



**NOTICE AND AGENDA OF A
WORK SESSION
Idaho Springs City Council
TUESDAY January 18, 2022
6:00 p.m.**

- ❖ Interviews for City Council Vacancy
- ❖ Police Tasers
- ❖ Grants Update

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From: [Kent Slaymaker](#)
To: [Wonder Martell, Deputy City Clerk](#)
Subject: City Clerk Appointment
Date: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 2:05:32 PM

Hello,

I have been approached by a few people regarding the newly vacated City Council seat.

I would like to be among the candidates considered for the appointment.

This city has given me a lot and I am excited to give back.

Thank you for your time and let me know if there is anything more formal I need to do.

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From: [LM Manifold](#)
To: [Wonder Martell, Deputy City Clerk](#)
Subject: City Council Letter of Intent
Date: Thursday, December 9, 2021 6:23:51 PM

December 9, 2021

Ms. Wonder Martell
Deputy City Clerk
Idaho Springs, Colorado

Re:Letter of Interest, Ward Two City Council Vacancy

Dear Idaho Springs City Council,

This letter is to express my interest in the Idaho Springs City Council vacancy in Ward Two. The following is a brief introduction and explanation as to why I would be a good appointment for council member.

I first purchased my Wall Street property in Idaho Springs in early 2013. This came after a year-long search throughout properties in Clear Creek County. I looked at the towns of Silver Plume, Georgetown, and Empire, as well as Idaho Springs. All of the towns in this county are wonderful and unique, but it was Idaho Springs that won me over.

I began to attend the City Council meetings back in 2013. I was interested in learning more about the way the town was managed and who my representatives were. Part of what drew me to Idaho Springs was our history, the fact that it's a small town, and the commitment the town has to upholding that history and making it a part of daily life. I love that I live in an old home, that all my neighbors are living in old homes, and that most of the residences here are considered historical properties. I first fell in love with living in historic districts when I lived in downtown Annapolis, Maryland. I believe that the beauty and uniqueness of an old town outweighs any of the challenges that come with maintaining that culture.

I have served on volunteer boards before, most recently the Executive Board of Rocky Mountain Fiction Writers where I served for five years. My job was to advocate for the authors within the organization who were not represented by publishing houses, but were working for themselves as author-publishers. Within the author world, being able to independently publish is a fairly recent career path. Prior to fifteen years ago, one was either published by an established publishing house, or not at all. Rocky Mountain Fiction Writers as an organization predates the rise of independent publishing, and therefore, needed an advocate on the Executive Board who could represent the concerns that independent author-publishers face. As someone who enjoys working for myself as an author-publisher, it was a pleasure to represent other small business owners within my professional community through this

organization.

Currently, I serve on the Idaho Springs Historic Preservation Review Commission (HPRC). I love to see cities maintain their architectural history. Not all do, and I value being part of one that makes history a priority. Now, after a year on the HPRC, I appreciate even more the care and concern that my city puts into maintaining our historic district. The recent letter from one of the founding members of the HPRC regarding their purpose and mission statement (part of a packet submitted to the Variance Board in a recent meeting) reinforces the reasons I joined the HPRC. The members of this commission take their mandate seriously and work not only in the city's best interest, but also balance the interests of our property owners as well. It's wonderful to be a part of the HPRC that is steadfastly carrying on the stated mission that began over thirty years ago.

As a member of Ward Two, I have watched with interest the improvements within the town. Since I am seeking appointment as a representative for Ward Two, my chief concerns are with this Ward. However, it's important to see the overall needs and concerns of the entire town, and work with the council to find the best solutions that meet the needs of each ward and the town as a whole. Parking within the business district continues to be an issue. There are proposals for the future of parking downtown in the works, but until they are agreed upon and implemented, parking will still be an area that creates challenges.

Additionally, housing continues to be a concern for Idaho Springs. Seasonal housing, rentals, and available real estate are hot button issues for residents and business owners alike. The demand for growth is one side of that coin. The other side is wastewater. The limitations of our current wastewater plan are a pinch point for all future development. I see these three concerns, parking, housing, and wastewater, as a three-pronged issue that needs to be addressed as one. In order for Idaho Springs to remain a vibrant and growing city with an excellent quality of life for the residents, it's vital that we have mindful leadership addressing all of these facets together.

I would like to be a part of that solution.

The way forward for Idaho Springs won't be easy, but I believe that when a problem or challenge arises, it is our duty to support the solution. For me, that means stepping up and volunteering to serve on the Idaho Springs City Council.

