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Please see the below and attached for the next Council meeting.

Good day Council Members. I have been remiss in coming back as the one after the one I attended, I remembered the wrong day and then for this one and t work. I read through past minutes, looked at the budget, bills paid, and have heard the rumblings going on. I would like to offer up some notes for considerati working in the business world for 23+ years and this is the lens I was using. Apologies if these have already been considered.

Please see attached

Mineral 3.5- is a boundary from 312 Mineral Ave. Sharing this as if we amended the charter to include those inside the 3.5-mile radius it could op but it could pay dividends to the town).

Mineral 3.5 Us- This is to illustrate where my residence is with the green square. I highlight this, as my wife and I consider ourselves part of Mine used the laudromat in town. I utilize the Barber shop multiple times per month. We eat at Sabors, Joe Joes, Mineral Restaurant. Used the DMV S at other places we have lived and want to do some here to drive foot traffic to town. We have only lived here two years, and my work travels hav Mineral Economic- I know you all are probably aware of this but just wanted to see how the town boundaries

fall (42, 43, 58, 59).

Mineral Economic Us- This is my property (green highlighted rectangle) and it falls in 58. Again, showing this as a thought for charter amendmen

Budget

First and foremost, I'm on board with a lot of it and good decisions were made. Some things to consider;

On board with reducing Town Manager pay, for now. If we want to keep talent, they need to be compensated appropriately. I say this as I h for another job b/c it paid a bit more which increases their quality-of-life

Professional services- FY26 \$40k, FY27 \$50k but it looks like the town only was a bit over \$18k for FY26. Could this not be less than the \$ data?

Audit/CPA- over \$54k. De we solicit competitive bids every 3-5 years? How we determined if there is any double work being done? IT and Telecomm- Has an audit in this area been done recently? Has Starlink ever been considered? It is more expensive up front but the would be half of what is being paid for each. If no to Starlink, are the current speeds all needed? Speed affects pricing. Because of all the redundant fees.

Copier costs- this was confusing to look at b/c there seems to be a lot all over. Are the leases not combined? Are they able to be? What is possibly away from hard copies being needed and printed at the town expense. Digital signatures were a drop in the savings bucket and n DMV paperwork not be emailed to customers? Saved to their online DMV account?

Electricity- How many of the lights in town are LEDs? I drive through town about 0530-0545 Mon-Fri and the array of different colors there as energy efficient as they could be, nor as bright. Have we done a streetlight inventory at all?

DMV- Revenue decreased, so have we been open hours that aren't conducive for the customers? Do we have a by-hour customer count w out new hours? I have never done one but how much are appointments utilized? If they are, can we optimize and make this the preferred walk-in hours being different? Are we even able to use appointments? I tried looking up different things I would need and Mineral isn't even DMV Selects (or otherwise) that are oversaturated that those customers can be deferred to Minerals?

Misc Revenue- FY26 says close to \$29k and FY27 is forecasting \$1K. What is this and why is it so large a gap?

Water- purchases are budgeted to decline? If demand remains the budget is now \$26k short already.

Wastewater treatment- is there a down trend?

Asking b/c the projection is ~\$140k but only approving \$125k.

Landfill/Hauling- with inconsistent tonages (7.26, 6.65, 6.79, 7.29- these four average 6.99 tons) does this not affect funding? It would see load 7 tons) there would easier forecasting for budget.

Special events- reduced to \$0. What special events were the town paying for?

Looking at the above, it could potentially save \$30-50k annually.

I appreciate the time you spent on reading this and the considerations that may be had.

Respectfully,

Have a blessed day!

Jesus saves!

Mike & Jess Huff



