



A chronology of City of Durango officials, 1881-current as stated in the official minutes of the Council meetings of the City of Durango

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Year	Mayor	Clerk/ Recorder	Treasurer	Attorney/ Solicitor	Police Judge (Magistrate)	Police Marshal (Police Chief)	Fire Chief	Water Works Supt. (Water Commissioner)	Street Super- visor (Street Commissioner)	Engi- neer
1881	John Taylor, Jr.	W. E. Parsons	G. W. Melville	J. P. De Mattos	G. S. Flagler	Robert Dwyer; J. C. Raynor	Thomas Lynch [Fire Warden]	-----	Charles Schattner	Charles Keemle
1882	John Taylor, Jr.; J. L. Pennington	Frank W. Barnes	G. W. Melville	Eugene Engley	J. C. Craig; G. S. Flagler	Robert Dundon; Robert Dwyer; Mr. Foley	Samuel Pedgrift	-----	Charles Schattner; G. S. Flagler	C. M. Perrin
1883	J. L. Pennington; George W. Brown	F. W. Barnes; John Knowles	A. P. Camp	George T. Sumner	Theodore D. B. Frear; Charles E. Averill	John Foley; Charles O'Conner	Samuel Pedgrift	-----		C. M. Perrin
1884	George W. Brown; T. C. Graden	John F. Bell	A. P. Camp; T. F. Burgess	J. McCloskey	Henry J. Hechtman	John L. Pennington	J. R. Hewitt	-----		J. P. Caston
1885	Thomas C. Graden; J. R. Shoemaker	John F. Bell	T. F. Burgess	H. Garbonati	Henry J. Hechtman	John Foley; D. D. Carlton	James Curtin	John F. Bell; A. J. Faris		J. P. Caston
1886	J. R. Shoemaker; Willard S. Hickox	A. J. Faris; F. Gallotti	T. F. Burgess	W. C. Davidson	Henry Hechtman; William M. Clark	J. H. McHolland; John H. McDewitt	James Curtin; William Longnecker	F. Gallotti	John H. McDewitt	T. C. Hanford (resigned 6/1/1886); Chas. Keemle
1887	Willard S. Hickox; W. C. Chapman	F. Gallotti; Charles S. Butler	T. F. Burgess	W. C. Davidson; John Knowles; Henry J. Hechtman	William M. Clark; J. H. McHolland	John H. McDewitt; John Brumley	William Longnecker	Charles S. Butler	John H. McDewitt	Chas. Keemle
1888	W. C. Chapman; J. P. Airy	Charles S. Butler	T. F. Burgess	Reese McCloskey	J. H. McHolland	John Brumley	Harry Jackson	Charles S. Butler		Chas. Keemle; Blair Burwell
1889	J. P. Airy	Charles S. Butler	William H. Middaugh	O. S. Galbreath	J. H. McHolland	John Brumley; William Wickline	Joseph E. Rule	Charles S. Butler		Blair Burwell

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1890	J. P. Airy; Thomas C. Graden	Charles Butler; Blair Burwell	Fred W. Strater	O. S. Galbreath	J. H. McHolland	William Wickline; D. C. Sargent	A. D. Leiner	Charles Butler; Blair Burwell		
1891	Thomas C. Graden; Edward Lambert, Jr.; J. H. McHolland (8/21/1891)	Blair Burwell; Frank Gallotti (9/15/1891)	Fred W. Strater	O. S. Galbreath; Reese Mc Closkey	Robert Carter; Cy F. Newcomb	D. C. Sargent	James Veitch	Blair Burwell; F. Gallotti	Jacob Brewer	J. Orville Omohundro (9/15/1891)
1892	J. H. McHolland; George W. Kephart	W. S. Darrow	Fred W. Strater	Reese Mc Closkey	C. F. Newcomb	J. T. Brewer		W. S. Darrow	J. T. Brewer; R. A. Mooney	J. Orville Omohundro
1893	George W. Kephart	W. S. Darrow	Fred W. Strater	W. C. Davidson	Robert J. Orr	J. M. Nicholas	Geo. Goodman	W. S. Darrow		John B. Harper
1894	George W. Kephart	W. S. Darrow; Helen M. Rodgers	Fred W. Strater	W. C. Davidson; Reese Mc Closkey	Robert J. Orr; John F. Hechtman	J. M. Nicholas	Geo. Goodman	Mark M. Preston	Richard Hendricks	C. W. Gibbs
1895	J.C. Sanford (Acting); A. L. Harris	Helen M. Rodgers	William P. Vaile	Reese Mc Closkey	John F. Hechtman	J. M. Nicholas (res. 2/9/1895 ☒); William J. Thompson	George Goodman	Mark M. Preston	Richard Hendricks	C. W. Gibbs (resigned 12/19/1895)
1896	A. L. Harris	Helen Rodgers; Charles E. Meuser	William P. Vaile; Don Carlos Coulson	Reese Mc Closkey; Schuyler Morgan (4/1896)	Benjamin F. Houx (4/1896)	William Thompson; James Bennett (4/1896)	Geo. Goodman; Charles W. Airy; G. Goodman ❖	Mark M. Preston	Henry Thompson (4/1896)	Blair Burwell (4/1896)
1897	A. L. Harris	Charles E. Meuser ☈	Gergus R. Graham	Schuyler Morgan	Benjamin F. Houx	James Bennett	Geo. Goodman	Mark M. Preston	Henry Thompson	Blair Burwell
1898	A. L. Harris (died 8/1898); John Haggart (9/9/1898)	George N. Raymond; James W. Greenfield (4/1898)	Gergus R. Graham	Schuyler Morgan; Thomas J. Jackson (4/1898)	Benjamin F. Houx	James Bennett	Geo. Goodman	James J. Gorman (4/1898)	John Goeglein	Blair Burwell
1899	John Haggart; Charles E. McConnell	James W. Greenfield (res. eff. 5/2/1899); William H. Moore	William H. La Count	Willis A. Reese [on contract]	Benjamin F. Houx	James Bennett (res. 7/27/1899); William H. Wickline	William "Will" Galbreath	James J. Gorman	J. G. Clayton (5/2/1899; res. eff. 8/1/1899); John Dupraw	(office declared vacant 1/17/1899); Blair Burwell (6/1899)
1900	Charles McConnell	William H. Moore	William H. La Count	Willis A. Reese [on contract]; N. C. Miller	Benjamin F. Houx	William H. Wickline	William Galbreath	James J. Gorman	John Dupraw	
1901	Charles McConnell; Sam G. Wall	William H. Moore	William H. La Count	N. C. Miller	Benjamin F. Houx	William H. Wickline	William Galbreath		John Dupraw	John B. Harper
1902	S. G. Wall	William H. Moore; Clement L. Russell (on 4/14/1902 after Moore defalcated)	William H. La Count	N. C. Miller; John F. Spickard	Benjamin F. Houx	William H. Wickline	William Galbreath	Elmer E. Schalles	John Dupraw (re-elected on 4/14/1902)	William H. Wiggles- worth (4/15/1902)
1903	S. G. Wall; William W. McEwen	Clement L. Russell	William H. La Count	John F. Spickard	Benjamin F. Houx	William H. Wickline	William Galbreath	Elmer E. Schalles	John Dupraw	William. H. Wigglesworth

