



**BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Community Center
340 S. 14th St., Room A
January 31, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.**

Live public streaming available at
<https://www.burlingtoncolo.com/virtualcouncilmeeting>

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll call

Greg Swiatkowski, Mayor
Kamron Weisshaar, mayor pro tem
Mark Burghart

Melvin Gilley
Adrian Hernandez

Brent Carter
Troy Schultz

4. Review and Approve Agenda *(address revisions)*

5. Consent Agenda Items

Any consent agenda item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed under Business if discussion is desired. Otherwise, one motion will pass all items.

A. Approval of Jan. 10 meeting minutes.

6. Public comment *(Comment is limited to 3 minutes.)*

7. Public hearings *(Hold if members of the public are present to comment on hearing subject)*

A. Application for Special Events Permit – Kit Carson County Cattle Women event Feb. 12

8. Unfinished business

9. New business

A. Approve Application for a Special Event Permit for Kit Carson County Cattle Women event Feb. 12, 2022.

B. Ericka Foos will present a request to council to raise a pair of sheep for a 4-H project.

C. Approval of Resolution 2022-01 to allow an educational sheep project at 3216 Senter Avenue.

10. Reports from city departments

Administrator – Jim Keehne
Clerk – Georgia Gilley
Treasurer – Becky Castillo
Activities – Tyson Weisshaar
Airport – Daniel Melia

Economic Development – Rol Hudler
Library – Nick McCarty-Daniels
Old Town – Nikki Wall
Police – Nate Hill
City attorney – Mike Grinnan

11. Council comments

12. Adjournment

Emergency matters coming before Council may be discussed, with decisions to be ratified at a subsequent council meeting.

**BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
County of Kit Carson
State of Colorado
Burlington Community and Education Center
340 S. 14th St., Room A
January 10, 2022
6:30 p.m.**

1. Call to order

Mayor Greg Swiatkowski called the work session meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Council members present:

Greg Swiatkowski, Mayor
Mark Burghart, Adrian Hernandez, mayor pro tem Kamron Weisshaar
Brent Carter, Troy Schultz

Council members absent:

Melvin Gilley

Staff/Officials present:

Jim Keehne, Administrator
Georgia Gilley, Clerk
Daniel Melia, Airport
Mike Grinnan, City Attorney, arrived 6:38 p.m.

Public present:

none

4. Review and Approve Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

5. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of the Dec. 13, 2021 meeting minutes

Motion by Carter and second from Schultz to approve the Dec. 13, 2021 meeting minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Burghart: Aye	Gilley: Absent	Hernandez: Aye
Weisshaar: Aye	Carter: Aye	Schultz: Aye

6. Public comment – none

7. Public hearing – none

8. Unfinished Business

A. Approval of Ordinance 967 – An Ordinance Adopting a Budget for the City of Burlington for the Calendar Year Beginning on the First Day of January 2022 and Ending on the Last Day of December 2022

Motion by Burghart and second from Carter to approve Ordinance 967 – An Ordinance Adopting a Budget for the City of Burlington for the Calendar Year Beginning on the First Day of January 2022 and Ending on the Last Day of December 2022, and the Mayor's signature on the 2022 budget letter.

Motion passed unanimously.

Burghart: Aye	Gilley: Absent	Hernandez: Aye
Weisshaar: Aye	Carter: Aye	Schultz: Aye

9. New Business

A. Approval of renewal application for a Retail Liquor Store license for BLT Liquor Investments LLC, dba Burlington Liquors

Motion by Carter and second from Burghart to approve renewal application for a Retail Liquor Store license for BLT Liquor Investments LLC, dba Burlington Liquors. Motion passed unanimously.

Burghart: Aye	Gilley: Absent	Hernandez: Aye
Weisshaar: Aye	Carter: Aye	Schultz: Aye

B. Approval of renewal application for a Hotel & Restaurant Liquor License for Tequilas Restaurant Inc., dba Tequilas Grill

Motion by Burghart and second from Hernandez to approve renewal application for a Hotel & Restaurant Liquor License for Tequilas Restaurant Inc., dba Tequilas Grill. Motion passed unanimously.

