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TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

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MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN MANAGER



www.facebook.com/groups/DigitalPayson

The Digital Payson working group has been busy working with our various partners to address the digital needs of our community, along with addressing the various concerns and issues.

We have worked in partnership with T-Mobile on upgrading their towers in Payson and the surrounding areas to 5G Ultra Capacity with speeds depending on location of 100-400+ Mbps. Digital Payson has helped T-Mobile identify a premier site within Town limits and with our encouragement they plan to add a new tower in 2022. We also celebrated the opening of their new local corporate store in Payson, which included the rollout of a new service option; their 5G Home Internet gateway, which is producing outstanding results.

AT&T upgraded their central Payson and Pine towers to 5G allowing for increased capacity and performance.

CenturyLink-Lumen and Sparklight completed their legal interconnection agreements. Currently, fiber is physically at their locations providing for manual switchover redundancy. Digital Payson continues to help facilitate the automated switchover redundancy and capacity, which we hope will be achieved in Q2.

Sparklight continues their regional fiber deployment within Payson and surrounding areas, where businesses can receive up to 5 Gbps symmetrical speeds. Sparklight submitted to the Arizona Commerce Authority Grant an RFP for Payson and Star Valley to provide Fiber to the Premise (FttP) for households.

The MHA Foundation and the RCEF with the support of the Town of Payson and Digital Payson submitted to the Arizona Commerce Authority a proposal for a centralized vendor-neutral Internet Point-of-Presence (POP), Internet Exchange Point (IXP) Hub, and colocation facility. (continue to next page)

MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

This facility would accelerate and facilitate interconnectivity to prospective broadband consumers and carriers. This proposal is among the 20 down selected applications, which are still under review. This is a critical economic development initiative that will allow Payson to achieve a digital future and exponentially increase business opportunities in the region.

APS received approval from the USFS to resume their fiber deployment from Phoenix and Joseph City to Payson. New fiber construction from Payson to Pine and an area 17 miles to the west are currently underway.

The Digital Payson core team has been working with Town staff, builders, developers, and residents towards deploying infrastructure to allow for easier Internet deployment and integration in the mid-mile, last-mile, and within premises. These efforts also include improvements to the 9-1-1 infrastructure.

The Digital Payson Working Group has started collaboration with the several town departments for strategic planning, both short and long-term, aligning with the key results areas set by the Town Council. We are very fortunate to have such talented volunteers who are contributing their time and vast knowledge to helping the Town of Payson significantly advance our digital infrastructure.

Finally, the response to the Digital Payson group on Facebook has been outstanding. Collaboration among community members on this digital forum has generated ideas and information sharing that has helped facilitate problem identification and solutions, focused on best practice implementation. The increased communication through the platform has improved individual customer experiences and benefit everyone.

Troy Smith, Town Manager

Isaac Blake, Chair - Digital Payson

POLICE DEPARTMENT



We have approval to start looking at the remodel of the front training room. Since Mitigation from the broken water pipe we are under contract with Sunshine Cleaning. They came out and looked at the smell that was still lingering and fogged the room. We don't seem to notice the smell anymore. We have great ideas for how we want to re-do the space. Looking forward for the project to come together.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Our Volunteer program is slowly growing. We just started 2 new volunteers and have 4 potentially on their way. We could not do what we do without their hard work. Just recently we were given a great shout out to our volunteers for what they do.

One of the volunteer units observed and reported an individual in the act of graffiti on one of the sides of the building at Walmart. The individual committing the act had been previously trespassed from this location and was arrested for trespassing and criminal damage.

We are just excited to continue to grow and have amazing men and women who come and volunteer their time to helping out the police and their communities.

With 9-1-1 technology in the work place, IT Director DeHaan, Lieutenant Hazelo and Communication Manager Breese met with the State and completed a walk through as well as a meeting that is being worked towards enhancing Payson's 9-1-1 center which, will enhance our technology to reach out and serve our community more effectively. There will be more meetings to come.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

New Hire

We hired a lateral transfer Police Officer from the Coconino County Sheriffs Office, Austin Stuhmer.



He graduated from Auburn High School, Auburn, IL, in 2011. He joined the Army that fall and was stationed at Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Washington until February 2015. He received his Criminal Justice degree in 2017 while working as an EMT in Illinois. Austin was then called back to active Army status in 2017 and was stationed in Fort Campbell, KY. After that term of service, in 2019, he joined the Green River Police Department, Green River, WY. He then took a position with the Coconino County Sheriff's Office in 2021, before transferring to the Payson Police Department.

