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Mayor Ortt Releases 2012 Budget

NORTH TONAWANDA—Mayor Robert G. Ortt on Monday delivered his proposed 2012 budget to the Common Council. Key highlights of the budget includes: no tax increase for property owners, restructuring of City departments, and the transfer of 911 dispatch services to Niagara County. The 911 transfer alone results in a savings of \$282K.

Overall spending is down over \$500,000 in the General, Water & Sewer Funds when compared to the adopted 2011 budget. Also, the General Fund Subsidy was eliminated for the Water & Sewer Funds in order to move these funds closer toward self sustainability.

There were thirteen (13) City employees who accepted a retirement incentive offered this summer, thereby having a total of thirty-four (34) full-time positions which have been reduced in the City workforce over the past two years under Ortt's administration. The reduction in workforce has resulted in roughly \$1.3 Million dollars in salaries saved.

"This budget balances the need to provide the best in fundamental services, while reducing overall spending by over a half million dollars, and not raising property taxes," stated Mayor Ortt.

The Common Council is expected to review the Mayor's proposed budget and adopt a final budget on or before the November 15th deadline.

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