



City of Troy

City Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

Location: Council Chambers, City Municipal Building, 116 East Market Street, Troy, Illinois 62294

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor David Nonn called the City Council meeting to order at 6:30pm and led the aldermen and others present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call in Alphabetical Order

Council Members Present: Mayor David Nonn; Aldermen Dan Dawson, Tim Flint, Elizabeth Hellrung, Nathan Henderson, Sam Italiano, Heather Stirling, and Troy Turner.

Absent: Debbie Knoll

Other City Officials Present: City Administrator Jay Keeven, City Treasurer Kelly Huelsmann, City Clerk Kim Thomas, Chief of Police Chris Wasser, Assistant Chief of Police Andy Evans, Public Works Director Rob Hancock, Building and Zoning Director Ann Byrd, Mayor's Assistant/Deputy Clerk Heather Klueter, City Engineer Tom Cissell, and City Attorney Fred Keck.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes of the January 5, 2026 city council meeting as presented.

Moved by Turner. Second by Italiano. Approved by voice vote.

Communications – to be provided by the City Clerk - none

Citizen Participation

Sixteen members of the Troy community spoke about the possibility of a data center construction within Troy city limits. All who spoke were opposed. Mayor Nonn asked all speakers to keep their comments to three minutes or less. He also requested speakers not readdress a subject already brought up by a previous speaker (such as energy use). He told all citizens present that the council appreciates their involvement. The council, like all members of the community, want what's best for the City of Troy.

[Due to the number of speakers and the length of this block of the meeting, the comments - some paraphrased - are added as an attachment to the minutes.]

Mayor Nonn thanked all speakers for their input and for their concern and involvement in city issues.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Nonn thanked Daisy Girl Scout Troop 019 for their visit to the council meeting. They were here earlier in the meeting but departed during public comment.

City Administrator and City Attorney Comments

City Administrator Comments

FY 2026/2027 Budget - Mr. Keeven is working on the budget. He has 90% of revenues calculated. He should have capitals put together by the end of the week. The police department budget is complete. He still needs to work with Mr. Cissell on Street Department project costs and has not yet started on the Sewer Department budget. Total budget preparation is about 50% complete. Before April, when final approval is required, he will need three, possibly four, presentations to the Finance Committee. Current year budget is currently at 66%. The city is on target with revenues and below projections for expenditures.

City Attorney's Comments

Mr. Keck informed the council that the city got notice from the dispatchers (PBPA). Their current contract expires April 30th. He and Mr. Keeven will get together with them in the next two weeks and report back to the council.

Consent Agenda for December 2025

1. *Treasurer Reports*
2. *Building & Zoning Reports*
3. *Police Report*
4. *Water Plant & Wastewater Treatment Plant Report*

Motion: To approve the consent agenda as presented.

Moved by Italiano. **Second by** Henderson. **Vote:** Motion passed. (Aye = 7; Nay = 0)

Aye: Dawson, Flint, Hellrung, Henderson, Italiano, Stirling, Turner. **Nay:** none.

Administrative and Community Services Committee Report

Planning Commission

The planning commission met Thursday, January 8th. The next planning commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 12, 2026, at 6:30pm.

Building and Zoning Director Report – The department has been working on some incoming businesses.

They have also been working on their budget. They will be closing tomorrow on 107 N. Main Street.

Mrs. Byrd informed the council that the end-of-month recap is designed a bit differently. They have been compiled to create a product that is more comprehensive and easier to compile. [A copy of the report can be found at the city's website on Board Docs (under Agendas/Meetings):

Council Meeting 1/20/2026/Consent Agenda/Building & Zoning Recap]

Finance and Economic Development Committee Report

Bills to be Approved for Payment – January 2026 (Aged Obligation Report)

Computer-run checks from December in the amount of \$614,849.79, manual checks written in December in the amount of \$168,593.38, and payroll expenses for December in the amount of \$473,821.70.

Motion: To approve the Aged Obligation Report as presented, and pay the bills in the amount of \$1,257,264.87.

Moved by Henderson. **Second by** Dawson. **Vote:** Motion passed. (Aye = 7; Nay = 0)

Aye: Dawson, Flint, Hellrung, Henderson, Italiano, Stirling, Turner. **Nay:** none.

