
MEMORANDUM TO THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Daryl Hennessy
City Manager

SUBJECT: City Manager's Report

DATE: February 4, 2026

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

JR Smith Park Project. Bond financing for \$2,560,000 is scheduled to close on February 12 and construction on the park project is anticipated to begin the following week. 2K General, a firm out of Delaware, Ohio, has been selected to complete this work. Staff are working with the contractor to finalize a schedule that should include substantial completion and the use of at least a portion of the park before the new school year begins in August. Stay tuned for more details.

Joint Recreation District Community Meeting. See attached for an announcement regarding the second public meeting to discuss a community center. The meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2026 at 6:30 pm and will be held at the Sunbury United Methodist Church located at 100 W. Cherry Street, Sunbury.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Officers Field Training. All three of the police department's newest officers are now out of the field training process and covering shifts (Aaron Frost, Zoey Robertson and Brian Newsome). They are currently on a rotating schedule and will be moved to different shifts every three (3) months so they can experience different types of calls during all shifts.

Training. The police department has started recertifications for CPR and trauma training. Delaware County's Lt. Jividen has been providing the training and approximately 75% of the department staff have completed the training. All staff will be recertified by the end of February.

Police Presentations. Like last year, police department staff will provide brief updates on 2025 activities to City Council for each major unit of operation. The briefings will begin at the February 18 meeting and include presentations from the school resource officers and detectives. Updates from the drone, traffic, and tactical units will follow at subsequent meetings.

PUBLIC WORKS AND ENGINEERING

Winter Weather. Special thanks to the Service and Sanitary Sewer teams for their efforts at managing last weekend's snow event. Approximately 12" of snow fell in the city over a 24-hour period and the crews work almost 48 hours straight to maintain roadways for emergency vehicles and the traveling public. The cold weather immediately following the event has limited the amount of snow that has melted and increased the need for follow-up maintenance work.

Wastewater Treatment Plant. A small electrical fire in an underground vault used for transfer pumps at the wastewater treatment plant occurred on Friday, January 23, 2026. Power to the vault was shut off and the fire quickly extinguished. Water had entered the vault due to a failure that is still being investigated and covered an electric panel that powers the UV channel, vault lighting outlets, ultrasonic effluent meter, composite sampler, and sump pump. Staff were able to pump the water out of the vault so an electrician can examine the electrical panel to determine if repairs are necessary before this vault is upgraded as part of the current plant improvements. All critical plant operations currently remain operational.

Attachment