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Mayor Ortt Releases 2015 Budget

NORTH TONAWANDA—Mayor Robert G. Ortt on Wednesday released his proposed 2015 budget to the Common Council. This budget builds on the continued success of the previous four years, marking the fourth consecutive budget with no tax increases. The budget also includes no increases on water or sewer fees and key improvements to city infrastructure.

Ortt's budget allows for the city to pay the employer's contribution to the NYS Retirement System in full, rather than paying interest on any deferment. Mayor Ortt's budget also calls for over \$900K for continued road and sidewalk repair, \$710K in repairs and infrastructure needs at the water and wastewater plants, \$200K in storm sewer separation, and \$530 in public safety equipment are among just some of the highlights for the proposed budget.

The Mayor's budget also includes a department structural change that will benefit the city with the operations of the tree trimming unit. In addition, there will be some additional positions added to various city departments.

"I am proud to present a fiscally responsible budget that continues our record of success, holding the line on taxes and investing responsibly in our community. Here in North Tonawanda, we are continuing to govern within our means while investing 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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