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CITY OF PICKERINGTON MONTHLY UPDATE

- **Land Deal** that involves a site for a new water tower near the Metro Fitness should be finalized in the near future.
- **New City Engineer** – 26 resumes have been received for the position. A panel will be interviewing the top seven finalists, and then the top five will be forwarded to City Council for their review and final selection
- **RFP for Energy Aggregation Services** has been provided to at least five firms that have expressed interest in providing this service to our community. A draft RFP for citizen surveying services was also provided to firms that contacted us regarding this project. A staff recommendation on both of these issues will be provided to City Council in the near future.
- **Deadline for Pool Manager Applications** – Deadline for Pool Manager Applications was March 2. The interview process produced a quality candidate and a conditional offer has been made. The new pool manager will participate in hiring of lifeguards and concession staff. The issue of replacing drain grates to comply with a new federal regulation is in process. It appears likely that the pool will be drained in late March to examine the existing system to reach a final decision as to what needs to be done. City of Pickerington residents and 2008 pool pass holders may purchase 2009 Season Passes starting March 16, 2009. The pass sale begins on March 18, 2009 for non-residents. The application is available online at www.pickerington.net. The Spring Recreation Program is complete and was offered as an insert in the Pickerington Times-Sun newspaper as a cost savings measure.
- **Residential Inspection Fee** – Fees for the inspection of minor residential modifications, such as hot water heater replacement, have been suspended at this time. Council's Safety Committee is reviewing a presentation from City Building officials and State officials concerning the new requirements. Notice of findings, and the new schedule, will be sent in utility bills.
- **Red-light Cameras** – Pickerington Police Chief Taylor has asked that Council remove the issue of red-light cameras for traffic enforcement from consideration. Council accepted this new staff recommendation by a 6-1 vote.
- **Fairfield County Board of Health** – A proposed contract has been drafted for the City's consideration and a meeting has been scheduled for March 31, 2009 to review and discuss. City Manager Tim Hansley and Pickerington's Health Department representative Linda Fersch have been invited together with representatives from Lancaster. This proposal can then be compared to the contract proposal requested from Franklin County. The Mayor is a member of the District Advisory Council to the Board of Health and is working to assure that the City provides the most cost efficient and contemporary health services to the residents.

- **Farmers' Market** – City Planning and Zoning Director Lance Schultz will be reviewing a proposal for a farmers' market to be located on the City-owned bus lot on North Center Street in the Olde Village.
- **Tax Enforcement letters** – There have been nearly 100 tax enforcement letters sent out, and this effort has been extremely successful in collecting unpaid taxes. Also, the annual state audit will commence in the next few weeks.
- **Special Event Application** – The Finance Committee will be entertaining discussion with respect to the Special Events Planning Guide. The guide assists event planners and City staff in preparing for street closures, rental fees for the use of City equipment, scheduling and paying for police overtime and in permits and inspection fees for equipment and utilities used in events. Due to concerns raised by Council, the Finance Committee will consider oversight of review and approval of the event applications, as opposed to being reviewed and approved by staff. Council will strive to adopt a policy that is fair and consistent in regard to which events are supported financially and those that are charged for the costs of City services (profit or non-profit sponsors). Council would also consider the impact of the decisions on an operating budget that has been reduced in the areas of police overtime, park staffing, etc.
- **Letters of Commendation** – Pickerington Mayor Mitch O'Brien presented Letters of Commendation to Police Chief Taylor and Fire Chief Eisel at the March 17th meeting citing their accomplishments, professionalism, and teamwork in solving the issues that plagued Pickerington High School Central.
- Ordinance passed to authorize City Manager to enter into a contract with Neptune Equipment Company to continue updates and replacement of water meter equipment.
- Ordinance passed approving the rezoning of 5.82 acres from C-2 limited commercial (Violet Township) to C-3 Community commercial located at the NE corner of Refugee Road and Milnor Road intersection (in accordance with a pre-annexation agreement).
- Resolution authorizing the petition for annexation of 4.088 acres more or less located in Violet Township to City of Pickerington (swimming pool).

Continuation of this correspondence will be based on demand. We encourage all residents to sign up for email delivery but also to suggest items of interest that we can report to you and keep you updated as to the news in the City of Pickerington.

Respectfully,

Mitch O'Brien
Mayor of Pickerington