

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT  
January 13, 2024 Council Meeting

1. West Main Street Project update:
  - a. Progress Meeting #10 is this Wednesday, 1/15/25, at 10 AM in council chambers.
  - b. We received and posted an updated construction schedule from the contractor.
  
2. Appalachian Community Grant Program (ACGP) update: There has been recent activity on both the Placemaking (Streetscape) and the Façade programs under the Appalachian Grant.
  - a. Placemaking (Streetscape): We held a Kickoff-meeting last Thursday with our planner, Verdantas (formerly CT), and reviewed the conceptual design and discussed timelines going forward. We plan to establish a link on our website (and use social media) to provide the latest information on the planning process and ultimately, construction, to keep the public informed of our progress.
  - b. Façade Program: We also met last week with the Ash. Co. Landbank Ex. Dir. reviewing potential Construction Management firms to oversee the project. We narrowed down the list of potential candidates and will begin interviewing soon. This process is being led by the Landbank, who received a grant to pay for the service.

As a reminder, we received just over \$2.6M through the ACGP to pay for the improvements and the timeframe to complete the projects is October, 2026.
  
3. Planning Commission: FYI- With the recent resignation of board member Andy Netzel (letter enclosed), we are now in need of two (2) new board members to bring the board back to full membership. If anyone knows of a potential candidate for the board, please let me know or have them contact my office. There is an application process to follow. We have posted the openings on our website.
  
4. Snow Storm Cost Reimbursements: FYI- We submitted through the Ohio EMA, a Public Assistance Damage Assessment reimbursement request for costs accrued as a result of the snow storm at the beginning of December (12-1 to 12-7). The costs, which totaled \$25,194 are directly attributed to the storm event, including personnel (OT), supplies, minor building damage and contractor-related charges. Our hope is to be reimbursed 100% of these storm-related expenses.
  
5. Union Negotiations: FYI- Negotiations with our four Labor Unions has been ongoing and continues into 2025 for the contractual period of 2025, 2026 & 2027. I will keep council updated on our progress as we proceed through the process.
  
6. Geneva Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner: FYI- This year's dinner, postponed from last month, will be held this Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at the SPIRE Banquet Center starting with a Social Hour at 6 PM and Dinner to follow at 7 PM. The city will be presenting a New Business Investment Award to a local business.

7. Geneva City 2024 Year in Review Report: I've enclosed a copy of our 2024 Year in Review for Council's convenience. The report identifies various projects and activities we undertook in 2024, of which many will continue into 2025. The report is published in the Chamber's Annual Dinner Program book.