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Mayor Ortt Releases 2013 Budget

NORTH TONAWANDA—Mayor Robert G. Ortt on Monday released his proposed 2013 budget to the Common Council. Key highlights of the budget includes: no tax increase for property owners, no increase to water or sewer fees, as well as further restructuring of City departments.

Ortt's budget calls for over \$825K for continued road and sidewalk repair. In addition, \$25K was allocated for 1,000 more 35 gallon recycling totes which have been a success during a recent pilot program initiated in 2012.

Eleven (11) City employees accepted a retirement incentive offered this summer; five (5) which were not replaced in the Mayor's proposed budget; an estimated savings of \$260,000. Over the past three years, over fifty (50) full-time positions have been eliminated from the City workforce, a better than 20% workforce reduction. The projected savings, based on an average City salary of \$52,000, is \$2.6 million dollars.

"I am proud to present a fiscally responsible budget that does not raise taxes and which continues to invest taxpayer dollars in an efficient and responsible manner," 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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