

Town Manager Report 7/15/26

Elk Fire and Backup Power for WWTP

I am in 2 to 3 meetings regarding the Elk Fire per day, every day since Sunday (4 meetings), and will be every day for at least the next few weeks.

The Elk Fire is 2.5 miles away from the only power line supplying Lake City as of 7/13/26.

Our plant is currently being renovated, and our new permanent backup generator is not scheduled for delivery and installation until mid-August. However, depending on fire behavior, the wildfire team estimates a worst case scenario of the power line could be threatened within the next 72 hours.

If the Town loses power we will need a towable 60+ kW backup generator 3 phase—either wired for 480 volts or one with a multi-volt switch—to run our wastewater treatment plant, preventing the wastewater from becoming septic and discharging into the Lake Fork River.

I have spent almost all of Monday and Tuesday figuring out the logistics, specifications, necessary steps and cost of getting a towable backup generator and the necessary electrical work done to make it work.

We called just about everyone in the state that has rental generators. Most of the were out of generators big enough (60kW or larger) for our needs. We have doubts about 55kW units being enough to power the blowers and the office at this altitude and most places have generators that jump from 55 kW to 100 Kw units. Here are the quotes for a one-month rental. None of them will allow us to reserve one.

Herc Rentals: 100kW \$15,437 (Not even sure could get us one in our timeframe)

Gentech: 100 kW \$315 per day, double that when it's running. So, \$9,450 to \$18,900

(Gentech said they may have an 80 kW but we have not received any pricing for that, and did not get an answer about when and if either would be available)

United rentals: 100 kW \$4,800 for a month, \$1,800 delivery. Has only 1 in stock.

I put a message out to the CML Managers List and **Joe Lockhart with Estes Park Power and Communications said they have a 70 kW(87 kVa) portable generator that we can borrow free of charge.**

We think this will work but we are waiting for the electrical engineer to get back to us as well as Cummins to confirm it will produce enough kW at altitude.

Estes Park is going to meet us halfway in Leadville Wednesday 7/15/26 so I am sending Willy in the morning to go get it.

We are waiting for a couple of electricians to give us cost estimates, a proposed method, and lead time to get the work done. Hopefully I will have those before this meeting.

State and Federal authorities told me that no funding would be provided for the temporary backup generator unless there is a declaration of disaster or there is a power outage.

ADU Supportive Jurisdiction

I submitted both the ADU compliance form and the ADU supportive jurisdiction application form on July 6th to DOLA. It will take them 3 weeks to a month to process our applications. The ADU Ordinance will go into effect on August 3rd, 2026, which is 30 days after its publication date of July 10th.

LPC Incentive Funds Mini-grant award

We received the letter today saying that we have been awarded. I will get the necessary paperwork turned into them and then we wait for the grant contract which will be sometime in August.

RFP for housing consultant

Proposals are due by this Friday. P&Z will review them on July 23rd and the trustee will see the proposals and P&Z recommendation on August 5th.

RECLAMETALS – Community Metal Junk Cleanup

So Reclametals picked up the last of the metal junk today in a final semi load.

We have not received the cost and settlement amount for this last load. But....

We did receive the settlement for everything else but the last load and...

A total of 45,490 lbs (22.75 tons) of “mixed steel” was disposed of.

The metal not only paid for all 4 trips made by Reclametals but Recla also sent us a check in the amount \$1,074.50. The last load should also pay for itself.

Recla had quoted us \$600 per trip but they only charged us \$300, so they gave us a deal.

At a future meeting I will discuss how we will do the cleanup in August more efficiently.