Burghart: Aye	Gilley: Absent	Hernandez: Aye
Weisshaar: Aye	Carter: Aye	Schultz: Aye

C. Approval of mayor's and clerk's signatures on Direct Services Contract with ECCOG's Area Agency on Aging & Outback Express – OAA Title III-B/C1-C2 Services/FTA Section 5311 – FY 2022 Senior Services #8

Motion by Carter and second from Schultz to approve mayor's and clerk's signatures on Direct Services Contract with ECCOG's Area Agency on Aging & Outback Express – OAA Title III-B/C1-C2 Services/FTA Section 5311 – FY 2022 Senior Services #8. Motion passed unanimously.

Burghart: Aye	Gilley: Absent	Hernandez: Aye
Weisshaar: Aye	Carter: Aye	Schultz: Aye

D. Approval of ECCOG Outback Express – FTA Section 5311 Subcontract – FY 022 Transportation 1

Motion by Carter and second from Burghart to approve ECCOG Outback Express – FTA Section 5311 Subcontract – FY 022 Transportation 1. Motion passed unanimously.

Burghart: Aye	Gilley: Absent	Hernandez: Aye
Weisshaar: Aye	Carter: Aye	Schultz: Aye

10. Reports from city departments

Keehne and the city clerk reviewed their written reports from the council agenda packet.

11. Council comments

Carter reported he received comments from three citizens complimenting the city on snow removal efforts.

12. Adjournment

With a motion by Burghart and second from Hernandez, the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Burghart: Aye
Weisshaar: Aye

Gilley: Absent
Carter: Aye

Hernandez: Aye
Schultz: Aye

Greg Swiatkowski, Mayor

ATTEST:

Georgia Gilley, City Clerk

DRAFT

RESOLUTION 2022-01

STATE OF COLORADO) **RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL**
) ss. **OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON IN**
County of Kit Carson) **THE COUNTY OF KIT CARSON,**
 STATE OF COLORADO

A RESOLUTION ALLOWING FOR PERSONS TO KEEP OR MAINTAIN WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY, CERTAIN LIVESTOCK, KEPT FOR CERTAIN EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS, FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED SIX MONTHS, AT LOCATION IDENTIFIED AS 3216 SENTER AVENUE, BURLINGTON, COLORADO.

WHEREAS, The City of Burlington has adopted a Municipal Code that prohibits a person from keeping or maintaining within the corporate limits of the City, except in duly licensed livestock sales ring or sale barn, certain animals and fowl, including sheep (Title 6, Chapter 08, Section 010); and

WHEREAS, The City Council has allowed for the keeping and maintaining of certain livestock within the corporate limits of the City outside of licensed livestock sales ring or sale barn, on Burlington School District property, allowing students involved in agricultural-based curriculum to meet and exceed educational requirements; and

WHEREAS, 3216 Senter Avenue is within the corporate limits of the City of Burlington; and

WHEREAS, Ericka Foos, a student at Burlington High School, involved in agricultural-based curriculum, residing at 202 Vine Street, has petitioned the City Council seeking authorization to keep sheep at the aforementioned property; and

WHEREAS, Ericka Foos has secured support and approval from property owners and property-adjacent neighbors to allow for the keeping of sheep; and

WHEREAS, the Burlington City Council supports the keeping of no more than two (2) sheep by Ericka Foos at 3216 Senter Avenue, in support of educational goals, for a period not to exceed six (6) months.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Burlington, Colorado:

Section 1. That the City of Burlington supports agricultural-based curriculum in the district, and in effort to assist and support student achievement and goals, authorize the keeping of sheep by Ericka Foos at 3216 Senter Avenue, Burlington, Colorado with the following conditions attached:

- A. No more than two (2) sheep may be kept at any one time.

- B. All sheep must be continuously supplied with adequate water, food, and shelter.
- C. All sheep shall not be allowed to roam freely and must be maintained on property and kept in pen located on West side of property.

Section 2. That this Resolution shall take effect as of the date of its adoption and expire in six (6) months.

ADOPTED at Burlington, Colorado, this 31st day of January 2022.

CITY COUNCIL OF BURLINGTON

Gregory Swiatkowski, Mayor

[SEAL]

ATTEST:

Georgia Gilley, Clerk

STATE OF COLORADO)
) ss.
 County of Kit Carson)

CLERK’S CERTIFICATE

That I, Georgia Gilley, the official City Clerk of the City of Burlington, do by these presents say that the foregoing Resolution was authorized and adopted by the City Council of the City of Burlington on the 31st day of January 2022.

