



October 2018

The Town of Red Cliff

Budget Work

Board and staff have been working on creating financial policies to govern the Town's reserve, debt and savings decisions.

I want to encourage residents to attend upcoming meetings in which these policies will be fleshed out and applied to next year's budget.

The goal of this work is to continue the Town on the path to a healthier financial picture.

If the debts on the water and wastewater system are paid off faster and there are enough savings accrued so that new debts don't have to be taken on to care for the system, the Board will be in a position to lower water rates sooner than later.

If a long-term reserve and savings policy is adhered to for the General Fund, the Town will be in a much better position to deal with emergencies and/or capitalize on grant opportunities to accomplish the improvements we have been hoping to implement for years.

The Town is fully aware that the funds it has to work with come from all of you. They are working to not only be responsible stewards of that money today, but to put plans in place to keep the Town's finances moving in the right direction.

This is important work and I hope you will attend and provide input.

Code Compliance

With snow likely just around the corner, code compliance is working to make sure any issues that would hinder snow removal be dealt with prior to winter.

Staff has requested I reiterate the code requirements regarding vehicles.

If you are parked on property that you neither rent, own or have explicit permission from the property owner – you may be ticketed and/or towed. All vehicles on town roads must be registered for the current year and be in running condition. Vehicles parked on the street should move at least every 72 hours. Trailers may not be parked on the street.

The intent of code compliance is not to issue tickets or tow vehicles, but to have the rules followed so that street maintenance and snow plowing can be performed safely and efficiently. Please do your part to make winter work go smoothly.

Maintenance Worker

The Town is currently seeking a maintenance worker.

Public Works PT year-round for the Town of Red Cliff. Three to four, 8-hour days per week. Perform light construction, maintain streets, water and wastewater treatment and distribution/collection systems, landscaping and snow removal, parks and building maintenance. Able to operate front end loader preferred but not required. Will train as needed. Able to lift 50lbs, valid CO driver's license. Pay depends on experience. EOE.



If interested, please contact Barb Smith @ (970) 827-5303 or manager@townofredcliff.org

Ballot Measures

Mail-in ballots will soon be landing in your PO Boxes for the upcoming election. The Town does not have any measures on the ballot this year, however, it is still a crowded ballot and I urge you all to take the time to educate yourselves on all the measures so that you can make an informed decision on your ballot.

VIP Visit

Governor Hickenlooper will be coming to Red Cliff Town Hall on October 30th at 1pm to witness our broadband triumph for himself. To say that Red Cliff has received a lot of press over this project would be an understatement. I have been informed that it was a deciding project in Colorado's win of the Western Governor's Association's broadband initiative competition.

Everyone is welcome to come. Please refrain from any heckling and/or bad behavior. We would like the State to continue to support Red Cliff in its many projects and a warm welcome can only help our efforts.

Happy Birthday!

Happy birthday to Shaylene who is celebrating this month! If you are under 18 and have a birthday this month and I didn't mention you.....be sure to tell me!

Festivities

With Halloween fast approaching, the Community Fund will be working on the 2nd annual Halloween Costume Contest. We have yet to determine if an official judging will take place at the park or if we will conduct it around town during trick-or-treating. Please check the Red Cliff Community Fund Facebook page for updates.



The Town of Red Cliff Thanksgiving Dinner will be held at Town Hall on **Saturday**, November 17th from 4pm-7pm. No conflict with football this year. Please contact Barb or Suzanne at the town office for details. And, before you ask, YES, Bingo will be back!

The Community Fund would like to have another Christmas party this year with caroling, a visit from Santa, hot cocoa and a gift for each child. The Community Fund is seeking donations of funds to help with the gifts. Please keep in mind we have a budget of \$20 per child. Donations can be made on the Community Fund Facebook page or at the town office. Help us make it a Merry Christmas for all!



A Farewell

Finally, I have submitted my letter of resignation as Mayor of Red Cliff effective October 16th. Joe and I have decided to embark on a new adventure in North Idaho.

Lorenzo Sandoval will be stepping into the role of Mayor until the end of my term. There will be a vacant seat on the Board and I encourage interested parties to apply.

While we are excited about our move, the hardest part will be leaving Red Cliff. This town has been our home for almost all of our adult lives and we are leaving a wonderful group of people. I am positive that we will never again find a community like this one.

With my departure, the operation of the Red Cliff Community Fund will fall to Barb, Mara, Danielle, Melissa & Erin. Please support them in their efforts to keep the Fund going and growing.

We will miss you all. Wish us well on our journey.

**Honored to serve,
Mayor Anuschka Bales**