Mayor's Report

November 2026

October & November 2026 Activities

- Utah League of Cities and Towns (ULCT) November Board Meeting
    - ULCT executive team is preparing for the 2027 legislative session
    - Last year's HB285 Water Infrastructure Modifications will be considered in the 2027 session
        - I will be watching closely. Last year's version required very high contributions and failing to contribute precluded the state from providing financial assistance to cities and towns
- ULCT Annual Convention
    - Reelected to ULCT Board
    - Attended the following workshops
        - Emergency Preparedness – Resort Caucus
            - Interesting how cities do not understand the needs and capabilities of small towns
            - Discussions with town leaders about how they handle emergency and what resources they have for communicating with citizens
        - Cybersecurity
            - The Director of Training FBI Cybersecurity presented the current state of cybersecurity in America.
        - Managing Conflict in Meetings
            - How to keep discussions focused on the problems and avoid personal attacks
        - Water systems
            - Discussion about water availability & security
        - Identifying and restoring historical buildings
            - Learned about procedures for maintaining and restoring historical buildings
    - Discussions with the Data Privacy staff members
        - There is a lot of work to conform with new state laws and regulations
        - Karen is the point person for this effort
    - Discussions with Historical Architects about cost effectiveness of remodeling town office
        - This was a good discussion, and they expressed interest in seeing what can be done with the current office
- Code Enforcement
    - Seeking a code enforcement official
    - Mr. Mitchell declined to be Torrey's code enforcement official and resigned from Salina code enforcement position
- Updating Flood Map
    - Coordinating with State flood mapping team and the team the completed the flood mitigation work
    - These efforts will be included in the Wayne County Hazards update
    - Brock Jackson, Torrey's R6 Local Administrative Advisor (LAA) is helping to coordinate this
- Began work on a CDBG application

    - First item is public hearing
    - There was confusing and misinformation from the state that requires hearing to be rescheduled
- Post Office
    - Senator Curtis & Representative Maloy are proposing legislation about rural post offices. I will track this legislation and keep everyone updated.
- R6 Programs that support residents of Torrey and Wayne County
    - R6 has many programs to help citizens of Torrey and Wayne County
    - The main website page is R6 Programs and Services
    - Aging in Place – Link to Aging in Place Programs R6 In-Home Support Services
        - There are several programs that support people "Aging in Place"
            - Helps older adults remain safely and comfortably in their own homes
        - Caregiver Support Program
            - Provides relief for caregivers on a temporary basis
        - Home & Community-Based Alternatives
            - In-Home Services such as Homemaker, Personal Carel, and Lifeline (Emergency Response System) services
    - Build Your Own Home R6 - Build Your Own Home
        - Individuals build their homes, providing "sweat equity"
        - R6 has purchased land in Loa to provide this opportunity for people to build their homes
        - Contact R6 Kayla Ballw, kballow@r6.utah.gov or call 435-893-0749
    - Heat Assistance R6 Heat Assistance
        - Help with heating bills
    - Weatherization Assistance Program R6 Weatherization Assistance Program
        - Help low income individual and families reduce energy costs and increase comfort and safety in their homes
        - Piute and Wayne Counties call 435-893-0745
    - There are many other programs and services provided by R6. Please check it out
- The Torrey Operations Modernization Project
    - Kudos to Dustin and Kody for assembling all the furniture
    - Back office is being cleaned up
    - Painting is the next step
- IT
    - Cutover to South Central has been completed
    - There are glitches with the email cutover
    - Zimbra email is still running until all email and other technical problems are resolved