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### **Mayor's Report – Read at March 13, 2023 Common Council Meeting**

After tonight's closed session, the Common Council voted to hire an outside CPA firm to conduct an enhanced audit within very specific areas of our financial records. We have engaged a firm which specializes in conducting these types of audits for municipal governments.

The purpose of the enhanced audit is to explore several discrepancies identified in working with our standard auditor, Baker Tilly, during their recent annual review of our books and records inside City Hall.

These discrepancies are significant enough that they also require referral to independent, outside legal agencies from both the County and the State. As a result, there is currently an open and ongoing investigation relating to Mayville's financial dealings.

Our hope is that any flagged audit results can be attributed to simple mistakes or incompetency by former City employees, rather than to something more insidious.

Regardless of the ultimate outcome, this enhanced audit and legal investigation are prudent steps that will result in many process improvements and greater transparency to the public going forward.

2023 will be a transition year. As such, each month our City Clerk and Comptroller/Treasurer will roll out new controls and measures that will benefit the taxpayers and the City of Mayville alike for years to come.

To protect the integrity of the investigation, we are currently not able to share further specifics with the public regarding what was found that necessitated taking these measures, but we will keep the community briefed appropriately as we are able.

The public, Common Council, as well as City staff are directed to contact either myself or Chief Toellner, should you have any questions in the interim.

- Mayor John Guinn