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1904	William W. McEwen; Charles E. McConnell	Clement L. Russell	William H. La Count	John F. Spickard	Benjamin F. Houx	William H. Wickline	Henry Dietrich (eff. 4/5/1904)	Elmer E. Schalles	John Dupraw	William. H. Wigglesworth
1905	Charles McConnell	William T. Davis	William H. La Count	Willis A. Reese	Benjamin F. Houx	William H. Wickline	Henry Dietrich	Elmer E. Schalles	John Dupraw	William. H. Wigglesworth
1906	Charles McConnell	Clement L. Russell	William H. La Count	Willis A. Reese	Benjamin F. Houx		Henry Dietrich	Elmer E. Schalles		William. H. Wigglesworth
1907	Charles McConnell (res. 9/17/1907); Herman Berndt (eff. 10/1/1907)	Clement L. Russell	William H. La Count	Willis A. Reese	Benjamin F. Houx	P. T. McCartney (eff. 4.5/1907)	Henry Dietrich (resigned 12/3/1907); then S. E. Etheridge	Elmer E. Schalles	W. F. Crenshaw (4/16/1907)	H. T. Henderson
1908	Herman Berndt	Clement L. Russell	William H. La Count	Willis A. Reese	Benjamin F. Houx	P. T. McCartney	S. E. Etheridge; W. J. Croke (11/4/1908)	Elmer E. Schalles	W. F. Crenshaw	H. T. Henderson
1909	Herman Berndt; George Goodman	Jacob G. Willson	William H. La Count	Willis A. Reese; P. G. Ellis (eff. 4/13/1909)	Benjamin F. Houx	P. T. McCartney	W. J. Croke	Elmer E. Schalles	John Dupraw (4/13/1909)	W. H. Wig- glesworth (4/13/1909)
1910	George Goodman	Jacob G. Willson	William H. La Count	P. G. Ellis	Benjamin F. Houx	P. T. McCartney	W. J. Croke		John Dupraw	Roy Goodman
1911	George Goodman; Andrew F. Hood	Jacob G. Willson	William H. La Count	George W. Moody (eff. 4/18/1911)	Benjamin F. Houx	Arthur Fassbinder (eff. 4/18/1911)	Henry Dietrich (eff. 4/18/1911)	Henry W. Redman (eff. 4/18/11)	H. J. Brady (eff. 4/18/11)	R. Goodman; E. H. Burdick (4/18/1911)
1912	Andrew F. Hood	Jacob G. Willson	William H. La Count	George W. Moody	Benjamin F. Houx	Arthur Fassbinder; George Smack	Henry Dietrich	Henry W. Redman		
1913 ♦	Andrew F. Hood; Henry R. Scouton	Jacob G. Willson	Herman Hanno	George W. Moody	Benjamin F. Houx	P. T. McCartney	Henry Dietrich	Henry W. Redman	Arthur E. Brown	Roy Goodman
1914	Henry R. Scouton	Jacob G. Willson	Herman Hanno	George W. Moody		P. T. McCartney	Henry Dietrich	Henry W. Redman	A. E. Brown	Roy Goodman (resigned 10/6/1914); Charles L. Young, Jr.
1915 ♦	Henry R. Scouton; Andrew F. Hood @; Cy G. Graden	Ralph E. Myers	Herman Hanno; Ralph E. Myers	Harry P. Austin	Ralph E. Myers (eff. 7/6/1915)	P. T. McCartney; George T. Smack	Henry Dietrich [spelled Deitrich in some of the minutes, cf. 11/16/1915 and 1/19/1926]	Henry W. Redman	A. E. Brown	Charles L. Young, Jr.
1916	Cy G. Graden (res. 7/5/1916); G. G. Goodman	Ralph Myers	Ralph Myers	Harry P. Austin	Ralph E. Myers	P. T. McCartney	Henry Dietrich		A. E. Brown	Charles L. Young, Jr.
1917	G. G. Goodman; Harry Jackson	Ralph Myers	Ralph Myers	Harry P. Austin; Russell and Reese	Ralph E. Myers	P. T. McCartney; ___ Talbott (see minutes of 6/19/1917)	Henry Dietrich; J. F. Duggan (see minutes of 12/18/1917)			Charles L. Young, Jr. (ordered to report to Fort Sheridan 8/21/1917)
1918	Harry Jackson	Ralph Myers	Ralph Myers	Russell and Reese		P. T. McCartney	J. F. Duggan (deceased, per 11/19/18 minutes)			
1919	Harry Jackson (res. 11/10/1919); J. R. C. Tyler	Ralph Myers; W. N. Parshall (eff. 9/29/1919)	Ralph Myers; W. N. Parshall (eff. 9/29/1919)	Russell and Reese		P. T. McCartney	F. E. Williams			

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1920	J. R. C. Tyler	W. N. Parshall	W. N. Parshall	Russell and Reese	George A. Draper	P. T. McCartney	F. E. Williams (cf. 6/8/1920 minutes)			William. H. Wigglesworth
1921	J. R. C. Tyler; Arthur W. Ayres (res. 11/15/1921); Clayton C. Perkins	W. N. Parshall	W. N. Parshall	Russell and Reese		P. T. McCartney	F. E. Williams			William. H. Wigglesworth
1922	Clayton C. Perkins; Charles E. Stilwell	W. N. Parshall	W. N. Parshall	Russell and Reese (resigned 10/3/1922 as City Attorneys)		P. T. McCartney	F. E. Williams			
1923	Charles E. Stilwell	W. N. Parshall	W. N. Parshall			P. T. McCartney	F. E. Williams			
1924	Charles E. Stilwell	W. N. Parshall	W. N. Parshall	B.W. Ritter & Emigh	George A. Draper	P. T. McCartney	F. E. Williams (see 2/5/1924 minutes re: his discharge; his pay was in the 1/8/1924 list of bills): John Lewis ?			Rollin Ritter
1925	Charles E. Stilwell	W. N. Parshall	W. N. Parshall	B.W. Ritter & Emigh		P. T. McCartney	John Lewis (cf. 12/8/1925 & 2/2/1926 minutes)			Rollin Ritter
1926	Charles E. Stilwell	W. N. Parshall	W. N. Parshall	B.W. Ritter & Emigh		P. T. McCartney	Henry Dietrich (appointed per 1/19/1926 minutes, also serving as Building Inspector and the Wiring Inspector)			
1927	Charles E. Stilwell; Cyrus G. Graden	W. N. Parshall	W. N. Parshall	B.W. Ritter & Emigh		P. T. McCartney	Henry Dietrich			
1928	Cyrus G. Graden	W. N. Parshall	W. N. Parshall	B.W. Ritter & Emigh		P. T. McCartney	Henry Dietrich			A. L. Kroeger
1929	Cyrus G. Graden; John A. Wilmer	W. N. Parshall	W. N. Parshall	Reese McCloskey		P. T. McCartney; Henry Garbanati (per minutes of 9/8/1929)	Henry Dietrich	B. R. Arthur	[last indexed mention of the Street Supervisor in Minutes is 5/7/1929]	A. L. Kroeger
1930	John A. Wilmer (res. 4/26/1929); Cyrus G. Graden (res. 5/21/1929); Nels T. Thomsen	Joe McGuigan	Joe McGuigan	Reese McCloskey		P. T. McCartney	Henry Dietrich			A. L. Kroeger
1931	N. T. Thomsen; J. J. Musser	Joe McGuigan	Joe McGuigan	Reese McCloskey		P. T. McCartney	Henry Dietrich			
1932	J. J. Musser; J. A. Clay	Joe McGuigan	Joe McGuigan	Reese McCloskey		P. T. McCartney	Henry Dietrich			
1933	J. A. Clay; E. A. Barker	Joe McGuigan	Joe McGuigan	Reese McCloskey	Neil Haffer	P. T. McCartney; Leo McCartney (eff. 9/19/1933)	Henry Dietrich			
1934	E. A. Barker; J. P. Channell	Joe McGuigan	Joe McGuigan	Reese McCloskey		Leo McCartney	Henry Dietrich			

