



**City Manager's Report
February 27, 2023**

Economic Projects

River Front - Powerplants	No new updates
Broadband Initiative	Broadband committee will report tonight
CDBG	City is looking for eligible projects for this program
Ogren Dump Solar Project	No new updates
Events and Marketing	The first annual SnowBowl will be held March 2 - 5, 2023. The dates for Thursdays on Sweden Street have been released. We encourage anyone who is planning a reunion to consider including a Thursdays on Sweden Street event in their plans.
Landbank	No new updates
Chapter 13 Rewrite	No new updates
Federal American Rescue Plan Act	The City of Caribou submitted Letters of Interest in the categories of "Public Health Impact" and "Infrastructure". City Manager was notified Thursday that both projects can proceed to the next phase: full application.
Blight Cleanup	No new updates
Birdseye Cleanup	No new updates
60 Access Highway	No new updates
River Front - Master Plan	\$10,000 has been raised to date for this effort, currently seeking a USDA grant for funding. CRRC is requesting an appropriation from the City Council in the 2023 Municipal Budget.
Façade Improvement Program	The Spring application period is open. Please check the website for details. Please apply by March 15.
Aldrich ATV/Snowmobile Storage	No new updates
Jarosz Storage - Limestone St	No new updates
Business Outreach	The new kiosk is now installed in the lobby of the municipal building. We encourage local businesses to drop off rack cards or other materials. Also, we will have a drawing for a free rack card design so enter by Tuesday 2/28 @ 1.

Other Administrative Projects

Tax Acquired Property Policy	No new updates
Nylander	No new updates
Fire Structural Work	No new updates
Fire Station Renovations	No new updates
Police Station	No new updates
River Road	No new updates
Investment Policy	No new updates
Trailer Park Closure	No new updates
Cable Franchise Renewal	LR713, An Act to Support Municipal Franchise Agreements is making its way through the 131st Legislature.
Airport	No new updates
Personnel Policy	The City Manager met with Councilor Willey on February 16 to discuss the City's personnel policy manual
New LED Street lights	No new updates
Comp Plan Update	There was a Comprehensive Plan work session the Wellness Center Thursday 2/23. The Code Enforcement Officer is working to get quotes for technical assistance to complete the 2024 Comprehensive Plan. The Planning Board is requesting an appropriation from the City Council in the 2023 Municipal Budget.
COVID-19 Status	There has been a surge in COVID-19 cases locally
15 Prospect Street	The Code Enforcement Officer is working through the process in the manner advised by the City Attorney.
Water Street Fire	No new updates
Age-Friendly Efforts	No new updates
Personnel Changes	On Friday March 3, 2 - 3:30 pm, everyone is invited to a retirement open house for Joeline Boucher who will be retiring after over 21 years of service to the City of Caribou in the Ambulance Billing office. Ken Murchison has announced his impending retirement after five years employed as the City's Code Enforcement Officer.
Other Updates	The City of Caribou has received the updated GIS shape files from the state's orthoimagery project from Spring 2022. This was a joint project with the Caribou Utilities District.