

State of the City

2022 ACCOMPLISHMENTS & 2023 GOALS



City Department Accomplishments

The year 2022 was a BIG year for the City! We turned 150 and spent the entire year celebrating with our community. We were definitely “Cañon Proud” this year and it was great seeing people of all ages come together to celebrate the April 2, 1872 incorporation of our town and learn about our history and culture. We continued to aspire to be business friendly and provide transparency. We completed a number of projects and received a few awards! Here are some highlights of the many departmental accomplishments for 2022.

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
 - Whitewater Festival – July 22 & 23
 - Movies at the Plaza – August 5 & 6
 - Concert at the Gorge – September 16
 - Tree Lighting Ceremony – Dec 2
- ▶ First Friday Feature Events



We Welcomed These New Businesses

- ▶ Anneliese
- ▶ Battle Born BBQ
- ▶ Café Belay
- ▶ Fremont Public House
- ▶ Natural Grocers
- ▶ Yummy Thai
- ▶ Squirreled Away
- ▶ White Leopard Home Décor



Building

- ▶ Building code software update through ADG
- ▶ Provided several free webinar trainings through the Department of Energy
- ▶ 952 permits issued
- ▶ 140 residential plan reviews completed on new homes/duplexes, additions, detached garages, and sheds
- ▶ 608 licenses issued to contractors
- ▶ 2,159 various inspections completed
- ▶ Issued a total of 46 Certificate of Occupancies

City Clerk

- ▶ Hosted the Colorado Municipal Clerk's Association Annual Conference.
- ▶ Refined the process for Business License holders including liquor licensing, security guards, medical marijuana, door-to-door sales, trash haulers, etc.
- ▶ Resumed the scanning of documents and monitor management of records in departments in accordance with the Records Retention Schedule.



Economic Development



- ▶ Partnered with Colorado Springs and Pueblo startup ecosystem to plan and hold the first ever Southern Colorado Startup Week in September.
- ▶ Moved from Buxton Analytics to the Retail Coach for retail recruitment efforts.
- ▶ Finalized a C-CARE Life Safety Grant Program project to expand the capabilities and possible uses of the historic World's End Brewery building.
- ▶ Conducted asbestos testing on Skyline Steel site.
- ▶ Re-established negotiations with Acorn Petroleum, offering them a land swap as the final step to clearing the Skyline Steel site for development.
- ▶ Experienced substantial completion of three C-CARE Urban Renewal Authority tax increment financing (TIF) projects that revitalized or replaced two blighted buildings and created infrastructure for a new hotel.
- ▶ Purchased the New Method Parking lot, made progress on the New Method building.

Engineering



- ▶ We welcome Leo Evans as our new Public Works Director in January 2023.
- ▶ Rhodes Avenue Project – under construction
- ▶ Completed roadway pavement repair and construction of curb & gutter, sidewalks, and handicap ramps.
- ▶ Completed design and constructed the 2021 CMAQ Paving Project – Four Mile Lane.
- ▶ Completed alleyway of 500 block of Main Street
- ▶ Completed design and in process of clearance of CO Highway 50 Pedestrian Improvements.



2A Streets Completed Projects

Implemented construction for the street improvement projects including water main replacement on the effected streets using a Design/Bid/Build process managing outside consultants for project development and design.

Completed sixth year of 2A Street Improvement Project.

- ▶ N. 8th Street: Fairview Ave to Barr Ave
- ▶ Allison Avenue: Yale Place to N. 15th Street
- ▶ Design of Raynolds Ave



Allison Ave



N. 8th St

Facilities

- ▶ Provided clean and safe Facilities for City Staff.
- ▶ Installed new security cameras at several city facilities.
- ▶ Installed 300 yards of carpet at City Hall and 188 yards of carpet at the museum.
- ▶ Completed tear off and re-roofed the office at the Water Tx Plant.
- ▶ Assisted with homeless camp clean up.
- ▶ Completed demo on Phase 2 of Police Annex
- ▶ Installed multiple 150th banners around the City.
- ▶ Completed installation of LED lighting upgrades at multiple City buildings.
- ▶ Completed construction of a new secured covered display for carriages at the museum.