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1935	J. P. Channell; M. L. Cummins	W. H. Wig- glesworth (Acting); J. S. Barnholt	W. H. Wig- glesworth (Acting); J. S. Barnholt	Reese McCloskey	A. Ball	Leo McCartney	Henry Dietrich			
1936	M. L. Cummins; C. Guy Shepard	J. S. Barnholt	J. S. Barnholt	Reese McCloskey	A. Ball (res. eff. 4/21/1936); Latan Ballou	Leo McCartney	Henry Dietrich		S. H. Walker	
1937	C. Guy Shepard; O. K. Nabors	J. S. Barnholt	J. S. Barnholt	Reese McCloskey	Latan Ballou	Leo McCartney	Henry Dietrich	C. P. Airy		W. H. Wig- glesworth
1938	O. K. Nabors	J. S. Barnholt	J. S. Barnholt	Reese McCloskey	Latan Ballou	Leo McCartney	Henry Dietrich	C. P. Airy		W. H. Wig- glesworth
1939	O. K. Nabors; Nels Newman	J. S. Barnholt	J. S. Barnholt	Reese McCloskey (Council declared this position vacant on 6/27/1939, as of 7/1/1939); Byron Bradford (resigned eff. 12/31/1939)	Latan Ballou (resigned. 2/21/1939 but requested re- appointment on 2/20/1940); Miss Florence Ruffe	Leo McCartney	Henry Dietrich	C. P. Airy	W. H. Wig- glesworth	W. H. Wig- glesworth
1940	Nels Newman; Robert McNicholas	J. S. Barnholt	J. S. Barnholt	Emigh and Hatfield (eff. 1/23/1940)	Florence Ruffe; W. H. Wigglesworth (eff. 2/20/1940)	Leo McCartney	Henry Dietrich	C. P. Airy	O. W. Harrah	
1941	Robert McNicholas; John Fankhauser	James G. Mair	James G. Mair	Emigh and Hatfield	W. H. Wigglesworth	Leo McCartney	Henry Dietrich			
1942	John Fankhauser	J. G. Mair	J. G. Mair	Emigh and Hatfield	W. H. Wigglesworth	Leo McCartney	Henry Dietrich			
1943	John Fankhauser	J. G. Mair	J. G. Mair	E. Ellison "Tommy" Hatfield; A. M. Emigh (eff. 8/1943 when Hatfield entered Armed Service)	W. H. Wigglesworth	Leo McCartney	Henry Dietrich			
1944	John Fankhauser	J. G. Mair	J. G. Mair	A. M. Emigh	W. H. Wigglesworth	Leo McCartney	Henry Dietrich			
1945	John Fankhauser; Nels Newman	J. G. Mair	J. G. Mair	A. M. Emigh; E. Ellison Hatfield (returned 9/25/1945)	W. H. Wigglesworth	Leo McCartney	Henry Dietrich			
1946	Nels Newman; Herb Williams (res. 7/23/1946); Robert S. Ayres	J. G. Mair	J. G. Mair	E. Ellison Hatfield	W. H. Wigglesworth (res. 2/25/1946); H. D. Brindle	Leo McCartney	Henry Dietrich			
1947	Robert S. Ayres	J. G. Mair	J. G. Mair	E. Ellison Hatfield	H. D. Brindle	Leo McCartney	Henry Dietrich			
1948	Robert S. Ayres; Tom Kimball (res. 9/14/1948); Howard N. Foster	J. G. Mair (became City Mgr. 6/16/1948); Wm.J. Horther	J. G. Mair; Wm.J. Horther	E. E. Hatfield	H. D. Brindle (res. eff. 11/1/1948); Nels Newman	Leo McCartney	Henry Dietrich (ret. 5/1/1948); L. W. Fanslan			
1949	Howard N. Foster; Samuel H. Miller	Wm.J. Horther	Wm.J. Horther	E. E. Hatfield	Nels Newman	Leo McCartney	L. W. Fanslan			
1950	Samuel H. Miller (res. 4/11/1950);	Wm.J. Horther	Wm.J. Horther	E. E. Hatfield		Cloyd F. Hubertus (eff. 1/5/1950)	L. W. Fanslan			

