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Weekly Info Update

To: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
From: MIKE BENNETT, CITY MANAGER
Date: FEBRUARY 27, 2015
Re: WEEKLY INFO UPDATE

Tuesday's City Council Meeting

After our longer workshop, this coming council meeting should be fairly brief. In addition to consent agenda items (including changing a first offense to a noise ordinance to non-criminal from Class B), we have slated a presentation from Tracey Garchar with the Mesa County Department of Human Services to provide an update on recent state legislation that allows them to become a standalone entity with the consent of all local governing boards. Also our Public Works Director will give a brief update on the Little Salt Wash Trail project.

Amending Title 2 of the Fruita Municipal Code

Also at the March 3, 2015 City Council meeting, the First Reading of an Ordinance amending Title 2 (Administration and Personnel) will go before the Council. The intent of the ordinance is to:

- Update language based on being a home rule city with administration and personnel of the City under the City Manager versus the outdated language which referred to the Council appointing the City Clerk, Treasurer, Police Chief and Police Officers which is in direct conflict with the City Charter
- Eliminate language referring to positions that don't exist (Superintendent of Streets, Electrical Inspector, etc.)
- Update language to include all departments of the City rather than just the Police Department and Building Department
- Consolidate City Council and Mayor provisions in one Chapter. Council meetings were previously under General Provisions.
- Add language that states that employment with the City is at-will
- Revise Municipal Court section on fees by eliminating reference to actual fee amounts and adding language that municipal court fees will be established by annual resolution of the City Council. In addition, a misdemeanor fee has been added to offset the cost of providing legal counsel for defendants.

Ride the Rockies

Our pitch to Ride the Rockies was well received and it looks very likely the ride will come through Fruita as long as there are no issues with the route on the county roads we proposed. Our idea is to create an event around the ride with a possible

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live band and coordination with local businesses be a place for the riders to break for lunch and enjoy Fruita. This is the first day of the ride so there is bound to be great statewide coverage and it is a perfect opportunity to showcase our city and we believe the new route will be more enjoyable for the riders as well. I applaud Ture for making the pitch and the Chamber's support has and will be very beneficial as well.

TID BITS:

- Congrats to Fruita's No Coast Sushi for both winning the Chamber's New Horizon Business of the Year last week and celebrating their one year anniversary Wednesday with a great celebration event.
- If you missed the profile article on the City in the Chamber's Monthly newsletter, check it out here: <http://www.fruitachamber.org/newsletters/enewsletter.pdf>
- Also, I had the opportunity to be profiled on GJEP's Instagram campaign to highlight people in the valley. Later in March I will be finding people to profile for them so let me know if you are game. <http://instagram.com/p/zC3uA-uQZK/>
- I spoke with the Manager of the Monument RV Resort and Storage Wednesday and relayed our discussion at Council's workshop. She was very pleased and supportive of the direction we are heading with the new amendment.
- We will be submitting our grant applications for Reed Park improvements, the Riverfront Kokopelli section and another for downtown improvements all next week.
- Thanks to COPMOBA, the Fruita Chamber of Commerce, the Riverfront Foundation, Mesa County, United, GV Regional Transportation and the Grand Valley Trails Alliance for the seven letters of support needed for the GOCO trail application.
- Roof construction began on the City Shops Wednesday which is expected to continue over the next couple weeks followed by a few more until completion. Most of the plumbing is now complete and the garage doors were also installed this week.
- Public Works staff have been taking advantage of good weather this year and already cleaned out all sewer lines once only two months into the year.
- The Grand Valley Transit routes are set to change effective March 16th. The main changes deal with the Fruita route (Route 8) from the mall stop to the new transfer station located on 24 ½ Road behind US Bank. Riders will have an option there to transfer on another line to other locations like the mall.
- We will be seeking seasonal employees in Public Works around March 9th.
- Our new City Engineer starts on Monday and will be introduced at City Council meeting Tuesday.
- The Alan Story Code Enforcement jury trial occurred on Wednesday. Mr. Story was found guilty of the public nuisance offenses he was charged with and hopefully, he will be working with the City to bring his property into compliance within the next month.
- The concrete walls are up for the dugouts at LSW Park. There was some freshly poured concrete that someone drove over that will need to be fixed. Benches are being installed by staff.
- Spring soccer gets underway next week.

FRUITA IN THE NEWS

- Sentinel Front Page on Ride the Rockies: <http://www.gisentinel.com/news/articles/fruita-angles-for-leg8232in-ride-the-rockies>
- RV Parks: <http://www.westernslopenow.com/story/d/story/fruita-city-council-to-discuss-new-rv-amendments/12679/mEuLiRjCzUSvvgCPD6T3kQ> AND

<http://www.nbc11news.com/home/headlines/Fruita-RV-park-wants-to-extend-stay-limits--293947491.html>

- Ordinance Changes: <http://www.nbc11news.com/home/headlines/Fruita-PD-looks-to-revise-marijuana-ordinances-293933701.html>
- Fruita Chamber: http://www.westernsloopenow.com/story/d/story/fruita-chamber-of-commerce/24559/1B2Rt_LZc0GzffwPVptg4g
- MTB: <http://www.mountainflyermagazine.com/view.php/dirt-series-womens-mountain-bike-skills-camp-fruita-colo.html?s=Register>
- GOCO Grants: http://www.westernsloopenow.com/story/d/story/fruita-seeking-grants-to-expand-trail-renovate-par/29507/bQVXb7Z_xU2UI7_o9ggOjg
- 8th Annual Sweetheart Run & Expo: <http://www.kjct8.com/home/headlines/291975871.html>
- Sentinel article on Fruita Keeping Everyone Happy: http://www.gjsentinel.com/special_sections/articles/from-biking-to-festivals-to-museums-family-friendly-fruita-keeps-everyone-h

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- This Saturday **Feb. 28th** from 12 – 4 pm the Fruita Community Center is hosting Kidabaloo.
- The Grand Valley Transit West Transfer and Park-n-Ride Facility Grand Opening that was scheduled for **March 12th** has been **POSTPONED** due to unforeseen circumstances. The new date is yet to be determined.
- The Grand Valley's 2nd annual Walking and Biking Trails Summit is scheduled for **March 13** from 8:30 – 4:00 at Two Rivers Convention Center (The City will have a booth and Fruita's very own Jen Zeuner from the Hot Tomato is a featured speaker).
- The next City sponsored event is the annual Talent Show that will be at the Fruita Middle School **March 20th** at 7 pm.
- The **2015** Events Calendar is also available online at: http://www.fruita.org/documents/rec/EVENT_CALENDAR.pdf

CC: Department Directors