Human Resources

- ▶ We welcomed Butch Batchelder as our new HR Director.
- ▶ Implemented Phase 2 of the 2021 Pay Structure and Pay Philosophy.
- ▶ Conducted 2022 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

- ▶ Redesigned City computer infrastructure and updated/expanded management of the domain.
- ▶ Upgraded City-wide networking to align with improved cybersecurity practices.
- ▶ Improved City cybersecurity posture including additional security scanning and vulnerability assessments.
- ▶ Upgraded the City's virtual server environment to increase data availability and tolerable hardware failures.
- ▶ Implemented new secure email portal for confidential communications.
- ▶ Expanded Police Department digital evidence systems including preparation for vehicle dash cameras and new interview room systems.
- ▶ Redesigned Windows Update Services for improved control over update schedules and security patching.
- ▶ Migrated antivirus to a cloud-based environment accessible both internally and for work from-home devices.
- ▶ Improved City data backup practices and retention schedules.

Library

- ▶ Programs for children and adults at the Library including Summer Reading Program, Moors & McCumber Concert, Makerspace Room, and monthly 150th Celebration Events.
- ▶ Continue to do work with various organizations such as Boys & Girls Club, Starpoint, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Headstart, Canon City Pregnancy Center, local authors, 150th Sesquicentennial Committee, local schools and homeschooling groups, Fremont Center for the Arts, and Royal Gorge Regional Museum.
- ▶ Participation in a number of community events including Boo on the Bridge and Trunk or Treat.



Museum & History Center

- ▶ Designated two properties (the Lucas–Rouse House and Murray’s Billiard Hall and Saloon) to the Cañon City register of historic properties.
- ▶ Instituted the application and review process for Certificates of Alteration for rehabilitation projects on designated historic properties or properties within the downtown historic district.
- ▶ Developed and installed an exhibit on the City of Cañon City’s local government and city departments and a small display in City Hall on local ranching.
- ▶ Began production of five educational videos on the paleontological resources in the area in partnership and with grant funding provided through the Bureau of Land Management.





Parks & Open Space

- ▶ Celebrated the Grand Opening of the Royal Cascade Trail connecting the Royal Gorge Park with the Tunnel Drive Trail.
- ▶ Implemented a new online reservation system for the East Ridge Campground in the Royal Gorge Park with an on-site campground host.
- ▶ Installed new restroom facility at East Ridge Campground.
- ▶ Completed design and construction of the new lighted "C" on Skyline Drive.
- ▶ Constructed and installed the new Temple Canyon Park signs.
- ▶ Purchased a 14-acre parcel south of Lakeside Cemetery for future cemetery expansion.
- ▶ Painted and sealed splash pad surface in Centennial Park, installed new fencing around splash pad.

Planning & Zoning

- ▶ Received APA Colorado Merit Award for “Picture Cañon City 2040: A Pathway To The Future” Comprehensive Plan and UDC update project.
- ▶ Processed 2 major zoning/rezoning applications, 7 subdivision-related applications, 6 major site plan applications, and a Special Review Use for the first Love’s RV Park to be constructed nationally.
- ▶ 15 new or renewing Food Truck/Cart permits.
- ▶ Completed redo of the Development Assistance Packets to reflect application requirements and process for all land use application types based upon updated UDC processes.
- ▶ Completed updates to kiosk information based upon regulations in new UDC.



Police Department

- ▶ Commander Timothy Bell graduated from the prestigious FBI National Academy (NA) on December 8, 2022 with over 200 law enforcement executives from all over the world.
- ▶ UTV Permits went into effect on August 1, 2022. Since the passing of this ordinance, the Records Unit has seen a total of 85 permits issued and fielded dozens of calls from the community regarding this new ordinance.
- ▶ The Community Service Officer Unit handled over a combined 1200 incidents in 2022
- ▶ The CSO policy and training manual was updated and presented before city council.
- ▶ Established a new agreement with SolVista Mental Health to revamp the Mental Health Co-responder program.
- ▶ Established an Auto-Aid Agreement with the Fremont County Sheriff's Office to allow officers to work on problems crossing jurisdictional lines near the city such as routine Riverwalk patrols with mountain bikes and ATVs.



