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Dear Finlayson Resident,

As 2024 comes to a close, I want to thank everyone who contributed to making this year a success for our community. From events to infrastructure, Finlayson has continued to grow and thrive thanks to the efforts of its residents and organizations.

The Community Club brought us one of the largest Fourth of July celebrations in years and hosted Trunk or Treat and Santa Days for our youngsters. The Lion's Club made the municipal bar a hub of fun with bingo, meat raffles, and more, while the Sportsman's Club, flower club, and Fire & Rescue team each played vital roles in keeping our community engaged, beautiful, and safe.

This year, the City Council welcomed new staff, including a city auditor, engineering service, clerk, deputy clerk, bar manager, cooks and bartenders. The Planning Commission began updating the city's Comprehensive Plan, set to be completed in 2025. Your input through the recent community survey has been invaluable, and there's still time to submit yours if you haven't already.

We also celebrated growth with new homes in the Broadway Street development, the opening of TableTalk offering unique gifts and friendly conversation, and community initiatives like monthly community dinners at the Methodist Church and charitable quilt-making by the Peace Lutheran ladies' group. The "Friends of Historic Finlayson", a new 501.3c non-profit group, is planning exciting restorations to our Depot near the Fire Hall. All of these efforts demonstrate the vibrancy and heart of Finlayson.

Looking ahead, we'll focus on updating the Comprehensive Plan, revising key ordinances, and developing a Capital Improvement Plan to guide future infrastructure projects. I encourage you to get involved by attending public meetings, joining committees, or volunteering for community events.

On behalf of the City Council, Liz Kelly, our Clerk, and Angela Jansen, our Deputy Clerk, I wish you and your family a safe, healthy, and prosperous New Year. Thank you for helping make Finlayson a wonderful place to live.

Warm regards,

Dave Auchter, Mayor
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Liz Kelly, City Clerk
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