



# THE CITY OF ELEPHANT BUTTE

JANUARY 2026 COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

## Upcoming Office Closures

Thursday, January 1, 2026 – New Year's Day

Monday, January 19, 2026 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Online services for payments will be available as well as our two convenient drop boxes. [www.cityofelephantbutte.com](http://www.cityofelephantbutte.com)



Swearing in Ceremony for City of Elephant Butte Officials held December 17, 2025. L-R: Mayor Richard Holcomb, Councilor Skylar Arnold, Councilor Cathy Harmon, and Honorable George Lee.

## Staff Highlights

Happy work anniversary to, Paul Rintelen, congratulations on 7 years!

Happy work anniversary to, David Smith, congratulations on 5 years!

Happy Birthday to, Mayor Pro Tem Skinner, Janet Porter-Carrejo, Michael Taylor, and Rachel Black!

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## GOVERNING BODY

Mayor Richard Holcomb

Councilor Cathy Harmon

Councilor Skylar Arnold

Mayor Pro Tem Kim Skinner

Councilor Mike Williams

City Manager Janet Porter-Carrejo

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

**City Council** – Wednesday,  
January 7, 2026, 1:00pm

**City Council** – Wednesday,  
January 7, 2026, 2:00pm

## BOARD VACANCIES

**The Lodgers' Tax Advisory Board** is seeking one (1) board member to be filled by an owner/manager of a tourism related industry. Meetings are held quarterly with a minimum of four (4) meetings a year.

**The Zoning Commission** has one (1) Fulltime Commissioner seat that is vacant. The position will be filled with a two-year term. This is a volunteer position for the City of Elephant Butte. Meetings are the first Tuesday of every month.

**Please submit letters of interest to: PO Box 1080 Elephant Butte, NM 87935**

**Attn: Mayor/City Manager and state which position is your interest.**

# A Year in Review – 2025



The City of Elephant Butte successfully completed numerous road improvement projects during 2025. Warm Springs Blvd Phase 2, Butte Blvd. , Ocotillo Drive, Springland Blvd. , as well as several slurry projects to aid in the preservation of roadways until additional funding is obtained. Along with the roadway improvements the City of Elephant Butte also was successful in the completion on the Wastewater Phase 4b project to extend sewer to approximately 65 residences. The City of Elephant Butte was able to obtain the funding to perform maintenance and upgrades to the wastewater treatment facility. Our public works department was able to purchase a new water truck and skid steer. Both of these are vital to maintaining the city.



Fire Station #1 was completed in 2025. This rebuild was done by obtaining a State Fire Grant. The new station adds three full bays to protect vehicles, office space, restrooms, and a day room/kitchen. The City of Elephant Butte is excited about this addition to our City.



The City of Elephant Butte received funding to completely renovate and upgrade the Elephant Butte Community Center. This was a lengthy project for the not only the City but the constituents who rent and utilize the building as well. We are so very proud of the final outcome of the renovation. Contact the

City Hall for information on renting this beautiful center for your next event!



The City of Elephant Butte hosted its 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Trunk-or Treat located across from City Hall. The staff had fun decorating and preparing for the event. We are in hopes that this event will become even bigger in years to come!

*Cheers to a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous  
New Year for all!*