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1951	A. J. Andrews J. Andrews; H. C. Beaubien	Wm.J. Horther	Wm.J. Horther	R. Franklin McKelvey		Cloyd F. Hubertus	L. W. Fanslan; N. P. Parks			Lynn R. Hagemeister
1952	H. C. Beaubien; Robert McNicholas	Wm.J. Horther	Wm.J. Horther	R. Franklin McKelvey	Albert A. Campbell (eff. 2/5/1952)	Cloyd F. Hubertus	N. P. Parks			Lynn R. Hagemeister
1953	Robert McNicholas; Howard E. Simpson (res. 10/20/1953); Noel Fiorini (eff. 12/8/1953)	Wm.J. Horther	Wm.J. Horther	R. Franklin McKelvey; Byron V. Bradford; Emigh & Emigh	Albert A. Campbell ^ (resigned eff. 5/1/1953); Erwin R. DeLuche	Cloyd F. Hubertus	N. P. Parks			Hagemeister (res. eff. 4/20/53); James E. "Jim" Rohr; A.A. Somerville
1954	Noel Fiorini	Wm.J. Horther	Wm.J. Horther	Alonzo M. "Al" Emigh	Erwin R. DeLuche	Cloyd F. Hubertus	N. P. Parks			John Josey
1955	Noel Fiorini; T. Harold Wilson	Wm.J. Horther	Wm.J. Horther	A. M. "Al" Emigh		Cloyd F. Hubertus	N. P. Parks			
1956	T. Harold Wilson; Frederick V. Kroeger	Wm.J. Horther	Wm.J. Horther	A. M. "Al" Emigh		Cloyd F. Hubertus	N. P. Parks			John A. Kroeger
1957	Fred Kroeger; Harry J. Miller	Wm.J. Horther	Wm.J. Horther	A. M. "Al" Emigh	[Municipal Court was created by Ordinance No. 897, 1/22/1957] Mrs. Jane G. Watts (eff. 3/16/1957)	Cloyd F. Hubertus	N. P. Parks	Al Patscheck		John A. Kroeger
1958	Harry J. Miller; Silas C. Brown	Wm.J. Horther	Wm.J. Horther	A. M. "Al" Emigh	Jane G. Watts	Cloyd F. Hubertus	N. P. Parks	Al Patscheck		John A. Kroeger; Robert L "Bob" Rowles (resigned eff. 8/15/1958); Wm. Terrell (Acting)
1959	Silas C. Brown; Melvin V. Flock	Wm.J. Horther	Wm.J. Horther	A. M. "Al" Emigh	Jane G. Watts	Cloyd F. Hubertus	N. P. Parks	Al Patscheck		Richard Reavis; William K. "Bill" Warren (12/1959)
1960	Melvin V. Flock; John Wegher	Wm.J. Horther	Wm.J. Horther	A. M. "Al" Emigh	Jane G. Watts	Cloyd F. Hubertus	N. P. Parks	Al Patscheck		Bill Warren
1961	John Wegher; Robert L. Beers	Wm.J. Horther	Wm.J. Horther	A. M. "Al" Emigh	Jane G. Watts	Cloyd F. Hubertus	N. P. Parks	Al Patscheck		Bill Warren
1962	Robert L. Beers; Paul F. Gemmill	Wm.J. Horther	Wm.J. Horther	A. M. "Al" Emigh	Jane G. Watts	Cloyd F. Hubertus	N. P. Parks	Al Patscheck		Bill Warren
1963	Paul F. Gemmill; R. E. O'Brien	Wm.J. Horther	Wm.J. Horther	A. M. "Al" Emigh	Jane G. Watts	Cloyd F. Hubertus	N. P. Parks	Al Patscheck		Bill Warren
1964	R. E. O'Brien; Melvin V. Flock	Wm.J. Horther	Wm.J. Horther	A. M. "Al" Emigh	Jane G. Watts	Cloyd F. Hubertus	N. P. Parks	Al Patscheck		Bill Warren
1965	Melvin V. Flock; Carl A. Bell	Robert W. Rank (Acting)	Robert W. Rank (Acting)	A. M. "Al" Emigh; Frederic B. Emigh (ca. 7/1965)	Jane G. Watts	Cloyd F. Hubertus	N. P. Parks	Al Patscheck		Bill Warren

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1966	Carl A. Bell; James M. French	David E. Wilson	David Wilson	Frederic B. Emigh	Jane G. Watts	Cloyd F. Hubertus	N. P. Parks	Al Patscheck		Bill Warren
1967	James M. French	David Wilson	David Wilson	Frederic B. Emigh	Jane G. Watts	Cloyd F. Hubertus	N. P. Parks	Al Patscheck		Bill Warren
1968	James M. French; L. Wayne Lee	David Wilson	David Wilson	Frederic B. Emigh	Jane G. Watts	Cloyd F. Hubertus	N. P. Parks	Al Patscheck		Bill Warren
1969	L. Wayne Lee; G. Michael "Mickey" Hogan	David Wilson	David Wilson	Frederic B. Emigh	Jane G. Watts	Cloyd F. Hubertus	N. P. Parks	Al Patscheck (last men- tioned in CC minutes on 7/16/1969) ⚡	Bennie Legill	Bill Warren
1970	G. Michael Hogan; Robert L. Brown	David Wilson	David Wilson	Frederic B. Emigh	Jane G. Watts	Cloyd F. Hubertus	N. P. Parks			Bill Warren
1971	Robert L. Brown; Charles D. Self	David Wilson	David Wilson	Frederic B. Emigh	Jane G. Watts	Cloyd F. Hubertus (ret. eff. 4/1/1971); John Garnand, Jr.	N. P. Parks			Bill Warren (died 9/3/1971 in a family automobile accident near Tuba City, AZ.)
1972	Charles D. Self	David Wilson	David Wilson	Frederic B. Emigh	Jane G. Watts	John Garnand, Jr.	N. P. Parks (retired eff. 6/30/1972)			Wendell Evensen (effective 2/16/1972)
1973	Charles D. Self; John E. Murphy (eff. 5/1/1973)	David Wilson	David Wilson	Frederic B. Emigh	Jane G. Watts; Michael E. Wallace (eff. 11/20/1973)	John Garnand, Jr.	Ralph Turner			Wendell Evensen
1974	John E. Murphy; Edwin W. "Ned" Wallace	David Wilson	David Wilson	Frederic B. Emigh (resigned effective 3/1/1974; he became a District Judge); Robert Duthie (David P. Smith was Asst. City Attorney effective 2/19/74)	Michael E. Wallace	John Garnand, Jr.				Wendell Evensen
1975	Edwin W. Wallace; Myrle L. Cornelius	David Wilson; J. Lyle Fields	David Wilson; J. Lyle Fields	Robert Duthie	Michael E. Wallace	John Garnand, Jr. (medical retirement 6/4/1975)				Wendell Evensen
1976	Myrle L. Cornelius; Maxine Peterson	J. Lyle Fields	J. Lyle Fields	Robert Duthie	Michael E. Wallace	Ronald Jene "Ron" Oberholtzer				Wendell Evensen
1977	Maxine Peterson	J. Lyle Fields	J. Lyle Fields	Robert Duthie (resigned 6/21/1977); David P. Smith (City Atty. eff. 6/21/1977)	Michael E. Wallace	Ron Oberholtzer	Duane "Skip" Merry (eff. 6/21/1977)			Wendell Evensen
1978	Maxine Peterson; Myrle L. Cornelius	J. Lyle Fields	J. Lyle Fields	David P. Smith	Michael E. Wallace	Ron Oberholtzer	Skip Merry			Richard A. Langoni
1979	Myrle L. Cornelius; John J. "Jeff" Morrissey	J. Lyle Fields	J. Lyle Fields	David P. Smith	Michael E. Wallace (resigned eff. 1/1/1979; Gordon Bugg	Ron Oberholtzer	Skip Merry		Charlie Falsetto	Dick Langoni (Director of the Public Works Department)
1980	John J. "Jeff" Morrissey	J. Lyle Fields \$	J. Lyle Fields \$	David P. Smith	Gordon Bugg (res. 7/15/1980); Robert C. Dawes (eff. 8/26/1980)	R. Chris Wiggins (eff. 1/1/1980)	Skip Merry		Charlie Falsetto	Dick Langoni

