
To: City Manager/City Council Members
Fr: Scott Hunter, Parks Manager
Date: February 25, 2022
Re: February/March Staff Report

Parks/Cemetery/Forestry/Mosquito/IPM Report – Parks has been busy with snow removal during the short month of February. After partnering with Laramie Mainstreet and WyoTech, staff has begun removing bike racks to get them cleaned up and powder coated. A new electrical service is being installed in Depot park north to assist with farmer's markets, music venues and other festivities during the summer months. Staff will be trenching in the conduit to help keep the cost down and Laramie Mainstreet donated funds toward the project. RFQ submittals for Washington and Kiowa park were reviewed and contracts have been finalized. The playgrounds are expected to be under construction this spring/summer. Staff has had the electrical panels on the Garfield Footbridge replaced due to issues with the lights/timers. Staff repaired the lights within the Mainstreet Plaza and has begun trash receptacle repairs in the downtown area. As spring approaches, staff will be inspecting playgrounds, shelters, and amenities for repairs. Summer applications are now being accepted in all divisions. The Greenhill Cemetery conducted three (3) funerals for the month of February. The columbarium design has been reviewed, and staff meet with Steiner-Thuesen to discuss changes. Cemetery staff assisted with snow/ice shaving removal at the Ice Arena as needed. Mosquito Control is working with the aerial contractor on the WYPDES permit required to conduct aerial applications over waterways for the next season. Staff has been having conversations with the Laramie Regional Airport about the spray program, staff has removed all equipment from the airport and has consensus with the Airport Manager on 2022 operations. The EIMG grant will be reduced, staff does not expect the reduction to impact operations of the Mosquito Control Program. The Mosquito Maintenance Worker FTE has tendered his two (2) week resignation and will be leaving for Virginia in early March. Staff is preparing to open the position for applications, interview and hire as the process allows. Forestry inspected trees within the park system and identified 148 trees requiring pruning. Staff will be using an 85-foot Genie lift to prune trees through February and March. The City Arborist has been assisting Rooted in Laramie with spring tree planting applications and the Arbor Day tree sale planned for this spring. All staff have been working on budgets, reviewing projects and preparing for early spring field use.