

July 2025 Mayor's Report

I want to begin by thanking the **Rock-N-Boom Committee** for all their hard work in organizing one of the best Fourth of July celebrations in the area. A heartfelt thank you along with our generous sponsors, with **Metal Craft of Mayville** as the primary sponsor. Your support and donations made this year's event possible.

As you may know, this annual celebration costs between **\$20,000 and \$25,000**. Without the dedication of volunteers and the generosity of our sponsors, this truly **All-American hometown celebration** wouldn't be possible. Thank you all for helping us create something our community can be proud of and enjoy.

The **Mayville Police and Fire Commission** has appointed **Jeff Engel** as our new **Fire Chief**. I'm confident that Chief Engel will do a fantastic job leading the Fire Department into the future and continuing to protect the residents of Mayville. Congratulations, Chief Engel!

At the same time, we say a bittersweet farewell to our long-time **EMS Director Christine Churchill**. Christine has served this community for decades with unwavering dedication. She has played a vital role in building Mayville EMS into one of the best emergency service departments in Dodge County. On behalf of the City, I thank you Christine for your outstanding service and commitment. We wish you the very best.

Last month, the **Federal Social Security Administration** released a report warning that Social Security funding may run out within **eight years** unless Congress acts. Because many of our residents rely on or will soon rely on Social Security, I've asked the **City Council** to pass a resolution in support of preserving Social Security for future generations.

Although local governments typically avoid federal political issues, this directly impacts our residents. If passed, I will be sending the resolution, along with a letter of support, to **Congressman Grothman's office**, urging swift legislative action. **Congress must act now.**

A few months ago, I was approached by a new health care provider interested in presenting their rates and plans for city employees. Discussions like these can be sensitive, as they affect our current employees and their sense of stability. However, as Mayor, it's my responsibility to explore all viable options, especially considering that health care costs the city nearly \$600,000 annually.

We will evaluate any proposals thoroughly and share updates with the City Council during our upcoming budget discussions.

Our annual Board of Review was held last month, and no residents challenged their property assessments this year. However, we discovered that our city's assessed property values are currently at 77% of fair market value. This is a significant drop from a few years ago when our values had been updated to 100% after a revaluation.

As a result, the **Wisconsin Department of Revenue** has notified us that they will conduct their own assessment in August to compare their findings with those of the City's assessor.

This concludes my report for July. As always, thank you for your support, and I hope to see you around town—don't hesitate to say hello!

Mayor Rob