

Happy beginning of fall to all of our great residents. Your City Council met and passed our 2024 budget, and it has been appropriately filed. The budget is available online for all to see. Additionally, the Council has passed and initiated a new investment policy, and our savings will be earning a higher interest rate in the future. While we have a very modest budget and modest income from utility franchise fees, we are very happy to pay as much as possible towards your fire coverage in order to limit the increases our citizens have from the fire department. Unfortunately, all utilities have seen dramatic increases, and our fire expenses are impacted by the dramatic increases in the appraised value of our homes. We are charged the same rate from the fire department that the citizens inside Emergency Services District One are charged. We are in the process of evaluating this process and will report back to you in the future. Additionally, we are working with local and county officials to determine the cost for an animal control contract. Hopefully we can put something in place in the near future.

Best wishes to all of you for a wonderful fall! The leaves will begin to turn, and Old Man Winter is just around the corner. Be safe and stay well.

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