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Mayor's Report February 11, 2010

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- Special Council Meeting on Feb 2nd
- Wage & Salary meeting postponed
- See letter to JR Rayes (attached), sent Friday
- Meeting with JR and City Administrator, time to be set prior to next Council Meeting.
 - * JR is opposed to the lease idea, it felt to him like we were no longer trying to secure our risk, but were trying to make money and take advantage of the fact that we have his \$50,000.
 - * We have discussed several issues that might be misconceptions of both parties; one is the motives for the lease idea which was intended to be a fair option so that he would be able to write off the expense, the other being the value of that write off would be very minimal. Also the actual cost of closing the street. His estimates and ours varied widely. Greg is going to see if we can get a written estimate for Council. The third misconception according to JR is the cost of the bond, which he estimates at \$652.00 a year. Greg is calling Bianca to get from her a written estimate for a bond of that size (if it were available)
 - * I made a strong point to JR that the City's bottom line is to secure there risk in his business venture and that we were willing to negotiate a fair settlement.
 - * He has offered 2 additional options; \$10,000 given to the City that we could invest and grow to pay for possible restoration of the street, or \$20,000 that would be kept as a deposit that would be returned at the end of the 10 years. He would then seek a bond to replace this money as soon as he was able.
 - * It is my opinion that we continue to negotiate this issue to find something that secures our risk and allows Sunoco to be successful. We want to be known as a community that does not micro manage businesses but allows them to be succeed for that is ultimately good for us.
- See letter from Randy (attached) about his concerns with raise Council approved at the meeting on January 25th
- Also note my reply (Attached). It is my intent to speak to Phil Costello before the scheduled Council meeting to find out if we should wait to give Randy the raise until the contracts are negotiated in July. Expect more details Thursday.

- To attend Monroe Co. Planning Meeting Wednesday Feb. 10th where Randy Mielnik will present the City's Master Plan to the County Planning Commission.
- I would like to adjust the agenda of Council meetings to include **one** Community Input time just **prior to Council Action**. I believe that this will allow residents to hear all the information and discussions by Council members and allow them time to form thoughts to share just before we take action on items. Time would still be limited to 5 minutes. I believe that this is what the public is asking. I am preparing this agenda to include this adjustment, but it is the duty of the Council to approve the change during the Approval of the Consent Agenda.
- Consumer's Energy has offered to pay the registration fees for 2 members of Council to attend the Small Town and Rural Development Conference that will be taking place in April in Crustal Mountain – Thompsonville, Mi (Southwest of Traverse City) See attached information.