STATE OF THE CITY

When I was first elected Mayor of the City of Church Hill in 2000, the City's annual budget was $3,200,963, and our assets were valued at $11,465,906.

This year, 2026, our annual budget is $7,326,419 while our assets are valued at $30,275,684. We have 27 full-time and 18 seasonal employees

In the past 10 years alone, we have:

A. Purchased 10 Police, Sewer & City vehicles valued at $371,807.
B. Purchased 4 Garbage & Brush Trucks valued at $895,058
C. Acquired 2 Fire Trucks valued at $291,500
D. Purchased Sewer Cameras, Mowers and Excavation Equipment valued at $294,134
E. Purchased 3 Vans, a Commercial Freezer and a Coffee Machine for Senior Center valued at $128,478

That's a total, for vehicles and equipment, of $1,980,977, of which $660,264 came from grants we applied for!

Our Infrastructure expenditures over the past 20+ years have been as follows:

A. Splash Pad & Derrick Park: $499,338
B. Holliston Mills Park: $1,547,366
C. Paving Existing Streets & Parking Lots: $2,825,081
D. Upgrades to Sewer Operating Facilities: $2,702,025
E. New roofing, gutters & windows on this building: $76,985
F. New HVAC unit, Gutters, Downspouts, Pressure Washed and Painted Outside of Building at Senior Center: $69,452
G. Completed construction of Pickleball Courts: $236,057
H. New Stepper Machine and Updated Treadmills at Fitness Center $8,150
I. New Sewer Pump Panels: 155,000

J. Created Senior Center, Fitness Center and house the Church Hill Library.
K. New building for Police Department and added Fire Station Two Building.

That's a total infrastructure of expenditures of $7,881,146! Also aided by grants totaling $3,695,580.

We have increased employees' wages by $1/hour for full-time and $.50/hour for part-time employees and anticipate increasing that in the next year.

Our Sewer Rate has remained the same, after a small increase in 2018.

Our Tax Rate has remained low since 2021, ranging from 1.10% to the current rate of 0.64%. Because of inflation's impact on our annual expenses, that rate will have to increase in order to maintain our current level of service. At the current rate; Property Value of $100,000 brings in $640 in revenue. The previous rate would bring in $1,100 per $100,000. A difference of $460 per $100,000.

Our Interest earned City Wide since 2015 is $281,690 and the interest earned from CD's in the last two years is $717,435; Totaling $999,125.

We currently have available operating funds of $13,650,912.60, plus depreciation reserve funds of $1,409,122.45 to replace worn out assets.