

Mayor's Letter 2009-2010

Fiscal year 2009-2010 is the follow up year of our two-year budget cycle. The City is still striving to perfect the two-year budget; forecasting five years and utilizing a consolidated five-year capital improvements plan. This year's budget, more than \$21 million dollars in total, is the first one that has been prepared and balanced entirely by the supervisors, department heads, and other staff members; both a tentative and balanced budget were presented to the legislative body for their review and adoption. It is evident that this process works well and has not only streamlined the budget process, but has also help place responsibility in the hands of those accountable for the budget - the end users.

I would like to offer a sincere thank you to the finance department, elected officials, department heads, supervisors, and all other staff members for your efforts in preparing this year's budget. The past year was certainly not without challenge; in every case, our staff met those challenges head on with satisfactory or better results. My compliments and utmost respect for a job well done; remaining observant, but not overbearing; staying focused, but not micro managing; and being responsibly involved. Even though the financial markets and economy have crumbled all around us, I can report that our base funds are in tact and this year's budget will include increases for all of our employees.

Price City's economy remains stable and in these challenging times we are grateful. We have attracted new businesses and a sizable affordable housing expansion/renovation that will affect more than 140 units. In addition, there are more new housing starts in Price than there have been for many years. We have also made major improvements to our infrastructure, in particular the electrical grid, and the water and sewer distribution systems are scheduled for significant upgrades over the next few years. These improvements will guarantee the quality of life our citizens have come to expect. More than ever before, I believe that Price City is well prepared to deal with growth, and has demonstrated the flexibility to handle the unexpected ups and downs of the economy as they occur.

Price City is managed efficiently, effectively, and in a positive, progressive manner; thus, providing for the health, welfare, and safety of each and every citizen at a minimal cost to the taxpayer. As your governing body, together we do that which we could not do alone. We continue to challenge and improve our government and seek to preserve our rich cultural heritage for future generations.



Joe Piccolo
Mayor