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1981	John Morrissey; Robert "Bob" Hatfield	Pauline M. "Polly" Redman (eff. 1/15/1981)	J. Lyle Fields	David P. Smith	Robert C. Dawes	R. Chris Wiggins	Skip Merry	Gerald Mestas (first men- tioned in minutes on 12/7/1981)	Charlie Falsetto	Dick Langoni
1982	Robert Hatfield; Ian "Sandy" Thompson	Pauline M. Redman	J. Lyle Fields (resigned 1/8/1982); Richard "Dick" Jung	David P. Smith	Robert C. Dawes	R. Chris Wiggins	Skip Merry	Gerald Mestas	Charlie Falsetto	Dick Langoni; Otha J. "Jack" Rogers (eff. 7/19/1982)
1983	Ian Thompson; Ira L. Plotkin	Pauline M. Redman	Dick Jung	David P. Smith	Robert C. Dawes (res. eff. 8/4/1983); David J. Turner	R. Chris Wiggins	Skip Merry	Gerald Mestas	Charlie Falsetto	Jack Rogers ●
1984	Ira L. Plotkin; William F. Casey	Pauline M. Redman	Dick Jung	David P. Smith	David J. Turner	R. Chris Wiggins	Skip Merry	Gerald Mestas	Charlie Falsetto	Jack Rogers
1985	William F. Casey; Ann Brown	Pauline M. Redman	Dick Jung	David P. Smith	David J. Turner	R. Chris Wiggins	Skip Merry	Gerald Mestas	Kenneth "Andy" Andersen	Jack Rogers
1986	Ann Brown; Leonel B. Silva	Pauline M. Redman	Dick Jung	David P. Smith	David J. Turner	R. Chris Wiggins	Skip Merry	Gerald Mestas	Kenneth "Andy" Andersen	Jack Rogers
1987	Leonel B. Silva; Fred W. Klatt III	Pauline M. Redman (res. eff. 8/28/1987); Linda D. Yeager (eff. 9/1/1987)	Dick Jung	David P. Smith	David J. Turner	R. Chris Wiggins	Skip Merry	Gerald Mestas	Kenneth "Andy" Andersen	Jack Rogers
1988	Fred W. Klatt III; Gregory W. Bell	Linda Yeager	Dick Jung	David P. Smith	David J. Turner	R. Chris Wiggins	Michael R. Dunaway (6/1988)	Gerald Mestas	Kenneth "Andy" Andersen	Jack Rogers
1989	Gregory W. Bell; Marilyn K. "Lynn" Shine	Linda Yeager	Dick Jung (res. 2/1989); Sherry L. Eilbes (eff. 3/1989)	David P. Smith	David J. Turner	R. Chris Wiggins	Michael Dunaway	Gerald Mestas	Lance Dunagan	Jack Rogers
1990	Lynn Shine; Leonel B. Silva	Linda Yeager	Sherry L. Eilbes	David P. Smith	David J. Turner	R. Chris Wiggins	Michael Dunaway	Gerald Mestas (resigned eff. 2/16/1990); Jon Green (resigned 11/1990); Mark Gallegos (10/1990)	Lance Dunagan	Jack Rogers
1991	Leonel B. Silva; Harrold S. Shipp, Jr.	Linda Yeager	Sherry L. Eilbes	David P. Smith	David J. Turner	R. Chris Wiggins (ret. eff. 6/1991; died 12/16/2018); Dr. Harold "Hal" Nees (eff. 11/18/1991)	Michael Dunaway	Mark Gallegos	Lance Dunagan	Jack Rogers
1992	Harrold S. Shipp; Robert Dolphin, Jr.	Linda Yeager	Sherry L. Eilbes	David P. Smith	David J. Turner	Hal Nees	Michael Dunaway	Mark Gallegos	Lance Dunagan	Jack Rogers
1993	Robert Dolphin, Jr.; Lynn Shine	Linda Yeager	Sherry L. Eilbes	David P. Smith	David J. Turner	Hal Nees; R. Chris Wiggins (Acting); Albert "Al" Bell (eff. 11/1/1993)	Michael Dunaway	Mark Gallegos	Lance Dunagan	Jack Rogers

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1994	Lynn Shine; Jasper A. Welch III	Linda Yeager	Sherry L. Eilbes	David P. Smith	David J. Turner	Al Bell	Michael Dunaway	Mark Gallegos	Lance Dunagan	Jack Rogers
1995	Jasper A. Welch III; Leonel B. Silva	Linda Yeager	Sherry L. Eilbes	David P. Smith	David J. Turner	Al Bell	Michael Dunaway	Otha J. "Jack" Rogers (Director, Public Works Dept.)		Jack Rogers
								Mark Gallegos	Lance Dunagan	
1996	Leonel B. Silva; Lee L. Goddard	Linda Yeager	Sherry L. Eilbes	David P. Smith	David J. Turner	Al Bell	Michael Dunaway	Otha J. "Jack" Rogers		Jack Rogers
								Mark Gallegos	Lance Dunagan	
1997	Lee L. Goddard; Lynn Shine	Linda Yeager	Sherry L. Eilbes	David P. Smith	David J. Turner	Al Bell	Michael Dunaway	Otha J. "Jack" Rogers		Jack Rogers
								Mark Gallegos	Lance Dunagan	
1998	Lynn Shine; Jasper A. Welch III	Linda Yeager	Sherry L. Eilbes	David P. Smith	David J. Turner	Al Bell	Michael Dunaway	Otha J. "Jack" Rogers		Jack Rogers
								Tom Huston (6/8/1998) Ⓢ	Fidel Gonzales	
1999	Jasper A. Welch III; Joe Colgan	Linda Yeager	Sherry L. Eilbes	David P. Smith	David J. Turner	Al Bell	Michael Dunaway	Otha J. "Jack" Rogers +		
								Tom Huston	Rollin Sanford	Gregg Boysen (1/3/1999)
2000	Joe Colgan; James C. Sheppard	Linda Yeager	Sherry L. Eilbes	David P. Smith	David J. Turner	Al Bell	Michael Dunaway	Otha J. "Jack" Rogers		
								Tom Huston (res.6/10/2003)	Rollin Sanford	Gregg Boysen
2001	James C. Sheppard; Amos Cordova	Linda Yeager	Sherry L. Eilbes	David P. Smith	David J. Turner	Al Bell	Michael Dunaway #	Otha J. "Jack" Rogers		
								Chris Butcher (9/3/2003)	Rollin Sanford	Gregg Boysen
2002	Amos Cordova; John Gamble	Linda Yeager	Sherry L. Eilbes	David P. Smith	David J. Turner	Al Bell	Michael Dunaway	Otha J. "Jack" Rogers		
								Chris Butcher	Rollin Sanford	Gregg Boysen
2003	John Gamble; Virginia Castro	Linda Yeager	Sherry L. Eilbes	David P. Smith	David J. Turner	Al Bell	Michael Dunaway	Otha J. "Jack" Rogers		
								Chris Butcher	Rollin Sanford	Gregg Boysen
2004	Virginia Castro; Joe Colgan	Linda Yeager	Sherry L. Eilbes	David P. Smith	David J. Turner	Al Bell	Michael Dunaway	Otha J. "Jack" Rogers		
								Chris Butcher	Rollin Sanford	Gregg Boysen
2005	Joe Colgan; Dale Garland	Linda Yeager; Amy Phillips (eff. 2/22/2005)	Sherry L. Eilbes	David P. Smith	David J. Turner	Al Bell	Michael Dunaway	Otha J. "Jack" Rogers		
								Chris Butcher	Rollin Sanford	Gregg Boysen
2006	Dale Garland; Sidny Zink	Amy Phillips	Sherry L. Eilbes	David P. Smith	David J. Turner	Al Bell	Michael Dunaway	Otha J. "Jack" Rogers		
								Chris Butcher	Levi Lloyd	Gregg Boysen
2007	Sidny Zink; Douglas "Doug" Lyon	Amy Phillips	Sherry L. Eilbes (ret. 7/5/07); Julie Brown (eff. 9/4/2007)	David P. Smith	David J. Turner	Al Bell	Michael Dunaway (ret. eff. 6/2007); Dan Noonan	Otha J. "Jack" Rogers		
								Chris Butcher	Levi Lloyd	Gregg Boysen
2008	Doug Lyon; Renee Parsons	Amy Phillips	Julie Brown	David P. Smith	David J. Turner	Al Bell (resigned eff. 4/5/2008)	Dan Noonan	Otha J. "Jack" Rogers		
								Chris Butcher	Levi Lloyd	Gregg Boysen
2009	Renee Parsons; Leigh Meigs	Amy Phillips	Julie Brown	David P. Smith	David J. Turner	David J. Felice (eff. 6/2008)	Dan Noonan	Otha J. "Jack" Rogers		
								Chris Butcher	Levi Lloyd	Gregg Boysen
2010	Leigh Meigs; Michael Rendon	Amy Phillips	Julie Brown	David P. Smith	David J. Turner	David J. Felice	Dan Noonan	Otha J. "Jack" Rogers		
								Chris Butcher	Levi Lloyd	Gregg Boysen

