



Mayor's Newsletter

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As I'm writing this newsletter, we are preparing for overnight temperatures that could dip into the mid 20's. I'm sure I join the rest of you in recalling the historic freezing temperatures we endured a year ago. The memory of 56 hours without power and the discovery of four broken water pipes in our home is still very fresh in my mind.

In the aftermath of that winter storm, our city government reviewed the lessons learned and adjusted our emergency planning to improve our response in a similar event in the future. While our staff did a great job keeping the city safe and getting water service back faster than nearly any other city in the region, I am confident that we are even better prepared today.

When I joined our city council in 2017, one of my priorities was to make city government more accessible to our citizens. In early 2018, we took a big step toward achieving this goal by broadcasting our meetings online. While the system we use today has served us well for four years, you have likely noticed the occasional technical issues which sometimes prevent a live broadcast or even fail to save the video archive for posting later.

We're currently looking at investing in new equipment that is more reliable and provide a much better experience for citizens watching online. Cities such as Bellaire, Abilene and Cleburne are currently using the same system from Swagit Productions, and I have been very impressed with the results they have achieved. The cost of the new system will be covered using funds restricted to public access broadcasting. Keep an eye out in the coming months for that change.

Finally, I'm looking forward to meeting with citizens on Thursday, February 17th at 7:00pm at the Jersey Village Civic Center for my quarterly town hall. If you can't make it to this one, I'll have another one in May. Keep an eye on a future newsletter for the date and time.

Your neighbor,

Bobby Warren
Mayor