Tourism Grant Applications

Applications for tourism grants are available on the city website. The request letter went out via email on January 12th. The application period begins February 3rd. All applications must be returned by February 25th to be considered. They will be reviewed by the Finance Committee on March 2nd, and will be presented to the city council on March 16th.

City Treasurer Report - none

Law Enforcement & Emergency Services Committee Report

Chief of Police Report

Chief Wasser requested 15 minutes for a Law Enforcement Committee meeting on Monday, February 2nd to go over the end-of-year report.

Public Works Committee Report

City Engineer Report

Mr. Cissell briefed the following:

Harvest Pointe Phase 2 – The city is building a retention pond to help with potential flooding issues. He applied for the \$15K Madison County environmental grant to assist with construction costs. He should hear back in a few weeks. The project will be bid on February 12th.

Bouse Road Phase 2 – Whitworth Drive to Formosa Road (STP Grant) – The grant application is ready for submittal with the exception of one more letter of support, which he is waiting on.

Old Troy Road/State Route 162 Roundabout – Right-of-way negotiation phase is ongoing through Lockmueller. Offer letters went out this week.

Troy-O'Fallon Road Sidewalk Extension – An STP Grant application will be submitted for this project. The sidewalk, which currently ends at Turtle Creek, will be extended to Meadowbrooke and Fairoaks, and from Fairoaks to Hampton Glen. A mid-block crossing will also be added about 450 feet northwest of the Meadowbrooke entrance, crossing Troy O'Fallon Road. A resolution of support is on tonight's agenda for council consideration. This resolution will be included in the grant application package. Only one of the two grant applications (this sidewalk extension and Bouse Road, Phase 2) will be given.

PASER Program – The last PASER project to be bid this fiscal year is the Charter Street V-gutter to help with drainage. Bids for this project will open on February 5th.

Utility Poles on Market Street: Alderman Flint asked about utility poles in the city being moved. Mr. Cissell said they are moving the poles in two feet to widen the sidewalk from Hickory to Dewey Street.

Public Works Director Report

- Personnel - Ray Bailey's retirement creates an opening at the wastewater treatment plant. Jerome ____ has been selected to be promoted to wastewater plant operator. His current position as a water and sewer operator. Applications for his vacated position are due January 26th. This will likely be an internal hire.

- Sewer Main Issue on Rose Street (between Sherbourne and South Main Street) – Work began today to repair the sewer main. Project is 90% done and will be completed tomorrow.

Reports of Special Committees (as needed) – none

Unfinished/New Business - none

Ordinances and Resolutions called by the City Clerk, with Citizen Participation

1. *Ordinance 2026-02 - An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of a Water Service Agreement and Pre-Annexation Agreement (1 Barley Drive)*

Motion: To approve Ordinance 2026-02 as presented.

Moved by Stirling. **Second by** Turner.

Discussion: None.

Vote: Motion passed. (Aye = 7; Nay = 0)

Aye: Dawson, Flint, Hellrung, Henderson, Italiano, Stirling, Turner. **Nay:** none

2. *Ordinance 2026-03 - An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of a Water Service Agreement and Pre-Annexation Agreement (8 Longshot Drive)*

Motion: To approve Ordinance 2026-03 as presented.

Moved by Italiano. **Second by** Dawson.

Discussion: None.

Vote: Motion passed. (Aye = 7; Nay = 0)

Aye: Dawson, Flint, Hellrung, Henderson, Italiano, Stirling, Turner. **Nay:** none

3. *Ordinance 2026-04 - An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of a Water Service Agreement and Pre-Annexation Agreement (11 Lake Drive)*

Motion: To approve Ordinance 2026-04 as presented.

Moved by Hellrung. **Second by** Turner.

Discussion: None.

Vote: Motion passed. (Aye = 7; Nay = 0)

Aye: Dawson, Flint, Hellrung, Henderson, Italiano, Stirling, Turner. **Nay:** none

4. *Ordinance 2026-05 - An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of a Water Service Agreement and Pre-Annexation Agreement (18 Lake Drive)*

Motion: To approve Ordinance 2026-05 as presented.

Moved by Turner. **Second by** Stirling.

Discussion: None.

Vote: Motion passed. (Aye = 7; Nay = 0)

Aye: Dawson, Flint, Hellrung, Henderson, Italiano, Stirling, Turner. **Nay:** none

5. *Ordinance 2026-06 - An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of a Water Service Agreement and Pre-Annexation Agreement (71 Lake Drive)*

Motion: To approve Ordinance 2026-06 as presented.