Police Department

- ▶ Courtney McAvoy was nominated by Commander VanDyke for the Minnie Harding Award of Overcoming Adversity for Fremont's Exceptional Women.
- ▶ Purge Project–53 boxes of records that have met retention schedules were shredded.
- ▶ *Tip a Cop raised \$3500 for SWAC
- ▶ Shop With a Cop grew to 130 children
- ▶ The June 17th first annual Tee It Up For The Blue golf tournament raised \$13,000.
- ▶ Participated in numerous community events including Coffee with a Cop, Boo at the Bridge, Trunk or Treat, Starpoint Basketball Game, 150th Celebrations



Police Department Community Engagement Events

- ▶ Coffee with a Cop events – 44.5 total man hours
- ▶ Starpoint basketball game – 48 total man hours
- ▶ Jubilee – 126.5 total man hours
- ▶ Retiree Luncheon – 16.25 total man hours
- ▶ Tip a Cop event – 12 total man hours
- ▶ National Night Out – 27 total man hours
- ▶ Boo at the Bridge – 26 total man hours
- ▶ Trunk or Treat – 20 total man hours

Total man hours: 849.25

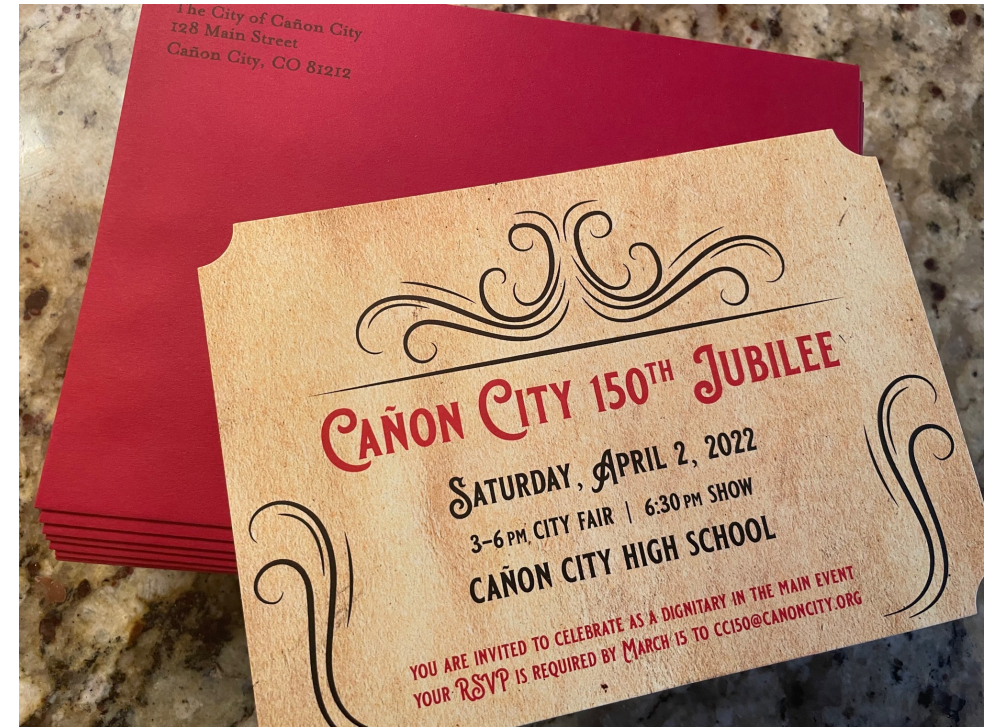
Total average cost:
\$38,216.25

- ▶ Shop with a Cop – 92 total man hours
- ▶ Popsicles with the POPO – 30 total man hours
- ▶ Royal Gorge concert – 17.5 total man hours
- ▶ Whitewater – 70 total man hours
- ▶ Oktoberfest – 51 total man hours
- ▶ Christmas Parade – 120 total man hours
- ▶ Blossom – 200 total man hours
- ▶ Flashback on Main – 18 total man hours