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2011	Michael Rendon; Christina Rinderle	Amy Phillips	Julie Brown	David P. Smith	David J. Turner	David J. Felice (resigned eff. 6/1/2011); Jim Spratlen (eff. 6/7/2011)	Dan Noonan	Otha J. "Jack" Rogers Chris Butcher	Levi Lloyd	Gregg Boysen
2012	Christina Rinderle; Doug Lyon	Amy Phillips	Julie Brown	David P. Smith	David J. Turner (ret. 2/10/2012); Diane Knutson	Jim Spratlen	Dan Noonan	Otha J. "Jack" Rogers (ret. 5/2/2012); Stephen Salka (eff. 6/4/2012) [Director of the newly named Utilities Dept.; no longer Public Works] Chris Butcher	Levi Lloyd	Gregg Boysen
2013	Christina Rinderle; Dick White	Amy Phillips	Julie Brown	David P. Smith (retired 4/1/2014)	Diane Knutson	Jim Spratlen	Dan Noonan	Stephen Salka		Gregg Boysen
2014	Dick White; Anita "Sweetie" Marbury	Amy Phillips	Julie Brown	David P. Smith (retired 4/1/2014) Dirk Nelson (eff. 3/15/2014)	Diane Knutson	Jim Spratlen	Dan Noonan	Chris Butcher	Levi Lloyd	Gregg Boysen
2015	"Sweetie" Marbury; Dean Brookie	Amy Phillips	Julie Brown	Dirk Nelson	Ω James Arthur Casey	Jim Spratlen	Dan Noonan (retired in late 2015)	Stephen Salka	Levi Lloyd [director of City Opera- tions Dept. as of 3/2015]	Gregg Boysen
2016	Dean Brookie; Christina Rinderle	Amy Phillips	Julie Brown	Dirk Nelson	James Arthur Casey	Jim Spratlen (ret. eff. 9/30/2016); Lynn Johnson (interim eff. 10/17/2016)	Hal Doughty	Stephen Salka	Levi Lloyd	Gregg Boysen
2017	Christina Rinderle; Dick White	Amy Phillips	Julie Brown	Dirk Nelson	James Arthur Casey	Lynn Johnson (interim); Kamran Afzal (effective 4/17/2017)	Hal Doughty	Stephen Salka (resigned eff. 6/15/2017) (the Utilities Director position was discontinued by Council meeting on 8/15/2017)	Levi Lloyd (& assumed duties of Utilities Director 6/15/2017)	Gregg Boysen
2018	Dick White; "Sweetie" Marbury	Amy Phillips	Julie Brown	Dirk Nelson	James Arthur Casey	Kamran Afzal (resigned effective 11/30/2018); Bob Brammer (interim eff. 12/1/2018)	Hal Doughty	Levi Lloyd		Gregg Boysen
2019	"Sweetie" Marbury; Melissa Youssef	Amy Phillips	Julie Brown (resigned on 10/15/2019); Devon Schmidt (Acting)	Dirk Nelson	James Arthur Casey	Bob Brammer (Chief as of 4/17/2019)	Hal Doughty	Levi Lloyd		Gregg Boysen
2020	Melissa Youssef; Dean Brookie	Amy Phillips	Devon Schmidt (Acting)	Dirk Nelson	James Arthur Casey	Bob Brammer	Hal Doughty	Levi Lloyd		Gregg Boysen



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Notes:

- ☒ J. M. Nicholas resigned as City Marshal on 2/9/1895 after initially refusing Council's demand that he do so on 2/7/1895; his resignation was recommended by the Health and Police Committee on 2/5/ 1895.
- ❖ On 6/2/1896, Charles W. Airy was elected Fire Chief, replacing George Goodman. The City Council regular meeting minutes of 8/5/1896 state that W. A. Reese was acting as the attorney of Mr. Airy, whom he represented as having been illegally removed by Council. The minutes of the Council's special meeting on 8/14/1896 mention that Airy was suing the City. Goodman was elected Chief at that meeting, by a vote of 5 for Goodman and 3 for Airy.
- ⌘ The minutes of 11/3/1897 note that City Clerk Charles E. Meuser having departed for parts unknown and having been absent from the City for more than a month and wholly neglecting the duties of the office of City Clerk, that office was declared vacant and Council proceeded to elect a City Clerk. After various difficulties in balloting, Council chose George N. Raymond on 12/7/1897.
- ◆ When the City temporarily switched to a Commissioner form of government in 1915 through a change in the City Charter by special election in 1915 (cf. the 1912 proposed Charter, in the Historical cabinet, and the regular Council meeting minutes of 7/1/1915), some of the titles changed. The position of City Manager was created, and the presiding council member (usually, but not always, the Mayor or the Mayor Pro Tem) was then called the President (and also a Vice President). Paragraph 8 in Article III of the City Charter of 1915 specified that the Commissioners would elect from among themselves a Mayor, who would be president of the City Council.
- @ A City of Durango special election was held on 6/29/1915.
- ^ On 5/1/1953 Albert A. Campbell was described as the Police Magistrate and Registrar of Vital Statistics and the Director of the San Juan Basin Health Department appointed Erwin R. DeLuche as Registrar of Vital Statistics of the City of Durango and La Plata County Districts 125 and 128.
- ⓪ On 11/10/1953 Council appointed the law firm of Emigh & Emigh as the City attorneys, and designated Alonzo M. "Al" Emigh (pronounced like Amy) as the City Attorney and his brother Frederic B. "Fred" Emigh as the Assistant City Attorney. Their father, A. M. Emigh, was City Attorney along with B. W. Ritter in 1924-1928. Sometime between June 22 and July 6 of 1965, Fred became the City Attorney. Fred's brother, Alonzo, died in Durango in April of 1971.
- At some time prior to 1978 the departments of Streets, Water, Sewer and Engineering were consolidated under a Public Works Department. By Resolution R 1983-0045 dated 7/19/1983, Council abolished the separate functions of the Director of Public Works and the City Engineer and combined those functions into a single position, and appointed Otha J. "Jack" Rogers to it. Also note: a City News release in mid-1981 announced the hiring of John W. "Jack" Myers as City Engineer, replacing Harvey Green who resigned in April.
- § The minutes of the City Council special meeting of 10/28/1980 noted that the offices of the City Clerk and the Finance Department had been separated.

