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**To:** Mayor Nystrom and members of the City Council  
**From:** John Salomone, City Manager  
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Welcome to the second official meeting of the new City Council. I hope you all enjoyed the last meeting. I would like to thank my assistant, Jacquie Barbarossa, City Clerk, Betsy Barrett and Bonnie Cuprak for organizing the meeting. Thank you to all the family members, friends, former mayors & local dignitaries who attended. Special thanks to Rabbi Rabinowitz for the opening prayer, City Assessor Donna Ralston, for singing the national anthem, Norwich Police Color Guard, Police and Fire Chiefs, Norwich Firefighter Chris Paige, bagpiper and member of the New London Firefighter Pipes & Drums for your participation in this memorable evening. Thank you to LeFrancois Floral & Gifts for the beautiful flower arrangements and Norwich Technical School for the delicious treats for the reception. Also thank you to John Johnson and the building maintenance staff for their assistance for set up and clean up for this event.

Pension negotiations were held December 6<sup>th</sup> and December 13<sup>th</sup>. A HSA (Health Savings Account) presentation was held for the Public Works Union on December 14<sup>th</sup>.

The Recreation Department announced their on-line program registration on December 11th. Residents can now register for current programs from the City's website.

The City will be converting to the new and improved website on the evening of December 18th. There was a small setback due to some minor page design issues that have since been corrected. Please check out the new site along with the new boat launch web camera made possible by the Harbor Management Commission.

Effective January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2018 taxpayers will be able to pay their tax bills at any People's Bank Branch for the months of January and July as long as their bill is current. The Tax Office will also be using the "lockbox" system from Peoples Bank to process payments more quickly. Both of these services will save processing time to allow the City quicker investment of funds, customer convenience and more efficient service with no additional fees to the city. People's Bank is our Treasury Management Banking Partner which assists the City's with its financial goals.

Congratulations to Alan Bush from the Clerk's Office and Joe Cooper from Public Works. Alan is retiring at the end of the year with 12 years of service and Joe is retiring with 10 years of service with the City. We wish them both well.