The job of the City Council and the Mayor is to balance all of the aforementioned concerns with an eye for the needs of our residents, our businesses, and our tourists. Finding that balance would be central in my mind should I be appointed a member of the Council. I believe it is possible to address the concerns and the needs of the various stakeholders and come through with solutions that represent an aligned compromise that also serves the fiscal needs

of Idaho Springs now and into the future.

Idaho Springs is at a turning point. We are over one hundred-sixty years old. We must find a path forward that embraces the twenty-first century while still preserving our beloved history. We must structure our repairs and construction in a way that best benefits the residents, while also maintaining fiscal responsibility for past and present obligations. Our recent election this past November brought up a lot of concerns, both of larger and smaller impact, that I feel deserve more discussion and ultimately, solutions. I feel that I can bring a positive voice, an informed opinion, and a mindful approach to finding solutions for Idaho Springs that take all our stakeholders into account while faithfully representing my fellow residents in Ward Two.

In closing, I would like to say that my own small business creates no conflicts of interest that would prevent me from representing Ward Two. I can easily attend virtual and in-person meetings when it becomes appropriate to hold them again. I'm also available on short notice.

Thank you for allowing me to introduce myself, and for your consideration. I'm available for any questions you might have.

Warmest regards,
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To: Mayor Chuck Harmon
Idaho Springs City Council

From: Nathan Buseck, Chief of Police

Date: 01/12/22

Subject: Taser replacement information, Council Work Session – 01/18/2022

The Idaho Springs Police Department respectfully requests City Council approve the replacement of Tasers. The current Tasers (model – X2) were purchased approximately five years ago and the warranty and technical support are about to expire. Taser technology has improved over the last five years including: options for different deployment ranges (cartridges for both close range and long range), improved darts that fly straighter and faster, improved penetration through clothing, cross connection between cartridges, charging station for batteries, and other features.

In general, Tasers have been shown to decrease injuries to both officers and suspects. ISPD requires annual training for officers who are assigned a Taser. The training includes policy review and practical exercises. Any use of a Taser (and any use of force beyond standard handcuffing) results in meticulous review by a supervisor and the Chief of Police. Axon, the company who produces Tasers, has submitted a 5-year contract with a total 5-year cost of \$32,400.68. The invoice process requires an annual payment of \$6,480.12, with the first being due in February, 2022.

Council approved the 2022 budget, which included line item 21-00-6026 “PD Equipment”. This line item was placed in the budget to absorb the cost of Taser replacement, so this item is currently funded. Tasers are an important tool for officers to have available to them and ISPD respectfully requests the support of City Council in moving forward with this contract.

To: Mayor and City Council
 CC: City Administrator Andrew Marsh
 From: Jonathan Cain
 Date: January 10, 2022
 Subject: 2022 Grant Opportunities

There are several grant opportunities available to the City in 2022. City Staff is requesting direction from City Council regarding which of these programs should be applied for in 2022.

Opportunity	Due Date	Award Potential	City Match
Revitalizing Main Streets 1	February 4	\$2,000,000	Undetermined
Revitalizing Main Streets 2	Spring	\$150,000	20% (anticipated)
Energy Impact Round 1	March 1	\$200,000-\$600,000	
Energy Impact Round 2	September 1	\$200,000-\$600,000	
Best and Brightest	February 1	\$40,000	\$40,000
Economic Develop. Admin.	January 31	\$100,000-\$10,000,000	At least 20%
ARP Economic Adjustment	March 31	100,000-10,0000	Undetermined
GOCO Community Impact	February 21	\$300,000-\$400,000	Undetermined

Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) Revitalizing Main Streets (2 Opportunities)

The Revitalizing Main Streets program is intended to help communities implement transportation-related projects that yield long-term benefits to community main streets. The City received a \$50,000 grant award last year for ADA ramps, crosswalks, replacement of street signs, and the installation of benches and bike racks.

Large Infrastructure Program

Awards are available up to \$2,000,000 through this program. CDOT has told the City that award amounts may be smaller during this funding round, and that our Mobility Hub project is eligible for further funding consideration through this project. The City is not required to provide "Local Match" for a project, but it is recommended. Applications are due **February 4**.

City Staff recommends that the City apply for funding for the Mobility Hub project.

Small Multimodal & Economic Resiliency Program

Applicants can be awarded up to \$150,000 for projects that encourage active multimodal transportation, promote public health and safety, improve equity and public space access for low-income and disadvantaged users, and expand economic opportunity and development in a regionally equitable way.