DATED this 31st day of January 2022.

Georgia Gilley, City Clerk



January 31, 2022

City Administrator's Summary Report

January 10 - 31, 2022

Administration

COVID Update – As of January 27, 2022, there have been over 355 million persons reportedly infected by the virus worldwide, up 17% over the last three weeks, with over 5.6 million reported deaths attributed to the infection. 20.5% (73 million) of all reported cases have occurred in the U.S. which has also reported over 870,000 attributable deaths. Colorado has experienced approximately 1.25 million confirmed cases. As of January 27, Kit Carson County has reported 1,466 positive cases, up 159 cases in the last three weeks, with a mortality rate of 29 persons. There continues to be no Kit Carson County directed public health orders (or new State Directed orders) in place for the COVID response; however, it is highly advised to increase social distancing measures and/or improve ventilation in indoor venues in efforts to slow the growing incidence of the virus. It is also recommended to hold large venues in outdoor spaces rather than indoors. Lastly, vaccination is still the preferred option to prevent infection, if not vaccinated, masks are highly encouraged.

2022 Budget - FY 2022 budget was prepared and presented, finalized by council and formally adopted at the December 13, 2021 Council meeting. Budget letter has been drafted and with budget and accompanying ordinances, was submitted to State for review and compliance, and accepted as submitted. As we are still paying bills attributable to last year, we are unable to close out the 2021 budget year, though the additional appropriations to our funds in December will more than suffice, with no additional appropriations requested to close out last year financials. By end of February, we anticipate being able to close out the year, at which time will begin audit prep.

Safeway – Safeway, in conjunction with Pioneer General Contractors of Amarillo, Texas have submitted all information for building permits and have paid the fees associated with the permitting process and begun their work of which they hope to have completed in the next six months. Crews are on-site to perform inside demolition work and are working with City Staff to ensure adequate utilities are in place.

April 05, 2022 Municipal Election –

Ballot language has been developed for Ballot Issue asking the question should taxes be increased through the imposition and assessment of an additional 8% sales tax on retail marijuana. Ordinance has been reviewed and edited by City Attorney, changes made to draft ordinance and will begin process for public hearings to gain community input on ordinance changes as required. We have identified February 28, 2022 for public hearing which will be held at the Community Building as part of Council proceedings. Ordinance will only be effective if ballot initiative passes.

Additionally, ballot language has been developed for a Referred ballot issue asking the voters to approve for the assessment of an additional 1% sales tax with all revenues derived from such tax collected be spent for street maintenance and repair to include curb, gutter, sidewalk and alleyways. Language has been reviewed by City Attorney with minor changes and ready to be included on ballot. Currently, staff is drafting series of informative articles for publication which will be posted on City web site to assist in getting word out to public on the importance of this initiative and what the initiative will provide for City of Burlington.

Policy Manual – As part of ongoing organizational development, and through the use of American Rescue Plan Act funding, we have begun work with Lexipol to update and bring into Federal and State compliance our Policy Manual (Personnel Management Manual). Currently spending approximately 2 hours a week in review and editing of existing manual. This will continue until completed, expecting a completion date of April-May.

Operations/Public Works

- **Water/Wastewater**
 - Daily well checks and testing.
 - Daily checks and maintenance at WWTP
 - Lead and copper testing underway
 - Performing preparatory work for Sanitary Survey
 - Developing 2022 Action Plans

- **Parks**
 - Maintenance of facilities and equipment
 - Snow removal

- **Streets**
 - Snow plowing and street clean up taking place
 - Alley maintenance.
 - Pothole repair and maintenance in process.
 - Equipment maintenance.
 - HUTF Report filed with CDOT

- **Electric**
 - Assisting Tri-State with developing the re-routing of lines servicing sub-station as they prepare to update transmission lines to sub-station.
 - Shoofly has been installed for rerouting lines during switch replacement project
 - 2/7 – 2/28 Mobile Circuit Breaker to be installed
 - 2/14 – 2/28 Replace switches and configure bus
 - 3/3 – Projected in service date
 - 3-4 – 3/10 Uninstall Shoofly and clean up
 - Working with CDOT to replace electric line under Lincoln Avenue, requires 350', 6" Bore, 350' of 4" conduit and 4/0 wire. Work will begin 2/2 and be completed by 2/4. Will require a scheduled/planned short outage with affected area being notified.

