

Mayor's Report

February 2026

January & February 2026 Activities

- Code Enforcement
 - Brock Jackson & I met with Ross Mitchell, Salina's code enforcement officer, to discuss code enforcement requirements and if he would like to be Torrey's code enforcement officer.
 - Mr. Mitchell is interested in being Torrey's code enforcement officer
 - A contract must be drafted and accepted by Torrey and Mr. Mitchell for code enforcement.
 - Torrey's ordinance Title 1, Chapter 4 must be updated to include an administrative and civil enforcement mechanism and penalties.
 - Alta has an ordinance and process that Torrey can use to create the required documentation for Torrey
 - All other ordinance titles that reference enforcement must be updated to refer to Title 1, Chapter 4 as the enforcement mechanism
 - A code enforcement process document must be created that defines the process and procedures for Torrey's code enforcement.
 - An Administrative Law Judge must be identified and hired on a case-by-case basis to provide the appeal authority for Torrey's code enforcement process
 - I will contact a company that does code enforcement for small towns in Utah to learn more about their offerings, and cost
 - Torrey must get an intra-local agreement with the Sherrif's Office to support code enforcement officials
 - Torrey must engage with the Wayne County Justice Court to see if an inter-local agreement can be reached to support Torrey's code enforcement
 - This will require additional personnel, a public defender and prosecutor, which is additional expense
 - Research the cost of either an administrative law judge or a justice court
- Tour of Salina's new town hall
 - The new town hall was funded by CIB for \$1.7 million, half grant and half loan
 - It is a class A building, and very nice
 - Torrey would not need anything as big or expensive
 - Prepare a CIB grant/loan application
- Presented a statement of support for the Local Administrator Assistant Program (LAA) at the Legislative Rural Caucus
 - I made a presentation to the Rural Legislative Caucus asking them to support restoring LAA funding
 - I am helping and supporting R6 and the Utah League of Cities and Towns' effort to restore funding to the LAA program and to continue funding of the Rural Technical Assistance Program
 - The LAA program provides funding for a fractional city administrator, Brock Jackson for Wayne County and its towns
 - This provides the technical expertise to ensure that Torrey is compliant with all state laws and regulations
 - Brock's work includes finding and helping with grant application process for roads, water, park, and anything that helps to improve Torrey and our quality of life
 - Brock works with P&Z to update or establish required ordinances such as the Title 9 & 10 updates, the creation of Torrey's sub-division ordinance
 - Brock is working with me on code enforcement updates
 - Brock helped with the general plan update

- Brock is helping Melinda to update Torrey's budget process
 - The LAA program and the technical assistance programs are critical for Torrey's to have a town government that is effective and accountable!
 - February Commissioners & Mayors' meeting
 - Staff from the Division of Natural Resources presented information about the Cooperative Wildfire System (CWS) & Wildland Urban Interface Modifications (HB48, 2025) (WUI)
 - CWS is a statewide framework for how the state, counties, municipalities, and fire authorities work together to prevent, prepare for, and respond to wildfires.
 - Local governments invest in wildfire prevention and mitigation, and in return the State of Utah pays for large-fire suppression costs.
 - If a fire begins on municipal property and it has not participated in CWS that municipality can be billed for part of the cost of fighting the fire
 - CWS requirements and the effect on Torrey must be understood
 - Wildland Urban Interface Modifications (HB48 (2025))
 - Municipalities must implement standards addressing
 - Vegetation management
 - Defensible space
 - Structure hardening
 - Access and evacuation routes
 - Water supply for firefighting
 - Fuel-break requirements
 - Align local codes with state guidance
 - State Fire Marshal rules
 - Utah Division of Forestry, Fire & State Lands (FFSL) best practices
 - Statewide wildfire risk-reduction strategies
 - WUI Modifications (HB48 2025) requirements and effect on Torrey must be understood
 - Tesla Charging Stations
 - Tesla is working with Commissioner Blackburn to locate the charging station at the junction of Highway 12 and 24
 - There is potential legislation that will help install charging stations in areas that lack them
 - It will help with funding power upgrades
 - Nan may have more details about this legislation
 - Grant work
 - Walking path
 - Kudos to Aaron Jensen and his team, Dustin, Renee, and Melinda for their work moving this project forward
 - The path looks great
 - Need to look for more grants to construct more paths
 - Replacing the Sand Creek Bridge
 - No news
 - Kelly Chappell, Ensign Engineering, reviewed the current budget to see what affect inflation has had
 - No change in the cost
 - Design work that is not included in the Community Based Project (CBP) funding request will need to be covered by Torrey
 - Will apply for CIB grant
- Review of RCAC about Mercantile/Saddlery Building

- Torrey considered \$500,000, an equitable offer, and determined that RCAC would not accept
- I hope RCAC can find a buyer that will make good use of the building
- IT updates
 - Began upgrading the staff computers to Windows Pro & Entra
 - Windows Pro is required for Entra, Microsoft's IT infrastructure management tool
 - Windows Pro and Entra are required to manage disk encryption, which is needed for insurance and data privacy requirements
 - It has taken more effort than I anticipated
 - I have learned a lot about Entra
 - Windows Pro & Entra are required to allow recovery of disk encryption issues
 - OneDrive, Microsoft's cloud disk product, allows data sharing and automatic backup
 - OneDrive allows sharing of data folders
 - Working to setup Teams as the communication tool
 - This project is behind because of the Entra issues
 - Began using Microsoft To Do, which is a task manager
 - The Windows Pro & Entra upgrade is taking more effort than anticipated, which caused this project to slip
 - Created an email address cemetery@torreyutah.gov that anyone can request information or assistance with cemetery issues
 - Colleen is managing this process