

CORTEZ CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2025

1. The work session was called to order at 6:48 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. Councilmembers present included: Mayor Rachel Medina, Mayor Pro Tem Dennis Spruell, Robert Dobry, Matthew Keefauver, April Randle, and Lydia DeHaven. Councilmember Bill Lewis was absent. Staff members present included: Community and Economic Development Specialist Helen West, Finance Director Randy Bailey, City Manager Drew Sanders, City Attorney Patrick Coleman, and City Clerk Danielle Wells. There were two members of the public in audience.
2. The April 2026 Municipal Election update was presented by City Manager Drew Sanders and City Clerk Danielle Wells. Montezuma County notified the City Clerk that they are unable to help with the upcoming municipal election on April 7, 2026. Staff is working on finding solutions that will best help the City for this election as well as a long-term plan.
3. Pam Moore, Executive Director of the Homes Fund, presented to Council on homebuyer assistance programs available to residents in Region 9. Homes Fund partners with the Chamber of Commerce to offer HUD- and CHAFA-approved homebuyer classes and provides up to 30% down payment assistance through shared appreciation mortgages, reducing debt and creating a revolving fund for future families. Over \$3.2 million has supported 150+ families in Montezuma County, with programs expanding to mobile, modular, and construction loans. Supported by local governments and grants, Homes Fund helps local residents build wealth and remain in the community. For more information, please go to HomesFund.org
4. Councilmember Keefauver mentioned the Volunteer Fair occurring at the Montezuma County Annex on Wednesday October 15 from 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. and encouraged the community to attend and learn about volunteer opportunities.

The work session was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.