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Dwayne Cole, Mayor

Mayor's Report
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"February made me shiver..." Once again, February was a difficult winter month with sleet, freezing rain, cancellations, and closings. Ice caused much damage to trees, power lines, and personal property. Our Public Works, Fire and Police Departments worked tirelessly to clear streets and keep us safe. Many thanks to each employee for your efforts during this time. Due to the number of downed trees and tree limbs, we are currently working on a plan to provide roadside pick-up of storm damage debris. More information will follow as details are finalized.

As previously discussed, we have a commitment from our Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS) to perform a street condition survey. This survey will examine every street, give each street a condition rating and recommend those needing immediate attention. This survey is scheduled to begin in March and will take several weeks to complete.

Blue Oval City, the newly announced Ford plant to be built on I-40, continues to be a major topic of discussion for us. The impact to Munford and our neighboring cities in Tipton County will be significant and we are meeting with officials to discuss strategies to prepare for the expected residential and commercial growth. Tipton County Executive Jeff Huffman is assisting us in our efforts to provide infrastructure improvements needed to meet the increased demand.

Wendy's Fast-Food Restaurant received their "Certificate of Occupancy" last week and should be opening very soon. The crossover on Highway 51 has been expanded and improved for easy entrance to the site. We look forward to welcoming Wendy's very soon!

Budget season is upon us, and every city department is working on their budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Budgeting is always a challenging process, with needs outpacing resources, but our Department Heads always do a great job of prioritizing. We are hoping to present the first reading of the 2023 Budget at the May meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen. The Budget Ordinance requires two readings to pass, with the second reading scheduled for the June meeting,

Munford High School student Wemawmungu Muktani, better known as Mo, won the state wrestling championship in 132 pounds Class A for Tennessee! Congratulations Mo!

While I usually focus on information relating to Munford, I'd like to ask all our citizens and friends across our region to join together to pray for the people of Ukraine. As you know, Russia has invaded their land and threatens to destroy the country. While Ukrainians are heroically standing strong and firm in their opposition against strongman Vladimir Putin, they need our prayers. Please join me on March 1-3 from 10 AM until 12 Noon in private prayer for these brave souls.

Warm regards,
Dwayne Cole, Mayor