It is my honor and privilege as Mayor of the City of Delphos to give the 2013 State of the City address. This is required by Ohio Revised Code 733.41 and is given at the first council meeting of the new year.

Once again the economic problems persist for all communities in Ohio with funding cuts to local government funds, estate taxes being done away with and property values falling. The cities have had to find ways to continue services with less money. The City of Delphos and its employees continue to give the best service possible to our citizens.

The police department and the fire and rescue department were busy again this past year. Both departments provided excellent service under extreme circumstances when we had the derico storm go through Delphos on June 29. Both departments were also involved with the first Bunge Safety Day at Stadium Park. Bunge takes safety very seriously and wants to teach Ag safety to the elementary students of Delphos.

Through November, the police department employees have made 6,914 separate calls for service, took 751 written reports, made 531 arrests and handled 115 car accidents. Some of those numbers are down from last year because of the aggressive drug enforcement that Delphos and the West Central Ohio Task Force did to put the offenders in jail. The police are working with the schools to implement the three-phases of the Alice Training (Active Shooter Training). They also are providing the DNA identification kits for all kindergarten students and gave anti-drug presentations to an estimated 200 elementary students. A special thanks to all who have made a donation to the department. The department received approximately $18,070 in donations and grants to help cover those expenses.

Members of the Delphos Fire and Rescue Department made close to 1,300 calls for service in Delphos and parts of Marion and Washington Townships. EMS rescue accounted for 83 percent of those calls. Three part-paid (volunteer) firemen retired in 2012. Together they had 97 years of experience. The department also hosted the 2012 NOVFA (Northwest Ohio Volunteer Firefighters Association) Convention in June.

The Parks and Recreation Department continued to provide Delphos with great recreation

programs and beautiful parks. The pool, which operated from May 26 through Aug. 22, had an attendance of 19,500. The football stadium hosted 53 games and received new fencing and gates on the east end. Other improvements to the parks include more sidewalks poured, repainting the pool slide and renovation of the pool walls and liner. A special thanks to the Arnold C. Dienstberger Foundation, the Eagles Ladies Auxiliary and the many other donations we received to help defray the cost of the pool walls. Without those donations, the pool may not have been in operation. Garfield Park received a complete makeover and a Frisbee golf course was added at Leisure Park. These improvements were made possible by donations and many volunteer hours. Thank you to all who made this possible.

Delphos continues to have the best and safest drinking water in the area. The city manufactured over 333,000,000 gallons in 2012. The department has reactivated the carbon in the second carbon tank in 2012. Divers cleaned and inspected the two 64,000 gallon CO2 basins. The distribution system has been extended by another 2,645 feet.

The Wastewater Department applied and received its new NPDES permit. It allows the city 59 months to use its existing discharge limits and optimize plant equipment for more astringent limits on the next permit cycle. The Seventh Street lift station was rebuilt. This station handles most of the east side of Delphos. Collections employees responded to 33 sewer calls, jetted 8,304 feet of sewer, and videoed 4,029 feet of sewer and repaired 41 catch basins.

The Maintenance Department continues to take care of our streets, alleys and traffic signals along with the repair and maintenance of the water and sewer systems. The department assisted with 11 sewer repairs, 2 main line water breaks, 7 service lines repaired and 11 new water taps. The maintenance department responded to 462 OUPS calls to mark digging locations. Being that 2012 was a mild winter, the maintenance department employees only plowed twice and salted and put brine down eight times. Weather permitting, they patched streets and alleys using 5,746 gallons of tar and 394 tons of stone. Employees also graded street fronts and alleys using another 168 tons of stone. The city contracted with Allen County to tar and chip some streets and paint lines on many of our streets.

One of the biggest jobs was the cleanup after the storm on June 29. It took weeks and the city ended up with a parking lot full of debris. We contracted with Siefker Sawmill for their large chipper and the maintenance department had a skidloader, two backhoes and two dump trucks working for two solid days to clean it up.

The storm of June 29 cost the city approximately $194,000 in labor, equipment rental for clean up, fuel for generators for five days of operation, damages to structures, etc. The city will receive approximately $21,000 from the insurance carrier and approximately $53,000 in reimbursement from FEMA.

The city received $162,000 in grant money from the Ohio Public Works Commission in 2012 for the Elida Avenue Widening and Resurfacing Project.

The city received another $54,000 in ARRA moneys which allowed the city to increase its solar panel capacity.

The staff at the city building continues to lend their administrative support to make Delphos succeed. They handle many citizen concerns and pass them along to the appropriate departments.

City council introduced 47 pieces of legislation and passed a temporary 2013 budget estimated at over $17,000,000.

I would like to thank everyone for their hard work and dedication to the City of Delphos. We look forward to serving the citizens in 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael H. Gallmeier

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