

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

December 2021 and January 2022

Hello Everyone,

Thanksgiving is past, the food was great, it was great to see the family, the nap between pieces of pie was great, and it was good to just have time to enjoy it all. Now onto Christmas, food, family, pie, nap, pie... kind of the same except the gifts, lights, tree, shopping, snow, Santa, chaos. Except for celebrating the birth of the Savior, I really do like Thanksgiving better. Need I say more?

I was asked to give an idea of what we are working on at City Hall. So here is an overview: new culvert on Jones street, planning for a new bridge and repairing the old one into a walking bridge at the south end of downtown, finishing up reviewing and updating the entire ordinance book, adding a museum ordinance, updating our water system to use an air filtration system (thus using less chemicals), working out a deal with the railroad to add a 60' wide strip to Memorial Park, working on new contracts with Timber Ridge, trying to deal with bad drivers running the stop sign by the school, still dealing with FEMA on Derecho damage, trying to get folks to help the town to look cleaner and more inviting, dealing with nuisance abatements, getting ready for budget meetings, finishing up on the catalyst grant for the new pizza place ("I hope it is open by the time you read this"), and working on next year's Big Day. I probably forgot some things, but that is what comes to mind off the top of my head.

Winter is coming and that means snow. Please be careful driving and remember when the guys need to plow, help by not having your vehicle in the way; it's easier on everybody.

Have a wonderful celebration of Christmas and have a blessed New year.

As always, thank you for your time.

Lonnie