Intergovernmental/Upcoming Events

- Management Team Meeting – In Person at Community Building – Wednesdays 2:00 P.M.
- Lexipol – Burlington Policy Manual Updates – Thursdays 1:00 – 3:00 P.M.
- Burlington Housing Authority Special Meeting – Thursday, January 20th

- Senator Hickenlooper meeting – Wednesday, January 26th 11:30 – Airport
 - Digital Tour of Airport
 - Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill
 - Broadband Update
 - New Energy Economy Discussion
 - Water- Republican River Discussion
 - Transportation- Road and Bridges
 - Housing Needs
- Council Meeting – Monday, January 31, 2022
- Burlington Housing Authority Special Meeting – Tuesday, February 1st, 4:30 P.M.
- Council Meeting – Monday, February 14, 2022
- Council Meeting – Monday, February 28, 2022
 - Public Hearing – Ordinance changes to Municipal Code to allow for retail marijuana stores in Burlington, should citizen led initiative pass at April 5, 2022 Municipal Election



To: City council members
From: Georgia Gilley, Clerk
Date: Jan. 31, 2022
Subject: Clerk's report to Council

For the upcoming April 5 municipal election, we have received nominating petitions from Lana Mireles and Dale Franklin and an Affidavit of Intent of Write-In Candidate from Paul Velasco for the vacating council seats.

Also turned in was a citizen-led petition addressing the sale and taxation of retail marijuana in Burlington city limits. The petitioners successfully garnered signatures from the required 5% of the electors eligible to vote in the municipal election.

Applications for Absentee Voter's Ballots are available at City Hall, and a few have been returned. We anticipate more will come in closer to the election.

CML will host another election webinar March 10.

There is a public hearing scheduled at this Jan. 31 council meeting for the Kit Carson County Cattle Women event on Feb. 12. Morgan Community College Foundation changed its event date from February to April, so we will be posting for that permit this week and plan for the hearing Feb. 14.

In their fight against the transmittal of COVID-19, CIRSA advised us that the City is eligible to skip its paper audit this year due to good scores last year.

COVID-19 update

With employees being directed to quarantine due to a spouse or child testing positive, it has become difficult to track how many employees actually have had COVID-19.

Since the first of the year, 5 employees reported they tested positive for COVID, and 4 employees quarantined due to a spouse or child testing positive.



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To: City Council
From: Becky Castillo, City Treasurer
Date: 1/28/2022
Re: Treasurer's Report

- Utility billing has had a delay in the reading of meters this month with COVID and a family member loss. Since we were delayed with reading meters, we are trying to make sure our customers have and see as little impact as possible. If a customer pays their utility bill after the 15th the penalty assessed is 10% of the account unpaid balance. Shut off occurs on the 25th or next business day and has an additional penalty of \$70.
- COVID-19 precautions have been lifted at City Hall. We have hand sanitizer and masks available. Masks are optional to enter the office. To help prevent the spread all utility payments can still be made online through Xpress bill pay or by dropping off payments in the night drop at City Hall.
- Process payroll on a bi-weekly basis, payroll taxes, and monthly Utility and Airport Sales tax.
- Process accounts payable weekly.
- The training Lorraine gave me a few months ago has allowed me to get started on and make good progress with bank reconciliation monthly. I will be getting more training to continue to gain more pieces of the process for reconciliation and will be trained on adjusting and correcting mistakes that take place in the GL. There are many pieces to making sure all the accounts balance correctly so I am looking forward to gaining more knowledge as I receive more training.
- W2's and 1099's has been printed and put in the mail or distributed to current employees. Lorraine was able to make it here a partial day to help me balance payroll year end and confirm the correct processing of the W2's.
- Outback Bus is back to 2 drivers. Currently, the drivers are enjoying and able to balance the extra hours. We will re-evaluate a 3rd driver when the need arises.



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Burlington Activities Department

January 25, 2022

→ Martial Arts and Soul Steppin' Studio continues to operate on a monthly registration fee, with the city collecting 15% from each program. Both programs are excellent and have a good following. Dance has 57 participants and Martial Arts has 31 participants.

