



## **Public Works Report November 11, 2025**

1. National First Responder day was recognized on October 28. Unbeknownst to many in 2003 then President George W. Bush issued a presidential policy directive that officially recognizes Public Works professionals as first responders. Donuts were provided to Public Works and Public Safety staff to recognize them for the importance of their work to the community.
2. A compliment was received from a citizen who thanked Public Works staff for its curb and gutter repair/replacement program, street cleaning, snow removal, refuse pick up, building inspection and office staff. The person stated, “The City of Craig, and your staff, have impressed me in their courtesy, responsiveness, and consistent quality to our city and patrons”.
3. The City of Craig has been awarded \$150,000 by the Colorado Department of Transportation’s (CDOT) Multimodal Transportation and Mitigation Option Funding (MMOF) to complete a Rail Station Area Plan study associated with CDOT’s transportation initiative to deliver passenger rail service to the mountains and western slope. The grant award comes without any match requirement from the city. The plan will evaluate locations and the feasibility and economic impacts of creating a rail station near the downtown area and will seek opportunities for Transit Orientated Development (TOD) which is a strategy that creates compact, mixed-use communities centered around public transit hubs to reduce car dependency and promote walking, biking, and transit use. The immediate next steps include contracting with CDOT followed by a request for proposals/qualifications to hire a consultant to lead the work. The work is not expected to kickoff until Q1 in 2026 and will take approximately one year to complete.
4. Engineers have finalized a recommendation for flood mitigation at hole 16 of the golf course. The solution includes a manmade berm that will help reduce flooding. More information, including a staff recommendation, will be provided at the next council meeting.
5. Field work for the Road Master Plan was completed in October using a GPS-enabled digital camera mounted on the roof of a data collection vehicle to capture a pavement-oriented view of all city owned and maintained streets. The imagery will be used to establish a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) for all streets and will provide the city with a tool to help prioritize annual street rehabilitation. The final deliverable for this project will include a report and a GIS layer that will be color coded to depict current street conditions. The project is expected to be finished in February.
6. Investigation of lead pipe water service lines has wrapped up for the year. There are 15 more service lines that will need to be investigated next year and if all are found to be non-lead material then the city’s system will be declared statistically non-lead, and no further investigation will be required next year.

7. The emergency generators and motor control center work at the water and wastewater treatment facilities is nearing completion. This project has been in the works for nearly five years and when complete will be crucial to ensure continuous operation during power outages. Without backup power, critical systems like pumps, filtration, and disinfection would fail, leading to a loss of potable water for the community, potential for contamination, and a failure of security systems.
8. The Public Works Director assisted Parks & Rec staff to obtain traffic counts on Mack Lane and 1<sup>st</sup> Street that will be used in a future traffic study for the Sports Complex project. Public Works also assisted Parks & Rec to review different concept plans for the project.
9. The Building Official and staff are working to finalize initial set-up for SmartGov so it can be rolled out for the public to use starting in 2026. SmartGov is a cloud-based software solution designed for governments and offers benefits in efficiency, transparency, citizen satisfaction, and revenue growth by managing permitting, licensing, and inspections in a single, unified system that the public can access from anywhere. The goal is to go live starting in January for street cut permit applications followed by building permitting applications.
10. The Meadows Apartment project did not finalize project funding in time for construction to begin this year before winter sets in. The developer, Colorado Outdoors, is committed to moving the project forward to construction next spring. Staff is finalizing mylar plans and signoffs on the site plan that was approved by council in September. We are also working with the developer and construction contractor on a Schedule of Values that will be used to determine costs associated with grant eligible expenses for public infrastructure work. A Public Improvement Agreement and easement agreements are in draft and under review by legal counsel.
11. For the month of October, the Building Department issued 62 new permits with 38 of those within Craig city limits and 24 in Moffat County. \$21,228.89 was collected in permit fees with \$3,431.20 associated with permits in the city and \$17,797.69 for permits in the county. The building valuations totaled \$2,985,282 with \$97,932 for projects within city limits and \$2,887,350 for projects in the county. A total of 131 inspections were completed with 83 of those in city limits and 48 in the county.
12. During the month of October we issued 7 street cut permits bringing the year-to-date total to 51.
13. Community Development staff have resumed work on the Short-Term Rental (STR) regulations and policy that was discussed with council at a workshop meeting in January. Staff are planning to hold an open house in December to solicit input from the public. We are also working to form a stakeholder group to assist with fine tuning the policy before bringing it to Planning & Zoning Commission and City Council for adoption.
14. Due to annual closure of the asphalt plant all roadway asphalt patching has been completed for the year. Work will resume next spring when the asphalt plant reopens.