



# CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

448 E. 1st Street, Room 190 Salida, Colorado 81201

Monday, February 01, 2021 - 6:00 PM

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## AGENDA

Please register for the City Council Work Session

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8054749917914710285>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Colorado Midland and Pacific Railway Corporation
2. Community Grants Update – Chaffee County Community Foundation
3. Update on Highway 50/291 Intersection and Oak Street Roadway Planning
4. K9 Unit - Search and Rescue, Drug Interdiction



To: Salida Mayor & City Councilmembers  
cc: Salida City Administrator & Staff

Re: February 1<sup>st</sup> Work Session Discussion Topics

Dear Mr. Mayor and Councilmembers,

Thank you in advance for your time during the work session on Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup> – I am excited to talk with you. I am providing a simple overview of the topics I'd like to discuss with you and am open to including other topics or ideas as you deem appropriate.

- 1) 2020 Highlights – CCCF leveraging philanthropy for common good.
  - a. Led by the City of Salida's matching grant to our Emergency Response Fund (ERF), CCCF matched every local public dollar with \$3 more private donor dollars; \$0.50 more business & corporate dollars and; \$2.30 more Federal CARES Act dollars raising a total of \$750,000 for the ERF!
    - i. Direct cash assistance payments to 350 Chaffee households ([click here for stories from Salida residents](#)) & 28 NPOs
    - ii. Convened nine food assistance organizations in group grant program to collaboratively plan and address capacity issues.
  - b. In partnership with Salida, BV, and the County, distributed \$400,000 additional CARES Act dollars to 24 nonprofits and 45 small businesses.
  - c. Convened 25+ NPOs in first-ever Chaffee Nonprofit conference to build capacity and increase collaboration.
  - d. Grew participation and donations to Chaffee NPOs through CO Gives Day (December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020):
    - i. Total of \$119,552 raised through 783 donations in 24 hours – *this is three times more than Chaffee nonprofits raised on CO Gives Day 2018 before CCCF became a Regional Champion!*
  - e. Convened youth enrichment taskforce to activate COVID-related networks and provide safe remote learning space for kids.
  - f. Supported five projects by providing fiscal sponsorship services including Envision Chaffee County.
  - g. Managed three distinct community grants programs – Salida, BV, and Sangre de Cristo Electric Association totaling \$117,000.
  - h. Co-created adaptive housing concept with Office of Housing and Robert Grether. Placed property under contract and begun Planned Development process.
  
- 2) 2021 Community Grants
  - a. Combined application & review between BV & Salida. This lowers the burden on both the NPOs as well as our volunteer reviewers. Funding recommendations will still be made separately to each municipal board ensuring Salida dollars serve Salida residents.
  - b. Applications opened January 19<sup>th</sup> with a deadline of February 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. **Ask of Council:**  
→ Is there a Councilmember who would like to sit on the review committee? The commitment can be fulfilled entirely remotely and comprises a total of 4-5 hours of

- scheduled meetings plus approximately 20 hours of self-scheduled individual review & site visit time between February 18<sup>th</sup> and mid-March.
- d. For more details on the Community Grants program visit [www.chaffeecommunity.org/communitygrants](http://www.chaffeecommunity.org/communitygrants)

3) General discussion questions/topics

- a. Any specific areas you would like CCCF to look at for directing ERF resources?
- b. How can CCCF support the City of Salida?
  - i. Thought partner around use of \$70,000 contingency fund?
  - ii. Leverage government dollars with private or ERF dollars for common good?
  - iii. Supporting our youth and schools in the face of 2021/2022 academic year budget cuts?
  - iv. Partnering on any appropriate federal or state stimulus programs that materialize?

**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION****MEETING DATE:** 02/01/2021**AGENDA ITEM: 3. Police K-9 SEARCH & RESCUE DRUG INTERDICTION****FROM:** Russ Johnson, Chief of Police

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The Salida Police Department has many tools that help us do our jobs. We are always looking at ways to be more proficient while incorporating community trust and support. Over the last five years, we have had a Police K-9 program in our long-term plans. The last Salida Police Department K-9 program ended in 2006. A K-9 program is not something you can just pick up and start doing if you want an effective program. It requires the right officer and the right K-9.

Over the last two years, we have been actively working on getting those two pieces in place. We have spoken with several companies who train and sell police K-9's. We have also looked into several different grant options. What we have found with the grant options is that they require you to get specific K-9's from specific companies, and they typically only match your funding. This limits our ability to find the right K-9 for our community.

While doing this search, we found Complete Canine Training in Brighton, Colorado. We have been speaking exclusively with them for the past several months. We have done extensive research about them and have found them to be exactly what we have been looking for. What we were specifically looking for was a K-9 that could do Search and Rescue and Drug Interdiction, all while being a friendly asset to the PD and community. We were looking for the friendliest, non-aggressive police dog we could find. We finally found Sarge. Sarge is a Dutch Shepard that is extremely friendly and hard working. We have had him down to Salida with Complete Canine Solutions and he was more than what I expected. He demonstrated his tracking skills and drug sniffing abilities, but immediately ran up to us when he was done, just to say hi. Sarge will definitely assist us with those tasks. However, when he is not working, Sarge will also serve as a positive community relations asset for the PD.

We are in a community that loves dogs and Sarge will definitely be a big part of the community. We intend of having him attend community functions, meet with kids, have live demonstrations of what he does and just be part of our town.

As for having the right officer, it takes someone who is willing to put in the extra work. There is a lot of training that goes into having a working K-9. There will also be callouts and multiple community events to attend. Officer Coscarella is a local Salida Officer that has been with us for the last few years. He has a passion for this work and had put in a lot of time with all the research and community outreach he has done. He is definitely the right Officer for the job, and we have a community that is very supportive of this endeavor. We will cover all the details in our presentation and are excited to discuss this opportunity with Council.

Chief Russell Johnson