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Happy New Year! We're so grateful for the snow, which will really help our water needs this summer. How would you like to be one of the snow plow drivers for the city, and plow our 154 miles of roads every storm? I went for a 4 am ride-along on one of our plows and learned a lot. Have you ever wondered how much we spend each year for salt, or how much a snow plow costs? See my story below for details.

January 3rd was my annual State of the City address at City Council meeting. There is a lot happening in the city so it's rather long, but I shared some highlights from each department. You'll find some interesting statistics and it's a great way to get an overview of what the city does if you click on the link below.

Before the next newsletter, I plan to do a garbage truck ride-along, so watch for that in the future. As always, feel free to contact me with questions, concerns or comments. I just completed five years as your Mayor and I'm honored to serve!
A Day in the Life of a Snow Plow Driver

Read about some of the challenges our drivers face on their early morning routes, or all day long during a prolonged snow event.

More Information
New Fire Station Construction

If you've wondered what's being built on the corner of 100 East and 200 North, it's the new Fire Station – just across the street from the current station. Winter construction can be a challenge, but this project is on time and on budget with completion scheduled for fall of 2023. The city's fire station has been located within ½ block of this site for the past 140 years. It's the perfect location based on call volume, proximity to buildings with higher occupancy (downtown area), providing good response times based on city geography, and distances between the city's other fire stations and coverage areas. The current 50-year old station has seismic issues, so we were delighted to receive $10M in funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2022 to make this happen. In 2022, Fire/EMS crews responded to over 5,668 incidents. Public Safety is an important part of the services cities provide.
State of the City address

The City Council and Mayor in Action.

Click on this link to read my State of the City address.

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