

MAYOR'S REPORT  
FEBRUARY 2016

By Mayor Robert M. Weger

I was pleased to offer our State of the Cities Address to the Community at the Willoughby-Western Lake County Chamber of Commerce and Willoughby Rotary's event this month. I recapped the past year with the following:

Finance

- Acknowledged our receipt of the State Auditor's Award of Excellence
- Acknowledged our carry over balance

Court

- State that the Court saw a revenue of \$1,244,945 from the 6,808 cases heard in 2015

Building Department

- Stated that the Building Department has generated over \$131,000 in revenue with 414 building permits issued.
- Stated 16 new home permits were issued.
- Stated 507 building/plumbing inspections and 98 electrical inspections were performed.

Recreation Department

- Mentioned several Sports and Recreation events serving our City and providing revenue.
- Rentals totaled \$68,259 in 2015, up from \$64,910.50 in 2014.

Service Department

- Continues to perform sewer inspections throughout the city.
- Expecting March delivery of a new salt truck, and expect to purchase a ¾ ton truck in 2016.
- Plan to replace all of the lights in City Hall with LED lighting for cost savings

Fire Department

- Currently employs 10 full-time fire personnel and 27 part-time personnel.
- Fire Chief Harmon expected to retire in May 2016; will be seeking replacement.
- Fire Department responded to 1,669 emergencies in 2015.

- Acquired two Stryker power cots and one power load system in 2015, with grant assistance.
- Purchased 27 Scott Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) cylinders.

### Police Department

- Currently employees 19 full-time officers, 10 part-time officers, 7 dispatchers, and one administrative staff.
- In 2015, there were 19,849 calls into the Dispatch Center, of which 16,991 were Police calls for service. There were 7,740 traffic citations, 562 minor misdemeanor citations and 1,697 written warnings.
- There were a total of 216 crashes in 2015.
- Arrests in 2015: 241 misdemeanors, 74 felonies and 74 warrant arrests.
- Top priority continues to be those crimes that affect the safety, welfare and quality of life in our community.
- In 2015, two Ford SUV Police cars were added to the fleet and new in-car video systems were installed to aid in the documenting activities during traffic stops and arrests.
- In 2015, the Police Department played a vital role in the community's Safety Town Program and "Kids Print" ID card program.

I am proud of the fine work that all of our departments are providing to the residents of Willoughby Hills. We will continue to work to keep "Residents First."