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To: Mayor Nystrom and members of the City Council
From: John Salomone, City Manager
Subject: City Manager's Report
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Tracy Montoya's swearing in ceremony was held on Thursday, January 31st. Tracy is a 27 year veteran of the department and the City's 22nd Fire Chief. Congratulations to Chief Montoya. We wish him continued success with his career with the City of Norwich.

The Human Resources Department *Reasonable Suspicion Training* was held January 28-31st with a total of 69 employees attending the course.

City Hall Union (ASCME) negotiations were held on January 31st.

I have executed the quitclaim deed for City owned property located at 347 Central Avenue. The developer completed the renovations ahead of schedule and the property will be back on the City's tax rolls.

I have called for an Informational Meeting/Workshop of the City Council to be held on Saturday, February 9th at 9 am at Foundry 66 on Franklin Street. The purpose is to review and update the short and long term priorities from the Goal Setting and Strategic Planning Session that was held in January and March of 2018.

The City participated in the collection of nonperishable food for the staff and families that were not being paid at the United States Coast Guard due to the government shutdown. Thank you to those that contributed to those in their time of need.

Uncas Health District has offered a smoking cessation class to city employees and is coordinating through my office.

My assistant, Jacquie Barbarossa and Facilities & Grounds Manager, John Johnson have been meeting with actor and producer, Greg Natcher for filming locations for a Hallmark Christmas movie called *Holiday for Heroes*. Filming has begun in local towns and scenes will be filmed around Norwich and at City Hall this week.

During the month of January 2019, the City collected \$20.5 million in tax revenue. There were 395 payments totaling \$2.009 million received via People's Bank lock box service and 376 payments made via their in branch payment service for a total of \$562 thousand. People's Bank total lock box and in branch payments totaled 1,771 payments for \$2.6 million. Additionally \$6.857 million was collected via wire in tax payments and approximately \$3 million in escrow payments were paid by banks via check and processed by the tax office. In total, \$12.4 million or 60.0% of total revenue was collected via People's Bank services, electronically and Bank check escrow payments with the remaining 40.0% or \$8.1 million via the tax office window.