Moved by Hellrung. **Second by** Turner.

Discussion: None.

Vote: Motion passed. (Aye = 7; Nay = 0)

Aye: Dawson, Flint, Hellrung, Henderson, Italiano, Stirling, Turner. **Nay:** none

6. *Ordinance 2026-07 - An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of a Water Service Agreement and Pre-Annexation Agreement (59 Lake Shore Drive)*

Motion: To approve Ordinance 2026-07 as presented.

Moved by Turner. **Second by** Italiano.

Discussion: None.

Vote: Motion passed. (Aye = 7; Nay = 0)

Aye: Dawson, Flint, Hellrung, Henderson, Italiano, Stirling, Turner. **Nay:** none

7. Ordinance 2026-08 - An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of a Water Service Agreement and Pre-Annexation Agreement (122 David Drive, Collinsville)

Motion: To approve Ordinance 2026-08 as presented.

Moved by Turner. **Second by** Hellrung.

Discussion: None.

Vote: Motion passed. (Aye = 7; Nay = 0)

Aye: Dawson, Flint, Hellrung, Henderson, Italiano, Stirling, Turner. **Nay:** none

8. Ordinance 2026-09 - An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of a Water Service Agreement and Pre-Annexation Agreement (509 Coventry Road)

Motion: To approve Ordinance 2026-09 as presented.

Moved by Turner. **Second by** Dawson.

Discussion: None.

Vote: Motion passed. (Aye = 7; Nay = 0)

Aye: Dawson, Flint, Hellrung, Henderson, Italiano, Stirling, Turner. **Nay:** none

9. Ordinance 2026-10 - An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of a Water Service Agreement and Pre-Annexation Agreement (513 Coventry Road)

Motion: To approve Ordinance 2026-10 as presented.

Moved by Turner. **Second by** Italiano.

Discussion: None.

Vote: Motion passed. (Aye = 7; Nay = 0)

Aye: Dawson, Flint, Hellrung, Henderson, Italiano, Stirling, Turner. **Nay:** none

10. Ordinance 2026-11 - An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of a Water Service Agreement and Pre-Annexation Agreement (525 Coventry Road)

Motion: To approve Ordinance 2026-11 as presented.

Moved by Turner. **Second by** Stirling.

Discussion: None.

Vote: Motion passed. (Aye = 7; Nay = 0)

Aye: Dawson, Flint, Hellrung, Henderson, Italiano, Stirling, Turner. **Nay:** none

11. Ordinance 2026-12 - An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of a Water Service Agreement and Pre-Annexation Agreement (612 Woodland Court)

Motion: To approve Ordinance 2026-12 as presented.

Moved by Turner. **Second by** Henderson.

Discussion: None.

Vote: Motion passed. (Aye = 7; Nay = 0)

Aye: Dawson, Flint, Hellrung, Henderson, Italiano, Stirling, Turner. **Nay:** none

12. Ordinance 2026-13 - An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of a Water Service Agreement and Pre-Annexation Agreement (620 Buckingham Drive)

Motion: To approve Ordinance 2026-13 as presented.

Moved by Stirling. **Second by** Dawson.

Discussion: None.

Vote: Motion passed. (Aye = 7; Nay = 0)

Aye: Dawson, Flint, Hellrung, Henderson, Italiano, Stirling, Turner. **Nay:** none

13. Ordinance 2026-14 - An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of a Water Service Agreement and Pre-Annexation Agreement (8433 Steelecrest Lane)

Motion: To approve Ordinance 2026-14 as presented.

Moved by Henderson. **Second by** Turner.

Discussion: None.

Vote: Motion passed. (Aye = 7; Nay = 0)

Aye: Dawson, Flint, Hellrung, Henderson, Italiano, Stirling, Turner. **Nay:** none

14. Resolution 2026-03 - Resolution of Support and Commitment of Funds (Extension of Shared-Use Path on Troy-O'Fallon-Road)

Motion: To approve Resolution 2026-03 as presented.

Moved by Dawson. Second by Henderson.

