15th St
 - N. 8th Street – Fairview Ave to Barr Ave
 - Harding Ave – N. 5th St to N. 9th St
- ▶ Water:
 - Water main work to begin on Faricy Ford project
 - Fire Station 3
- ▶ Relocate the Parks building from Centennial Park to the Public Works Facility
- ▶ Rhodes Avenue Project
- ▶ Highway 50 Pedestrian Crossing
- ▶ Continue working on Riverfront Development

150 Year Celebration!

Incorporated April 2, 1872

- ▶ Cañon City's Sesquicentennial 150th Anniversary!
 - www.canoncity150.com
- ▶ New 'C' on Skyline Drive
- ▶ Signature Events:
 - Sesquicentennial Gala – March 31
 - 150th Jubilee & Fireworks – April 2
 - Cañon City Music & Blossom Festival – May 4-8
 - Movies at the Plaza – August 5 & 6
 - Cañon turns 150 Concert at the Gorge – September 17
 - Reintroduce Temple Cañon and Ute Tribe Celebration – Oct 8
- ▶ First Friday Feature Events





Looking forward to a
successful 2022!