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To: Mayor Nystrom and members of the City Council
From: John Salomone, City Manager
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I held interviews for the Harbor Management Commission.

I met with staff regarding the 3.2 million bond approved by voters in November 2017 to purchase five firetrucks and radio equipment. The 3.2 million fire bond will pay for the volunteer department's vehicles as follows: an engine tanker for East Great Plains, a rescue pumper and squad vehicle for Taftville, and pumper trucks for Yantic and Laurel Hill. The five new trucks will be replacing 6 vehicles to be removed from service.

I attended a meeting at the Emergency Operation Center (EOC) on January 3rd to prepare for the snow storm which was forecasted for the 4th of January. Willimantic Waste delayed trash Collection for another day and the media was notified. Due to the timing of the storm and the amount of snow predicted City Hall was closed on Thursday, January 4th while essential employees were stationed at the EOC. The parking ban went into effect and SEAT bus service was temporarily suspended. No power outages occurred but there was a damaged water main that disrupted service for approximately 120 customers in the East Great Plains area. The EOC was deactivated at 6 pm on Thursday. I would like to thank Emergency Operations Director, Chief Ken Scandariato and NPU Assistant General Manager, Chris Riley and staff that operated the EOC, and staff from NPU, Norwich Public Works, Norwich Police and Norwich Fire Departments that kept our streets clean and safe during and after the storm.

I met with Bob Mills from NCDC on January 9th for a monthly update.

My assistant and I met with Jim O'Shea of Achievement Unlimited of CT our facilitator for the Special Meeting of the Council on January 20th to discuss a work plan for the day and what would be expected from him.

I attended the Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration at Norwich Free Academy on Friday, January 12th along with Bill Nash, President Pro-Tempore who presented proclamations at the event.

The EOC was not activated for the January 12th and 13th rain storm event. Although there was much rain, no ice blockage on the river impeded river flows and no area flooding occurred.