

## **Summary of December 21st City Council Meeting**

The agenda was packed full of business that needed approvals, in a very unanimous fashion all business proposals were passed.

Council brought back budget amendment 10-1 which was tabled from the prior meeting and saved the residents at least the cost of \$1,500,000 worth of water meters that was for a project council never approved.

Item 11, Adoption of a resolution in opposition to State House Bills 5558 & 5559 increasing tipping fees brought State Representative Sarah Roberts to the podium for the 2:00 audience participation in the beginning of the meeting. The bill would increase tipping fees from \$0.21 to \$7.50 putting a crippling economic burden to our city up to a tune of \$250,000 a year. The thought process on the bill is to discourage out of state dumping from coming in by increasing the tipping fee. This type of bill has come up before to no avail. Council approved to send a letter to the State on this matter; however it is also is up to the citizens to also send letters to our State Representatives.

Bids, Contracts and Purchase orders had some issues but it looks like that there will be some solutions coming soon. There was an important determination based on our contractor quote that would have bonded more money than was actually needed. Also there was discussion on providing more information to Council in order for them to have the appropriate information needed to make a wise decision on future bids, contracts and purchases. Some of the reasons that were mentioned to have less of a packet were:

- (1) To save a tree – technology could be used instead of paper.
- (2) In the past, Council members did not read the packet when all the information was available – this reason alone should shock all the voters and residents as to why certain council members were voted in and how they came to a vote on city issues in the first place.

Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!