

Information for Council Candidates Prior to Election

Structure of Government

The City of Delta is a Home Rule City. This means that the citizens of Delta elected to adopt their own Charter, instead of being subject to State Statutes. In order to change the Charter, which has been amended a number of times since its adoption in 1950, it is necessary to submit proposed amendments to the voters for approval. A copy of the Charter is available at https://cityofdeltanet/sites/default/files/fileattachments/community_development/page/2601/charter.pdf

The people of Delta have chosen the Council/Manager form of government. City Council is the people's elected representatives who make laws and adopt policy for the City of Delta. The City Manager is a professional hired by City Council as the chief executive officer for the City. His/her job is to administer the laws and policies adopted by Council and to make decisions necessary in the day to day operation of the City. The City Manager is also responsible for personnel administration.

Delta has five elected Council Members, one elected from each of the City's three Districts, and two elected from the City at large. All eligible voters within City limits may cast votes for Councilmember candidates, regardless of whether they run for a specific district or an at large seat. Councilmembers are limited to two consecutive four-year terms as required by Colorado law. Terms are staggered. The Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem are chosen by Council from among its members, for two-year terms. Council compensation is set by the City Charter (see Section 7). The Mayor is currently paid \$150 per month, while the other four Council Members receive \$100 per month.

Basic Municipal Services

The City of Delta provides water, sewer, electricity and trash service to its citizens. In addition, the Public Works Department provides street maintenance, street cleaning and stormwater system maintenance. The City's Police Department provides law enforcement services, and the Community Development Department provides building inspections and administers the City's zoning and development codes. The Parks, Recreation and Golf Department maintains the City's parks and trail system, the City cemetery, the flowers and trees on Main Street, the City's forestry program, maintains the recreation center and coordinates numerous recreation programs at the recreation center and City parks, maintains public art, such as the City's murals and sculptures. The Finance Department pays the City's bills, collects sales taxes, utility payments and other fees, and is generally responsible for administration of the City's purchasing policies and finances.

Key Staff

Elyse Ackerman-Casselberry - City Manager
David McConaughy - City Attorney
Jolene Nelson - City Clerk
Luke Fedler - Chief of Police
Tod DeZeeuw - Finance Director
Ken Brown - Golf Manager
Adam Conway - Golf Course Superintendent
Justin Parker - Public Works Manager
David Hood - City Engineer
Adam Suppes - Municipal Light and Power Manager
Joe Gillman - Community Development Manager
Shaun Barnard - Parks Manager
Whitnee Lear - Sports Coordinator
Renee Ealey - Recreation Manager
Rod Myers - Fleet & Facilities Manager
Casey Dukeman - Information and Innovation Officer
Meganne Robinson - Assistant to the City Manager
Jeannette Carmack - Human Resources Manager
Andy Mitchell - Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager

Councilmember Time Commitments

Regular Council Meetings are scheduled for the first and third Tuesday of each month beginning at 7:00 p.m. Special meetings are scheduled as needed. Work Sessions are typically held the second Tuesday of the month and Delta Urban Renewal Authority meetings on the fourth Tuesday of the month as needed.

Councilmembers also represent the City on various boards, commissions, and committees, including but not limited to: One Delta County, Club 20, Region 10, Project 7, Delta Area Chamber of Commerce, Delta Housing Authority, and the Colorado Municipal League Policy Committee. Councilmembers are also invited to represent the City at various civic functions.

Key Information Helpful to Councilmembers

The City maintains a website at www.cityofdeltanet.net. Posted on this website is information that may be helpful including: the adopted Mission and Vision for the City; City Council and Planning Commission meeting and workshop agenda's and related information; the City Charter and City Codes; updates and information regarding various departmental programs; maps of the City for planning purposes; Delta Urban Renewal Authority or DURA information; planning and zoning information; consultant studies; development information; the City's adopted economic incentive policy (for business retention and development); contact information; and more.