



FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

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Dear Residents,

Fourth Quarter & Year-End 2025 City Summary

As we closed out the fourth quarter of 2025, the City of Dardenne Prairie continued steady progress across operations, infrastructure, and community engagement. The year reflected responsible planning, modernization of city services, and targeted investments that support our community's quality of life while preparing for 2026.

Fourth Quarter Activity Snapshot (October–December 2025)

During the final quarter of the year, the City remained active across development, governance, and service delivery:

- 230 inspections completed
- 12 Board of Aldermen meetings, including work sessions
- 3 Planning and Zoning Commission meetings
- 13 ordinances and resolutions adopted; 4 reviewed but not adopted

These efforts reflect continued oversight of development activity and policy review.

Modernizing City Operations

- Upgraded all City computers to Windows 11 to enhance security and reliability
- Modernized Conference Room and Boardroom technology to support meetings and public engagement
- Migrated employee records to Office 365 cloud storage for improved security and accessibility

Infrastructure and Public Works

- Successfully transitioned to a third-party snow removal provider following the County's discontinuation of service, with procedures continuing to be refined
- Completed overlay and striping improvements on Highway N (Town Square Avenue) to enhance roadway safety and longevity

Community Engagement and Quality of Life

- Hosted a Free Paper Shredding Event to support resident safety and environmental stewardship
- Celebrated the season with the Salvation Army Tree Lighting and Santa Visit

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- Continued the Breakfast with Santa Fundraiser, a long-standing community tradition

These events reinforced the strong sense of connection that defines Dardenne Prairie.

Fiscal Responsibility & 2026 Planning

The Board adopted the 2026 Annual Budget & Capital Plan which includes:

- Veterans Honor Program – A permanent Wall of Honor at City Hall and seasonal Veteran Tribute Banners
- BaratHaven Park Improvements – ADA-accessible fishing dock, lake aeration system, new trailhead, and planning for future amenities
- America's 250th Celebration – Planning underway for a July 4, 2026 community concert and fireworks event
- City Hall Upgrades – HVAC replacement, roof repairs, and carpet replacement
- Road Projects – Continued progress on Post Road and Weldon Spring improvements, with future funding pursuits underway

2025 Year-End By the Numbers

- 1,116 inspections completed
- 498 permits issued
- 25 Board of Aldermen meetings and 22 work sessions
- 65 ordinances and resolutions adopted
- 11 Planning & Zoning Commission meetings and 3 work sessions
- 178 business licenses issued
- 27 liquor licenses across 15 local businesses

Thank you to our residents, volunteers, and City staff for their continued service and commitment. Together, we are preserving what makes Dardenne Prairie unique while planning responsibly for the future.

Sincerely,
Keith Widaman
Mayor, City of Dardenne Prairie