

**MAYOR'S REPORT
FEBRYART 24, 2010**

2010 PROPOSED BUDGET

On Wednesday February 17th I submitted the 2010 Proposed Budget to Council. Auditor Tina Morell and I met with each department head to review their 2009 expenditures as well as their needs for 2010. We face many challenges in preparing the 2010 Proposed Budget, among other things reduced estimated receipts in the general fund, the reduced carry over in the sewage department and previous obligations impacting this year's budget. As previously reported by Auditor Morell; we needed to rebudget \$28,000 for the Bob Cene Way Extension Project, this was originally budgeted in 2008 and then encumbered, however this project remains to be completed. We have budgeted \$28,000 in the I-J Misc. Capital Improvement, therefore leaving only \$40,000 for all other Capital Improvement Projects. The overall 2010 Proposed General Fund Budget is down \$95,530 from the 2009 Amended Budget.

I look forward to working with Council as we move forward during these tough economic times in finalizing the Proposed 2010 Budget and also I would like to thank Auditor Morell for her assistance in the preparation of this budget along with department heads for initiating cost saving efforts in each of their departments while maintaining the same level of services. I would also like to express my gratitude to the Health Care Cost Containment Committee whom has worked toward saving the City considerably.

ELECTION OF DISTRICT 6 PUBLIC WORKS INTEGRATING COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE (D6PWIC)

Tim Yova, D6PWIC Liaison, Eastgate Regional Council of Governments has informed that I have been elevated from Alternate to Member on the above committee according to the bylaws and ORC 164 as it appears in the D6PWIC Program Manual. I am honored to serve in this capacity and look forward to providing my support to this committee.

FIRE CHIEF APPLIES FOR GRANT

The County EMA bought all the Fire Departments gas masks several years ago through a homeland security grant. There is a cartridge that screws into the side of each mask and filters all the chemicals; the problem is that the cartridges only last five years. Our Fire Departments have expired and the County did not furnish replacements. Chief Harold Milligan filed a Homeland Security Grant for the replacement of these cartridges.

On another note; I would like to thank our Fire Department during Fire Prevention Week in October 2009. Each year our Fire Prevention Officers visit our schools to teach basic fire prevention lessons and they also conducted tours of the fire station. This is truly a valuable lesson for the children and I just would like it noted that our Fire Engineer's and Chief are appreciated.

CONGRATULATIONS

On January 31, 2010 Rich Deluca; our Wastewater Plant Manager retired. I would like to thank him for his many years of service to the City of Struthers and wish him and his family the best in future endeavors.

RETIREMENT NOTIFICATION

My office has received notification from Police Chief Robert Norris dated January 2010 of his decision to retire after 34 years of dedicated service to the City of Struthers. Chief Norris' retirement date is scheduled for July 1, 2010.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Mayor

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