The City has a number of smaller scale projects that may be well-aligned to the Downtown Revitalization goals of this program that were identified in the new Downtown Master Plan. Applicants may submit applications for multiple projects to CDOT through this program. **Applications will be available this spring** and awards will be made on a monthly basis.

City Staff recommends further conversations between City Staff and Council to identify appropriate projects to apply for out of this program.

Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) Programs

The Department of Local Affairs is the principal department of the Colorado State Government responsible for local government assistance, property taxation, property assessment appeals, affordable housing and housing construction regulation.

Best and Brightest Program

This program provides two-year paid fellowships for MPA & MPPA graduate students in rural communities. DOLA splits the cost of \$40,000 to fund the position over two years with appointments beginning on July 1. The City is budgeted for this year's cost at \$10,000 that is matched with \$10,000 from DOLA. The City's cost for 2023 would be \$20,000, and the cost for 2024 would be \$10,000. A work plan (application) for the potential Best and Brightest Fellow is due on **February 1**, and candidate interviews would be held afterward.

City Staff recommends that the City submit a work plan (application) for a Best and Brightest Intern.

Energy Impact Assistance Fund (EIAF)

This program is designed to promote community development by increasing livability and resiliency of communities through asset-building. There are two grant cycles for this program in 2022: Cycle 22-06, with award amounts between \$200,000-\$600,000 and an application due date of **March 1, 2022**, and Cycle 22-12, with award amounts between \$200,000-750,000 with an application due date of **September 1, 2022**.

There are several projects planned for this year that seem to be well-aligned with the program goals:

- Downtown improvements as recommended in the Downtown Master Plan
- Library Park Improvements
- Anderson Park Improvements at City Hall including construction of a shelter for the train
- Courtney-Ryley-Cooper Park Improvements including replacement of playground equipment
- Water & Sewer capital projects, such as reconstruction of the Maddie Dam adjacent to the Water Treatment Plant

City Staff recommends submitting a grant application by March 1 for the Library Park Improvements and a grant application by September 1 for the Maddie Dam reconstruction.

Economic Development Administration (EDA) Programs

The EDA was allocated \$3 billion dollars in supplemental funding under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to assist communities nationwide in their efforts to "build back better" by accelerating the economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and to help local economies become more resilient to future economic shock. There are two programs that the City may be eligible for through the EDA.

American Rescue Plan Economic Adjustment

This grant was designed to assist communities and regions in recovery from the COVID-19 Pandemic's significant negative impact on travel, tourism, and outdoor recreation sectors. Infrastructure and non-infrastructure projects are eligible. This grant is delivered through two components: "State Tourism Grants" and "EDA Competitive Tourism Grants. There are multiple projects in the City that might be eligible to receive funding for this project, such as the Downtown Mobility Hub, Downtown Improvements, and Trails in Virginia Canyon Mountain Park. Awards amounts are between \$100,000 and \$10,000,000, and the due date for the application is **March 31**.

Travel, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation

This program was designed to assist communities and regions in recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic's significant negative impact on the travel, tourism, and outdoor recreation sectors. As with the previous grant opportunity, grants are delivered through two components: "State Tourism Grants" and "EDA Competitive Assistance Grants." Award amounts are between \$100,000 and \$10,000,000 and the due date for this program is **January 31**. It is likely that the City does not have time to complete an application for this grant opportunity.

Federal Grants can have significant administrative time associated, and there can be additional costs and requirements for awarded entities.

City Staff recommends that the City apply for a grant for the Mobility Hub through the Economic Adjustment program if it is determined that the requirements are acceptable. Additionally, **City Staff recommends** that Staff engage in further conversation with City Council to determine if there are other projects in the City that Staff should prepare and submit applications for.

Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO)

Community Impact

Community Impact Grants are intended to develop and revitalize parks, trails, school yards, fairgrounds, environmental education facilities and other outdoor projects that enhance a community's quality of life and access to outdoors.

The City has received two other grants from GOCO for the Virginia Canyon Mountain Park: one in 2018 to fund a master plan for trails, and one in 2021 to fund the first segment of trail construction that is currently underway. The City has more trails designed that could be funded through this program. Concept Papers for this program are **due on February 21**. If the concept paper is accepted the City could choose whether to apply for funding during this period.

City Staff recommends that the City submit a concept paper for this grant opportunity.