→ Youth Basketball is in full swing. We expanded the program this year to include 1st and 2nd grade, but is much like our intramural t-ball and machine pitch program. Teams are mixed with girls/boys and we only play other Burlington teams. This is a 6-week program with practices/games taking place on Saturday mornings and Sunday afternoons. 1st/2nd grade will wrap up on February 6th. We ended up with 38 kids in this division and have 4 teams. The 3rd through 6th grade youth basketball will just be getting started with games February 6th. They will conclude the first weekend in March with an invitational tournament we will be putting on. We ended up with 92 total participants for these age groups with the following breakouts:

3/4 Girls = 12 players (1 team), 3/4 Boys = 28 players (3 teams)

5/6 Girls = 31 players (4 teams), 5/6 Boys = 21 players (2 teams)

→ We are currently taking registrations for a new program – Youth Volleyball league. This will be for 5th and 6th grade students and instructed by coach Celci Bakos (jr high volleyball coach). We will need a minimum of 28 participants in order to have at least 4 teams. This will run for 6 weeks, beginning the week after spring break. Practices will be on Tuesdays & Thursdays after school with games on Saturdays.

→ The community center continues to be busy with rentals throughout each week. We have had a couple of big events in January with a wedding that had around 450 guests, and hosted the annual Boy Scouts ham and bean feed. We are currently preparing for the No Till conference, which is scheduled for February 1st and 2nd. They are anticipating about 275-300 people for this year's conference, which is down slightly compared to normal, but may be attributed to the fact that they hosted the 2021 conference 6 months ago in August. Several other rentals are already on the books for 2022, and even have booked some events for 2023.

→ Breakfast with Santa, back on December 18th, went very well. We estimate about 650-700 people attended the event, with BPD and Jim cooking and serving close to 600 plates. All the other activities went very well and we received some positive feed back with some of the changes we had made. This event would not be possible without the help of BPD, Jim, and all the other people who volunteered their time for that event, and I just want to thank all of them for their generosity to help. Looking forward to another great community event in December 2022!

→ We also had the annual Craft Fair back in December, which had a great turnout of vendors and shoppers. We had great weather, which helped, but also the vendors had some really great items for some last minute, local shopping that many people took advantage of.

→ **Other Activities in the works:** Rentals of Community Center, City Travel Basketball, Summer Programs/Activities



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Council Report 1.31.2021

- Developing bid specs for mower
- Working with Fuelmaster on mobile unit for fuel truck
- Quick "spruce up" in the office area. New paint and deep cleaned tile and carpets.
- Still working to dig out from the snowstorm
- Hosted meeting with Senator Hickenlooper and former governor Roy Romer

December 2020 Fuel

Total- 3,074.50 Gallons

Avgas- 793.54 gallons

Jet fuel- 2,280.96 Gallons

Gross sales- \$ 8,492.20

December 2021 Fuel

Total- 5,660.70 Gallons

Avgas- 590.11 Gallons

Jet fuel- 5,070.59 Gallons

Gross sales- \$ 20,431.45

2021 Total fuel Sales

Total Gallons- 70,002.41

Gross Sales- \$236,908

2020 Total Fuel Sales

Total Gallons- 56,090.18

Gross Sales- \$167,860

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT FROM ROL

Julie Huddleston has sold her business, Preventive Family Dental, after being in practice for approximately 30 years.

Kassidee Ficken and Traci Simon purchased the practice from Julie. Both reside in Eastern Colorado with their husbands and children and bring many years of experience with them.

The transaction was completed January 3.

Core Civic is presently in discussions with the Colorado Department of Corrections and, I would assume, the governor's office, concerning the two prisons located in Crowley and Bent County owned by Core Civic.

As you know, the governor and the Democratic controlled legislature do not want to utilize private prison companies.

I am going to throw out a guess on both of those private facilities. I think the State of Colorado will utilize both prisons. Obviously, just a hunch. However, I believe the state officials were surprised when they discovered the economic impact to those two counties if the prisons were closed.

It will be interesting to follow along. If the state does keep both prisons on deck, I would assume we had a better opportunity to fill the Kit Carson Correctional Center with out of state prisoners.

If you recall, we had an opportunity to have Idaho prisoners placed in the Kit Carson Correctional Center approximately a year and a half ago. Core Civic was unable to make this happen as the Colorado Department of Corrections had nothing in place to screen out of state prisoners due to the pandemic.

The net result was we lost the possibility of 500 inmates when Core Civic had no choice other than to place them in Arizona.