Notable Cases

2/2/2022 officers responded to a distraught female at Home Depot. She threatened officers with a knife and asked officers to kill her. After negotiations, officers were able to detain and proceeded with mental health measures, which was in the best interest for the community and her.

2/4/2022 While officers were conducting a traffic enforcement, a car was traveling at high speeds. At the initial contact with the driver the officer noticed an unresponsive female who had taken Fentanyl at the residence on West Saddle. Using lifesaving efforts (CPR) Naloxone was administered, the female was revived and transported to the hospital. A Search Warrant was obtained and served at the residence. 4 suspects were arrested and charges were filed.

2/5/2022 Officers assisted with a GIITEM (Gang & Immigration Intelligence Team Enforcement Mission) search warrant where Meth, Fentanyl and other paraphernalia was found.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department, on 2/14/22, responded with Water Wheel Fire/Medical District (WWFMD) and other partners to Geronimo Estates for a structure fire. When WWFMD arrived the building was already on the ground and destroyed. Payson Fire Department assisted with fire extinguishment. There were no injuries.

On 2/17/22, the Fire Department responded to a unique rescue. A person slipped on ice on top of a trailer and required extrication from this height. E121 called for the assistance of a Battalion Chief, another Engine and HFD Ladder 211. The patient was extricated and transported by Lifeline ambulance to Banner Payson Medical Center (BPMC).

A Town owned property at West Bonita and South Arroyo was wildfire treated the week of February 7, 2022. This wash area was very thick with brush, grass and trees. The pictures below are after treatment.



WATER DEPARTMENT

Hoover Program Net Savings Report
 Monthly Report to The Town of Payson
 Terry Urbine, Current Insight Inc.
 Prepared 2/14/2022; For Jan 2022

Executive Summary

January savings were down a bit from budget lowering our outlook for year-end savings to \$13,824.

	Energy (kWh)		Rev (\$) APSCredits	Costs(\$)		Net Savings	
	Hoover	Firming		Hoover	Firming	Hoover	Firming
Year 1	486,000	0	\$30,560	\$20,781	\$0	\$9,779	\$0
Year 2	525,000	0	\$33,086	\$20,870	\$0	\$12,217	\$0
Year 3	495,000	170,000	\$41,220	\$20,000	\$3,786	\$10,578	\$6,855
Year 4	540,000	107,000	\$39,834	\$20,219	\$3,248	\$13,655	\$2,712
Year 5 *	132,000	0	\$7,854	\$6,103	\$0	\$1,750	\$0
Total	2,178,000	277,000	\$152,554	\$87,973	\$7,034	\$47,979	\$9,567

* Year 5 is 4 months of data

TABLE 1

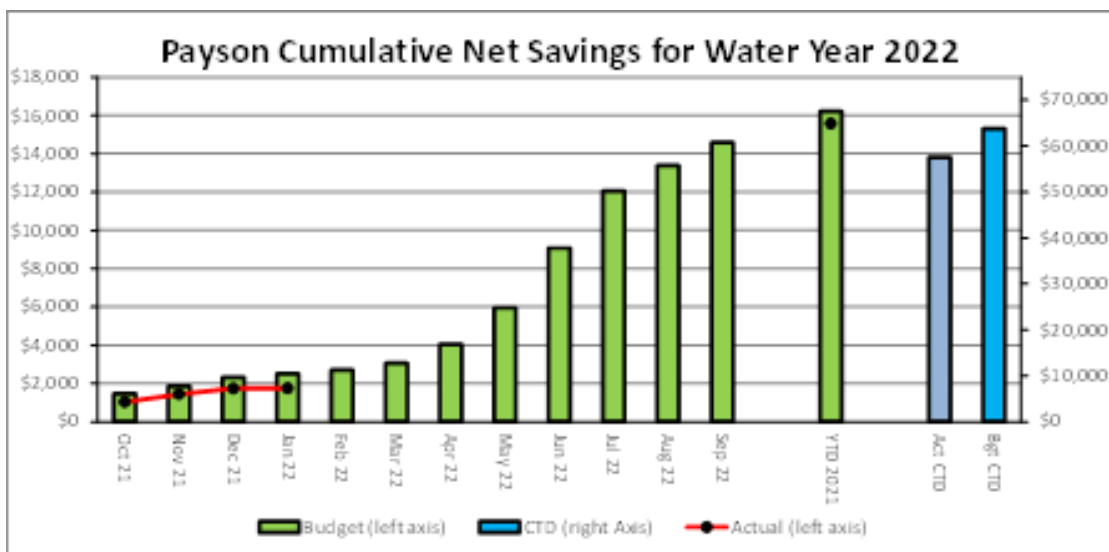


CHART 1

WATER DEPARTMENT

On a monthly basis, savings are tracking parallel to budget but continue running slightly below.