+ Effective in 1999, the Director of Public Works was no longer responsible for the duties of the City Engineer. The City Council minutes of 12/15/1998 recorded that this step was taken to ensure that the systemic management problems encountered with the Chapman Hill ice rink project would not occur again.

On December 31, 2001 the Durango Fire Department was decommissioned from the City of Durango after 107 years (1894 to 2001) as a career organization. On January 1, 2002 the Durango Fire and Rescue Authority came to fruition, consolidating the City of Durango Fire Department with two volunteer fire agencies (Animas and Hermosa Cliff), along with the ambulance from Mercy Hospital. The Durango Fire Protection District was created on January 1, 2014.

⊕ The municipal water and sewer services were housed in the Department of Public Works prior to its configuration as a standalone Utilities Department, which was established after restructuring in 2012 following the retirement of Jack Rogers. In general, the Manager or Director roles in Utilities have overseen the operation of the Department as a whole while the superintendents supervised day-to-day operations of their divisions (Water Treatment, Collections and Distribution, Wastewater Treatment)

Al Patscheck was the Superintendent of the Water and Wastewater division, which at the time included the Water Treatment Plant as well as the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He was succeeded by Gerald Mestas. When Mr. Mestas left, sometime in the late 1980s, Jonathan Green had a brief tenure. Tom Huston served in the role during the 1990s and resigned as Manager around 2000; he was replaced by Chris Bucher as the Water and Wastewater Manager, but the position was not filled thereafter.

From 2012, when the restructuring took place making Utilities a standalone department, Steve Salka was hired as the Utilities Director, until his resignation in 2017 due to disagreements as to the management of the multi-year Santa Rita sewer plant replacement project and other matters. The first Assistant Utilities Director, appointed in 2017, was Jarrod Biggs, who currently supervises all three utilities divisions, with Levi Lloyd serving as the Director of two departments (City Operations and Utilities)--a role akin to the previous Director of Public Works.

In *Water Treatment*, during the 1990s the Water Treatment Plant supervisor was Ambrose Hickman. After Hickman retired, his successor was Mike Amato, followed by Robert Ludwig. Mr. Ludwig was succeeded by Dave Ferguson, who currently serves as the Water Treatment Superintendent.

Within *Collections and Distribution*, after a second stint as Acting Water and Wastewater Superintendent Mark Gallegos was appointed to the Superintendent position on October 1990. Gallegos continued until the time of his death of a heart attack in 2011 and was replaced by as the Water and Wastewater superintendent by Joe Coleman. Following the departure of Joe Coleman, Patrick Farrell filled the role of Collections and Distribution Superintendent and continues in that role today. At the Wastewater Treatment Facility, as of 1995 the Wastewater Plant supervisor was Roger Miller. Miller resigned as the Wastewater Treatment Plant superintendent and was replaced by Arlin Lieurance, who was followed by John Sandhaus in 2009. Sandhaus was succeeded by the current Superintendent, Jeff Whitman, in 2015, ending July 2019.

[Sources/contributors for this note include: Mark Gallegos on 12/22/09, Otha J. "Jack" Rogers on 12/27/09 (corrections, amplifications and names of Street Supervisors, 1979-1998), Jeff Whitman on 4/30/2019, and Jarrod Biggs on 5/10/2019; overall writing of this content was by Todd Ellison.]

Ω Effective 1/2015, Municipal Court had one head/lead Judge (starting with James Arthur Casey). At first Judge Diane Knutson covered when he was not presiding, and Judge Paul Whistler presided if neither of them is available.



Chronology of the City Managers of the City of Durango (we are now on our 17th,
not counting numerous Acting and Interim City Managers) Compiled 12/2009 by Office of the City Clerk (updated and revised 9/9/2020)

7/6/1915 – 4/1/1919:	Andrew F. Hood (the first City Manager of the City of Durango; an undertaker by profession; he submitted his resignation to Council on 2/4/1919)
4/1/1919 – 4/20/1937:	William H. Wigglesworth (resigned 11/3/1925 but re-elected as City Manager on September 17, 1929, then resigned again, with salary to continue through 4/30/1937)
12/1925 – 9/30/1929	Edward W. "E. W." Oviatt (elected by Council on 12/8/1925 with an annual salary of \$2,500)
4/20/1937 – 10/24/1944:	O. H. Harrah (A. L. Kroeger served as Acting City Manager from 9/15/1942 until Harrah's resignation on 10/24/1944 during the war emergency)
9/15/1942 – 12/31/1945:	A. L. Kroeger (initially was employed on a temporary basis as Acting City Manager during the war emergency)
1/1/1946 – 6/16/1948:	James H. Wigglesworth
6/16/1948 – ca. 3/1949:	J. G. Mair
6/1/1949 – 12/31/1950:	George R. Hubbard
1/1/1951 – 4/28/1953:	A. F. Barnett
4/28/1953 – 2/28/1954:	Earnest D. Lindsay
2/28/1954 – 7/1954:	City Clerk and Treasurer William J. Horther (Acting)
7/1954 – 12/23/1957:	M. W. Thomas (his employment was terminated by the City, but paid through Jan. 4, 1958)
1/28/1958 – 3/8/1960:	Robert F. Peart
7/1/1960 – 6/30/1980:	Robert W. Rank (Robert William Rank) [Note: in those days the City Manager also served as the Executive Secretary of the Durango-La Plata County Airport Commission]
8/1/1980 – 6/1982:	Ronald C. "Ron" Jack (per <u>Durango Herald</u> 10/25/1982 he was fired by City Council in early June)
6/1982 – 10/1982:	Richard Jung (Acting)
10/25/1982 – 8/2/2007:	Robert F. Ledger, Jr. (as per articles in <u>City Sidelines</u> newsletters, 10/1/1982 and 10/29/1982)
8/2/2007 – 1/8/2008:	Otha J. "Jack" Rogers (Acting)
1/8/2008 – 10/1/2019:	Ronald "Ron" LeBlanc
10/1/2019 – 9/14/2020:	Amber Blake (Interim)
9/14/2020 – current:	José Madrigal

Alphabetical list of the City Attorneys of Durango, 1881-2019

[Dirk Nelson is the 28th man to serve as Durango's City Attorney. J. P. De Mattos was the first, in 1881.]