I have had discussions with the Colorado Department of Corrections as to when they will have guidelines in place to screen out of state prisoners while the pandemic is still with us...and, when the pandemic is not an issue, will the Department of Corrections then be in a position to screen inmates and allow out of state prisoners to be housed in a private facility in Colorado.

I have not received a response at this point in time. I am assuming the Colorado Department of Corrections will do whatever the governor and his staff dictate to them.

I will continue to keep in touch. Certainly cannot hurt anything.

Looking forward to many challenges we will be confronting in this New Year.

The Library

1/31/22

- Story times
 - Classic on Wednesday
 - Toddler on Saturday
 - Science Day! first Friday of the month
 - Strategic Games Club on Saturdays
- Colorado Humanities Grant
 - Additional \$1,000 from the Social Media Challenge
- Hired Aaron Duree as our historical archivist
 - Started digitizing items from Old Town
- Collaborating with State and REACH
- Lisa Brewer is preparing for retirement

Checkouts: 915

Visits: 653

Programs: 9 for 68 people

Nick McCarty-Daniels

2021 Year End and January 2022 City Council Report—Old Town Museum

- Winter Wonderlights ran Dec 11th, Dec 17 & 18, Dec 20-22 and Dec 27-28 and the 31st. We added about 15,000 lights, horse drawn wagon rides were back, the Hitchcock train was here on 4 nights, and we had holiday adult beverages in the saloon and barn for an additional fee. The event nearly doubled in size as we welcomed more than 2500 people to see the lights from all over the region and state. It was a huge success and we have heard nothing but positive feedback from those who came to enjoy it!
- 2021 was historic for Old Town. Our gate attendance was up by 54% this year, with our overall revenue up by 62.6%. Our total profit margin for the year including gate admission, rentals, gift shop sales is 67.11%.
- We are still working to get all Christmas décor down and stored for the year, in addition to conducting our annual inventory of gift shop merchandise. Planning has already begun for several of our spring and summer events and our event calendar is filling up for 2022. Our first event of the year will be School Daze on May 10th & 11th.

Burlington Police Department January 31, 2022, City Council Report

- The City's Breakfast with Santa Event December 18th was a great success! We'd like to thank Tyson and his team at the Community Center as well as City Administrator Keehne for his dedication and willingness to help us once again with this event. We couldn't do it without their help!
- The Christmas Parade December 10th was also a success and once again we'd like to extend our sincere appreciation to the Colorado State Patrol for their assistance with our traffic control operation and participation in the parade. With the changes made this year things seemed to go more smoothly, and traffic cleared out more quickly after the event was over.
- New biometric locks have been installed at the police department which have added another degree of security to our building.
- We received new traffic radar units and they are currently being installed into the patrol cars. Our aging hand-me-down radar was long overdue to be replaced and this is a much-appreciated upgrade to our fleet.
- As mandated by the Kit Carson County Communications Center director all our handheld and mobile unit 800 MHZ radios have been reprogrammed and the old 'Law 1' channel was replaced by a channel named 'KCC Dispatch' as the communications center is now also dispatching for Cheyenne County in addition to the agencies, they have historically dispatched throughout Kit Carson County.
- Cpl. Gramm recently attended the prestigious Front Line Leadership Institute put on by the County Sheriff's of Colorado. This class was an intensive 40-hour class hosted in Del Norte, Colorado. We'd like to especially thank Daniel Melia for lending us one of his airport courtesy cars so that Cpl. Gramm could leave his patrol car to have the radio channels on that radio reprogrammed.
- I, Chief Hill, recently attended the Colorado Association of Chief's of Police combined Chief's and Sheriff's/ Undersheriff's conference in Loveland, CO. This conference combines some training, roundtable style meetings, as well as special presentations about various subjects such as what the associations activity at the State Capital.
- Three of the officers, including myself, have been quarantined after becoming ill and then testing positive for Covid-19. All three of us were vaccinated prior to contracting the virus and we have all recovered with no known serious lasting effects and no hospitalizations necessary because of the virus. Luckily, we all took our turns serving our time in Covid quarantine and we were not all sick at the same time. Everyone at the PD continues to work hard to minimize the risk of contracting and/ or spreading the virus. We also had an employee who was exposed to Covid 19 and had symptoms like those seen in Covid patients, so they stayed home and worked from there for a week to minimize exposure to anyone else. We're thankful to report that they did not ever test positive for Covid-19 and that everyone has now returned to work.