	Oct 21	Nov 21	Dec 21	Jan 22	YTD 22	WY 22	CTD
Actual	\$1,041	\$399	\$308	\$2	\$2	\$1,750	\$57,546
Budget	<u>\$1,466</u>	<u>\$397</u>	<u>\$452</u>	<u>\$188</u>	<u>\$188</u>	<u>\$2,503</u>	<u>\$63,751</u>
over / (under)	<u>(\$425)</u>	<u>\$2</u>	<u>(\$143)</u>	<u>(\$186)</u>	<u>(\$186)</u>	<u>(\$753)</u>	<u>(\$6,205)</u>

* Notes: YTD 22 = year to date on calendar year basis
WY 22 = water year to date based on federal year (oct-sep)
CTD = Hoover contract to date. Cumulative values since Oct 1, 2017.

TABLE 2

Detailed analysis

In January, savings were short of budget due to APA cost increases and a reduction in the APS credits versus budget. Hoover energy output was at budget this month.

	January	YTD 22	WY 22	CTD
Actual Net Savings	2	2	1,750	57,546
Budget Net Savings	<u>188</u>	<u>188</u>	<u>2,503</u>	<u>63,752</u>
Variance	<u>(186)</u>	<u>(186)</u>	<u>(753)</u>	<u>(6,205)</u>
Variance Causes				
Costs (over)/under budget	(99)	(99)	(227)	2,011
LCRBDF charges under/(over) budget	0	0	23	232
Repayable Cap Advances under/(over) bgt	0	0	0	1,449
APA Energy kWh purchase (over)/under bgt	0	0	57	475
APA Energy rates (over)/under bgt	0	0	(14)	(2,073)
APA Capacity kW purchase (over)/under bgt	203	204	366	3,166
APA Capacity rates (over)/under bgt	(278)	(278)	(591)	(4,484)
WAPA Firming kWh (over)/under bgt	0	0	0	1,626
WAPA Firming price (over)/under bgt	0	0	0	1,805
APA Late Fees	(24)	(24)	(67)	(186)
Revenue over/(under) budget	(87)	(87)	(526)	(6,614)
APS Hoover credit rate higher/(lower) than bgt	(87)	(87)	(149)	(447)
Hoover kWh higher/(lower) than budget	0	0	(377)	(7,252)
APS Firming credit rate higher/(lower) than bgt	0	0	0	33
Firming kWh higher/(lower) than budget	0	0	0	1,052
One time variances from WY18 & WY19	0	0	0	(1,602)
Total Savings over/(under) budget	<u>(186)</u>	<u>(186)</u>	<u>(753)</u>	<u>(6,205)</u>

* YTD 22 = Year to Date - calendar basis - cumulative since January 2022
** WY 22 = Water Year to Date - cumulative values since October 2021

WATER DEPARTMENT

January 2022 was mostly the same as January 2021.

Table 4: Hoover Program Net Savings WY 22 Over WY 21
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	January	WY TD (4mo)
Savings in WY 22	2	1,750
<u>Savings in WY 21</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>2,555</u>
Change	(9)	(805)
Reasons		
WY 22 Costs (Higher)/Lower than WY 21 Costs		
Hoover Energy volume (Higher) /Lower than WY21	(13)	265
Hoover Energy prices (Higher)/ Lower than WY21	(26)	(89)
Hoover Capacity volume (Higher)/Lower than WY21	156	267
Hoover Capacity prices (Higher)/Lower than WY21	(156)	(253)
Firm Energy volume (Higher) /Lower than WY21	0	0
Firm Energy prices (Higher)/ Lower than WY21	0	0
LCRBDF in WY19 (Higher)/Lower than WY21	(5)	95
APA Late fees (Higher)/Lower in WY21 than WY21	(24)	(67)
APA Repayable Advances (Higher) in WY22 than WY21	0	0
Trans itional Items (Higher) / Lower in WY22 than WY21	(0)	0
Other	(0)	2
WY 22 Revenue Higher/(Lower) than WY 21 Revenue		
PPR Hoover Energy volume kWh Higher/(Lower) in WY22 than WY21	52	(1,220)
PPR Hoover Energy prices Higher/(Lower) in WY22 than WY21	7	334
PPR Firm Energy volume kWh Higher/(Lower) in WY22 than WY21	0	0
PPR Firm Energy prices Higher/(Lower) in WY22 than WY21	0	0
APA refund Higher/(Lower) in WY22 than WY21	0	(139)
Other	(0)	0
Total Net Savings Change WY 2022 over WY 2021	(9)	(805)

