

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
November 11, 2024 Council Meeting

1. W. Main Street Sewer Replacement Project:
 - a. Road Closure- The road closure along W. Main has been very effective in enabling the contractor to make significant progress and will continue until further notice.
 - b. Progress Meeting #7- Minutes- Have been emailed to Council Members.
 - c. Progress Meeting #8- Scheduled for this Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at 1 PM.
2. CDBG Senior Center ADA Project update: The project started two weeks ago and is progressing nicely. I've been in discussions with the construction manager over minor contingency items (egress lighting, color schemes, etc.), but overall, it's going well. At present, we're looking at a completion timeframe of mid-December. The project is being undertaken by CMG Contracting of Ashtabula at a cost of \$122,000.
3. OPWC (Round 39) FY '26 Lawn St. Waterline Replacement Project: FYI- Our full-application has been officially submitted for funding. We should learn of our success next spring. This section of the WDS has been a high priority for replacement due to age and number of repair incidents. The project is budgeted at \$699,800 with construction estimated at \$593,000. We're seeking 50/50 funding: \$349,900 Local Rev., \$349,900 OPWC funds (\$299,900 Grant, \$50,000 Loan).
4. 2025 Property & Casualty Insurance (P&C) Renewal: FYI- We've received our P&C premium renewal from our carrier, the Public Entities Pool (PEP) for 2024-25, which is \$89,879. This is an increase of 6.4% over 2023-24, which was \$84,482. The main reason behind the premium increase was due to increased property values. Under the circumstances, I believe the increase is modest and acceptable. And, just for the sake of comparison, our 2022-23 renewal under our old plan (which we moved away from that year) was \$130,700.
5. Planning Commission: As a reminder, the Planning Commission is still in need of an additional member. With a great deal of activity ongoing and before the board, it's imperative we fill the opening as soon as possible. For the position, we're seeking responsible individuals with a general understanding of zoning code, possibly a construction background or just a desire to get more involved in the community. Any and all respondents will be reviewed and given equal consideration.
6. Last Week's Finance Meeting with Council to Review the 2025 Operating Budget: I'd like to thank all members of council who participated in the finance meeting last Thursday, as well as our Finance Director and all Department Heads for their time and effort in getting the 2025 operating budget to its current form. For those who were unable to attend last Thursday, we'll have another "abbreviated" budget discussion on November 20, at 4 PM.
7. Utility Committee Meeting: We're looking at either this Wednesday (11/13) at 4 PM or Monday (11/25) at 4:30 PM to review proposed 2025-29 Water and Wastewater utility rates.