Austin, Harry P.	Garbonati, H.	Miller, N. C.
Bradford, Byron	Hatfield, E. Ellison "Tommy"	Moody, George W.
Davidson, W. C.	Hechtman, Henry J.	Morgan, Schuyler
De Mattos, J. P.	Jackson, Thomas J.	Nelson, Dirk
Duthie, Robert	Knowles, John	Reese, Willis A.
Ellis, P. G.	McCloskey, J. (in 1884; apparently, but not assuredly, not the same person as Reese)	Ritter, B. W.
Emigh, Alonzo M. "Al"	McCloskey, Reese (in 1888 and subsequent years)	Russell and Reese
Emigh, Frederic B.	McKelvey, R. Franklin	Smith, David P.
Engley, Eugene		Spickard, John F.
Galbreath, O. S.		Sumner, George T.

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### Chronology of directors of other City of Durango departments:

#### Recreation Director

Adolph "Dolph" **Kuss** (1955-1960) (Mr. Kuss moved to Durango from Gunnison in the Spring of 1955 [a Herald article 3/12/2018 says it was 1953] to manage recreation programs jointly supported by the City of Durango, La Plata County and Durango School District 9-R.)

#### Parks and Recreation Director

Dick Leker (ca. 1964-1965) (1<sup>st</sup> director of the new Parks and Recreation Department)

Leon Burrows (1965-8/1974)

Stan Cundiff, Interim Director (1974-1976)

Allan Johnson (1976-1977)

Richard "Roskow" Roskowinski (5/16/1978- 6/21/1995)

Stan Cundiff, Interim Director (7/1995–1/15/1996)

Catherine "Cathy" Metz (1/16/1996-current)

#### Director of Planning and Community Development

David J. **Kovacs** (from circa 1977; resigned as of 5/21/1987)

Greg **Hoch** (9/1/1987-5/7/2016; Director Emeritus 5/8/16-10/5/16)

Kevin **Hall** (5/8/2-2016-current)

#### City Arborist

Rick Morrell (1982-1984)

Ronald A. "Ron" Stoner (2/4/1985-2/6/2015)

Greg Sykes (2015-current)



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### **Library Director / Director of Library Services (the Library became a City department on 2/3/1987)**

Velena Newman (2/23/1905-1907)

Miss Mary Sites (1907)

Hattie E. Fay (11/1/1907 until her death 2/2/1916)

Miss Sadie K. Sullivan (2/1916-1957)

Rosa Lee Price (1957)

Marian Lundell (1958-1969)

Charles Youngman (1969-1973)

Lyle Warwick (1973-1975)

Charles Youngman (1975-1979)

John E. Ison (1979-11/1983)

Dan Brassell (11/1983-9/1998)

Carole Deterding, Acting Director (9/1998-ca. 5/1999)

Stanna Galbraith, Acting Director (ca. 5/1999-10/99)

Sherry Taber (11/1999-2/2010)

Andy White (2/2010-5/1/2015)

Sandy Irwin (5/2/2015-current)

### **Director of General Services (department name changed to City Operations in December of 2010)**

Carl C. **Craig** (at least as of 6/17/1980; retired 3/2/2006 “after 37 years of...service” per City Council meetings of 2/21/2006)

Roy **Petersen** (3/3/2006-3/6/2015)

Levi **Lloyd** (3/1/2015-current, as Director of City Operations)

### **Director of Public Works (reorganization April 17, 2012; functions divided between City Operations and new Dept. of Utilities; the directorship of the departments of City Operations and Utilities reverted to just one Director in 2017 as noted above)**

Otha “Jack” **Rogers** (7/19/1983 (or was it Fall 1982?) - retired 5/2/2012)

Levi **Lloyd** (2/2012 – currently Director of City Operations and Director of Utilities)

### **City Building Inspector**

Originally, the Fire Chief served as the Building Inspector and the Wiring Inspector, as noted in the minutes of the 1/19/1926 City Council regular meeting. City Council’s 8/7/1945 minutes refer to George Castle as the “City Inspector.” The 3/8/1932 minutes, 13 years earlier, referred to him as the “Meat and Milk Inspector.”

Harvey **Green** (first building inspector; from at least as of 2/15/1972; he resigned after 13 years of employment with the City, per 4/7/1981 City Council meeting)

Cliff **Bilyea** (10/25/76-retired circa 1993-1995)

Alvie **Moore** (8/13/1990-current)

## **Durango-La Plata County Airport Manager [title changed to Aviation Director sometime circa July-December of 1991]**

M. J. **Parsons** (? – to at least 4/5/1949) (he was the caretaker--that was the term in the City Council minutes of 1/22/1946—and, later, his title was manager of the Municipal Airport where the College was later built; Council increased his salary by \$20/month effective 8/1/1948) (the same 8/10/1948 Council meeting also considered the heating at the [new] City and County airport; the 4/5/1949 Council minutes mentioned both the roof on the administration building at the new airport and Parsons as the manager of the old Municipal Airport)

Karl **Link** [mentioned once--6/10/1952—in the City Council minutes as the former manager of the municipal airport]

Vern [or Verne] **Carlson** [Note: the 8/31/1948 City Council minutes mention Vern Carlson as an Airport Manager at the new City and County airport, but that was in the context of his increasing Monarch Airlines' rent—the move toward the new location began in May of 1946 and the first scheduled commercial flight was inaugurated by Monarch Airlines on 11/27/1946; the minutes of the 5/25/1948 Council meeting referred to Carlson as the Monarch Airlines Station Agent; the 12/6/1973 Airport Commission minutes mention Verne Carlson as Frontier Airlines staff in Denver; thus Carlson was not the manager of the Airport *per se*.]

Charles **Murray** (effective 7/7/1942, per City Council minutes: “Mayor Fankhauser moved that Chas. Murray be appointed Airport Manager, Jack Turner as Assistant Manager and R. F. Keeling as Assistant Manager”; the end date of Murray’s tenure as Airport Director has not yet been discovered in the records)

Bruce **Lund** (9/10/1946 per City Council minutes – end date not yet determined) [the Airport Commission’s 6/3/1974 minutes mention Mr. Lund as knowledgeable about the use of the Airport’s well since 1946]

N. P. **Parks, Jr.** (9/1/1972- 7/20/1981 [per Council meeting minutes of 3/31/1981, but he was listed as present at the 7/28/81 Council meeting in the role of Airport Manager])

C. Robert **Allison** (from at least 9/22/1981 to 9/1985 when he resigned) (chosen from 7 finalists as the 1st professional Airport Manager)

Ron **Dent** (2/3/1986 [per City Council meeting minutes of 1/21/1986] –1/4/2013)

Gary **Suiter**, Interim Director (1/7/2013-3/29/2013)

Kip **Turner** (4/1/2013- 6/16/2016) (selected from eight finalists, per City Council meeting minutes of 3/12/2013 and 6/10/2014)

Tony **Vicari** (Interim Director 6/17/2016 until appointed as Director by Council on 4/4/2017) (-current)

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