Hoover dam power output in Dec and wholesale prices in Dec impact Jan net savings

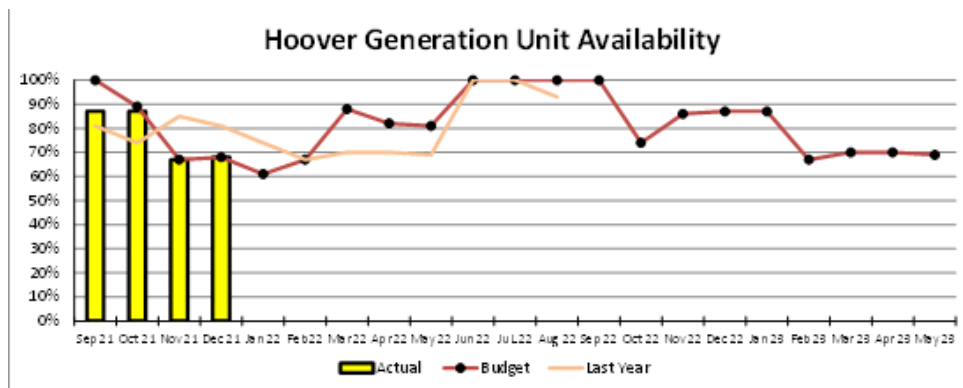


Chart 2
The planned outage for major work on the lower Nevada penstock units is on track and will last 3 to 4 months.

PARKS, REC & TOURISM DEPARTMENT

Youth and Adult Recreation Program News

We have opened up registration for Youth Soccer (K-6) and Adult Softball (Men's Recreational, Men's Competitive and Co-Ed) and are looking forward to a strong start to the year with our two most popular programs. We are going into Week 3 of a successful Youth Basketball League and have had great community support so far.



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PRE-K TO 6TH GRADE**

REGISTRATION CLOSING MARCH 18

register now

REGISTER TO PLAY OR COACH, VISIT [PAYSONRIMCOUNTRY.COM/YOUTH-PROGRAMS](https://paysonrimcountry.com/youth-programs)

PARKS, REC & TOURISM DEPARTMENT



- Pruning of trees in Rumsey Park continues to remove overgrown trees and open visibility and sight lines for security and safety.
- Tennis court lighting upgraded with new ballasts and lamps.

- Deliveries of engineered wood fiber, playground safety surface material, to Rumsey Park. The wood mulch will be installed in Green Valley and Rumsey park playgrounds. Thank you to the Streets Department crew for cleaning and sweeping the Rumsey parking lot as a holding area for the playground safety surface material.



PARKS, REC & TOURISM DEPARTMENT



Painting of fence panels and pens at the Payson Event Center.



Mustang Park re-opened on Monday, February 7. The first community engagement meeting to discuss the design was Wednesday, February 16 and the next meeting will be Tuesday, February 22 @ 6:00pm.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

The long awaited day finally arrived, hardware upgrades were completed on the 18th and 19th in the Council Chambers. ZOOM is now integrated into TV4 production equipment which will provide a more enjoyable audio\visual experience for participants. Another enhancement is the ability to now display several new sources onto the displays in the Chambers. Also, upgrades were done to the microphone system which will provide audio for work-study meetings held in the Chambers. We are now able to air these meetings on TV4 and stream on the Internet, as well as ZOOM. During this process we did troubleshoot the audio issues currently being experienced on TV4 and mentioned in a previous Council Meeting. It was discovered the issue is on the feed after it leaves our equipment at Town Hall, so we will be working with the provider to resolve this as quickly as possible.

The Sparklight Fiber Internet connection has been installed into Town Hall and was recently activated, providing 2GB of Internet bandwidth for the Town. New hardware has been ordered, once it arrives and is configured the circuit will be utilized.



The Centurylink Fiber Internet connection is in the process of being upgraded from 100MB to 1GB. The Fiber has been terminated at Town Hall and final configurations will be scheduled soon. Having this increase and adding Sparklight to the mix, IT now has the ability to provide a redundant Internet connection at Town Hall allowing for the expansion of applications and services the Town can utilize.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

The IT department hired a new IT Technician. His name is Jesus Carrasco:

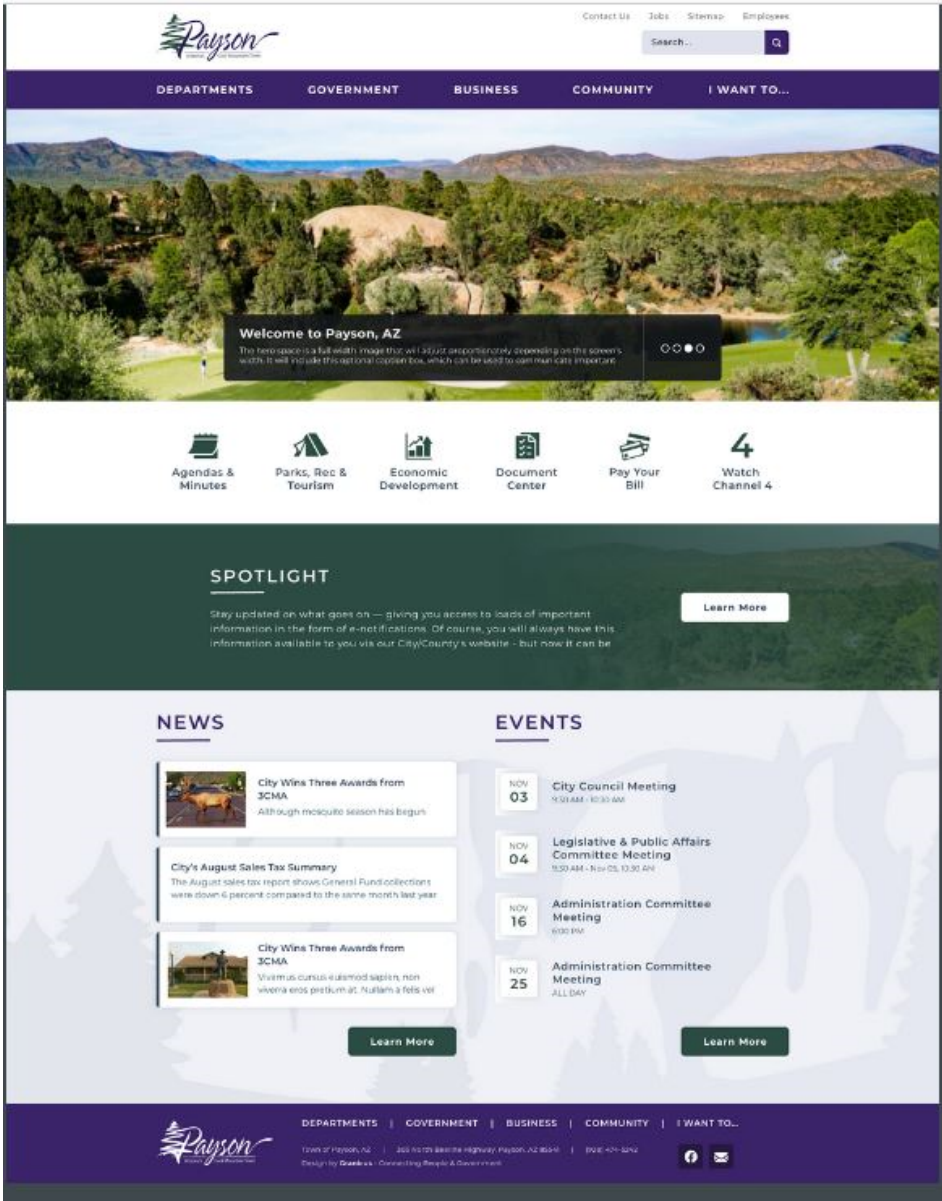
"I've grown up in Payson most of my life since going to elementary school here. I love the mountains and being outdoors. I've been in all kinds of working environments. My previous work experience includes 3 years as a groundskeeper for the Rim Golf Course, 2 years as a special education paraprofessional at RCMS as well as 4 years as a Farm worker in Yuma, Colorado. All the hard work has finally paid off in obtaining my Bachelors in Information Technology. That being said, I'm really excited to be part of the IT department for the Town of Payson."



After two weeks, Jesus is doing an outstanding job and will be a big asset to the IT department.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

The new government website design is moving along and is still in the development stage. Within the next few weeks we should be entering the training phase, once that is completed, final configurations need to be done and testing will begin shortly after that. The tentative scheduled "go live" date is mid-July or early August. Here is a sneak preview of what the new homepage will look like:



The IT Department hired a Senior Technician. His name is Tom Hartline and comes to us from the Valley with 22 years of IT experience. Possessing that type of background, Tom will bring a unique skillset to the IT department. His start date is March 21st.

The IT department is also working on providing the Street Yard maintenance building access to the Town network. This will be a huge benefit for those employees as they will now have direct access to Town resources. The Internet circuit upgrade has been ordered and hardware is awaiting final configuration information. This should be completed by the end of the month.

End of Report

Next Report: March 10, 2022