Public Information

- ▶ Designed and maintained the City's 150th website and Facebook page.
- ▶ Created print and digital graphic collateral for the City's 150th events including the Jubilee Celebration and Tree Lighting Ceremony.
- ▶ Created the CMCA 2022 "The Adventure Continues" logo.
- ▶ Designed the new Temple Canyon Park sign.
- ▶ Worked with the CCPD on their UTV community awareness campaign.
- ▶ Increased resident subscriptions to the e-notify system (balance scorecard item) through boosted ads on Facebook (1,256 active category subscriptions)
- ▶ Increased Facebook followers another 1,000 from last year through targeted ads and invitations. Total of 5.2K



Streets/Stormwater

- ▶ Storm Manholes Cleaned – 53
- ▶ Storm Inlet/Boxes Cleaned – 284
- ▶ Feet of Storm Culvert Cleaned – 40,255.8 = 7.62 Miles
- ▶ Yards of Material Removed – 93.1 = 18.62 Bob-tail Dumptruck Loads
- ▶ Water Used to Clean & Flush – 56,068.6 Gallons
- ▶ Street sweeping (as of 12/20/2022) – Water Used 49,820 Gallons, 1,005 tons of Material has been hauled off.
- ▶ 3,918 Pothole Repairs! 668 more than 2022. 474 of these were by citizen requests via call-in or utilizing SeeClickFix.
- ▶ Dust Suppression - applied 12,000 Gallons on 2.24 Miles of Gravel Roads
- ▶ Picked up 337.9 Yards of Leaves = 67.58 Bob-Tail Loads. The Dept. was able to recycle 288.4 Yards = 57.68 Bob-Tail Loads, thanks to resident requesting them
- ▶ Orchard Concrete Replacement - 404.25 Yards = .31 Mile
- ▶ Patched in excess of 92 Utility Cuts for the Water & Street Departments (as of 12/20/2022)

Water

- ▶ High Head/Low Head Raw Water Pumping Stations Motor Control Cabinet Upgrade project.
- ▶ Finished updating the Southfield Remote Pumping Stations radio communications link.
- ▶ Continued production and supply of a high-quality drinking water to our customers that will meet all requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act.
- ▶ Continued with operator training and education to ensure water treatment plant is staffed by experienced, qualified and licensed operators and maintenance personnel.

2022 Election

The City had four proposed amendments to the City of Cañon City's Charter on the 2022 Ballot and all four items passed. Ballot issues #2A, #2B, and #2D brought the City Charter into compliance with Colorado Law. Ballot issue #2C permits the City to accept land to be used as parks or playgrounds with approval by ordinance of Council after a duly noticed public hearing.

- ▶ Issue #2A
Article III, Section 5 – Quorum, Open Meetings
- ▶ Issue #2B
Article V, Section 5 – All Others Are Employees
- ▶ Issue #2C
Article XIV, Section 1 – Public Parks, Playgrounds, Golf Courses, Swimming Pools, and Recreational Places & Areas
- ▶ Issue #2D
Article XV, Section 3 – Penalty for Violation

2023 Major Projects

- ▶ Clocktower Design
- ▶ Community Broadband Project
- ▶ Court Management System
- ▶ ERP Financial System
- ▶ Hwy 50 East Access Control Plan
- ▶ Hwy 50 Lighting Project
- ▶ Hwy 50 Pedestrian Crossing
- ▶ Main Street Improvement Grant
- ▶ Multi-modal Master Plan
- ▶ New Method Laundry
- ▶ Parks Facility Relocation
- ▶ Raynolds Avenue 2A Project
- ▶ Records Management System (Police Dept)
- ▶ Rhodes Avenue Project Completion (April)
- ▶ Skyline Steel Demolition
- ▶ Water Department SCADA system replacement
- ▶ WN Clark Station – Black Hills Property



Looking forward to a
successful 2023!