

## Billings City Administration Weekly Report

August 30, 2019

- 1) **Public Works Division Manager/Supervisor Meeting** – Yesterday I had the opportunity to meet with all managers & supervisors in PW. Dave has a great team and I look forward to building a strong working relationship with the group. We discussed their new vision - ***Exceed expectations through innovation, integrity and service to the community.*** Also their new strategic goals:
  - a. ***Educate and promote our value and vision;***
  - b. ***Hire and retain employees that fit our vision;***
  - c. ***Improve every interaction with the department and public;***
  - d. ***Improve operational services;***
  - e. ***Seek and implement new technologies and maximize existing***
- 2) **Franchise Fee Lawsuit** – The Mayor, Councilmember Gibbs and I met with seven (7) of the franchise fee lawsuit litigants earlier this week. The meeting was productive and we agreed to meet again September 9<sup>th</sup>. I am also scheduling a closed executive session for the Council on that same date to discuss litigation strategy regarding the case.
- 3) **School District 2** – Superintendent Upham and I meet to discuss several collaborative projects including: safe routes to schools, Castlerock Park, city & schools land swap, future investments in athletic facilities, next year's Public Safety Levy and SD2's anticipated Elementary Levy in mid-May 2020. We both agree that any of the public resources owned by the City or SD2 will be maximized through collaboration. We are also looking forward to furthering the discussions with Yellowstone County, MSUB and Rocky Mountain College.
- 4) **Pirtz Field** – Last night American Legion Baseball presented the community with a new synthetic turf infield for Pirtz Field. The new infield cost approximately \$275,000, was paid for by generous donors and is expected to serve the community for well over a decade. Though most home games for the Scarlets and Royals will continue to be played at Dehler Park, the upgrades at Pirtz gives the teams a great alternative when there are scheduling conflicts or weather problems. Thanks to all those who donated their resources to improve our city parks.
- 5) **Next Week's Meetings/Task Forces/Presentations etc.**
  - a. City Council Work Session, Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5:30 pm (due to Monday holiday).
  - b. P66 Meet in the Park, Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 pm, South Park Gazebo.
  - c. North Park Task Force, Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm, North Park Community Center.

Have a great weekend!