Discussion: A Fair Oaks resident asked if there would be issues with land movement and drainage issues during and after construction. In addition, the path, if it extends past the Meadowbrooke and Fair Oaks entry roads, it will take out the entrance sign for one of the two subdivisions. He asked if the Fair Oaks Homeowners Association had been given the opportunity for input on the project and also asked for all engineering documents for the project. Mr. Cissell informed him that the resolution is for a grant application. Engineering has not been accomplished yet for the project, which will be constructed on the west side of Troy-O'Fallon Road.

The resident also asked about speed limits on Troy-O'Fallon Road. Mr. Cissell replied that the road, south of the Fair Oaks/Meadowbrooke subdivision entrances, is not within Troy city limits. It is a county street. Mr. Cissell is working with Madison County to lower the speed limit between Meadowbrooke/Fair Oaks and Country Lane as a part of the project. Chief Wasser added that this area is being patrolled.

Vote: Motion passed. (Aye = 7; Nay = 0; Abstain - 0)

Aye: Dawson, Flint, Hellrung, Henderson, Italiano, Stirling, Turner. **Nay:** none.

Closed Session – none

Adjournment

Moved by Italiano. Second by Stirling. Approved by voice vote of the aldermen.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54pm.

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Kimberly Thomas

Date Approved: 2/2/2026

Attachment to City Council Minutes 1/20/2026 Citizen Participation

Speakers:

Grant Struckhoff – Mr. Struckhoff, who works at Windoor Unlimited, and was born and raised in Troy, said he is concerned about the proposed data center. His main concerns were about energy consumption, the use of fossil fuels, and the impact on the city's infrastructure.

Matt Redenius – Mr. Redenius and his wife are residents of Troy and are the owners of Canine Social of Troy (on Highway 40). He discussed the siting of the proposed data center. Their business just opened in May 2025. The proposed siting of the data center would be directly across the highway from their business. He reminded the council of their interest in the aesthetics of businesses being built in the city. This data center will not meet the standards set for other businesses in Troy. He also expressed concern about the power usage of the proposed data center. If the data center must be built in Madison County, he suggested it be placed on Interstate 255 near Pontoon Beach where all the warehouses are.

Viktor Varnaitus – Mr. Varnaitus moved from the Chicago area to Troy. He is very happy with small town living, without all the big businesses and facilities. He also agreed with Mr. Redenius that the standards set for other new businesses should also apply to the proposed data center. He asked the following questions: What is the data center going to do for Troy? What is the benefit for the residents of Troy? Will it affect taxes? What will be the effect on residents who live or work near the center?

Gayle Eckart – Mrs. Eckart is a resident of Country Village, on the west side of Interstate 55. She asked: Is the land bought for the data center? If it has been purchased, were there any incentives? When was the property rezoned as industrial? Who approached the planning commission for rezoning? Why will our property value go down and our property taxes go up? Why do we have to pay to upgrade our water and sewer plants because of the data center coming in? How many council members will be living close to the data center?

Mayor Nonn informed Mrs. Eckart that many of the events she has questions about have not occurred. He replied that these decisions, if necessary, are “way down the road. We are trying to be as transparent in this whole process as possible. Nothing has been signed. The land hasn't been sold.”

Mrs. Eckart asked if the mayor resides close to the proposed center. He replied that he lives right across the interstate from the proposed location.

Mayor Nonn told all residents present that the city doesn't have the answers for many of their questions yet. When the council has the answers, they will definitely share them. They are trying to share information as it becomes available and are being as transparent as possible.

Mrs. Eckart asked about Troy citizens voting for or against the data center. Mayor Nonn informed her that the people of Troy will be making this decision through their representatives – the aldermen.

Nicholas Martin – Mr. Martin, the Head of School at Bethel Academy, spoke about the “humanity” which will be affected adversely by this proposal. The school, and Bethel Church, will be completely encircled by the facility. The school serves families of students K through 8, with expansion to high school students beginning next year. He called the proposed center an “existential crisis” for the church and school. It would impede their ability to function. The proposed facility denies students a suitable learning environment by placing a “500 mega-watt power station surrounded by dystopian buildings which create noise that drowns out their ability to even have recess together”. He asked the city council to be forthcoming. He thanked them for having this time for citizens to speak. He asked that the council put a stop to this development.

Nicole Jameson – Ms. Jameson grew up in Troy. Her family has lived here for generations. She moved back to Troy in 2023 to raise her children. “Troy is a small town with kind people who look out for each other and take care of their community.” A data center would destroy this. She understands this is potential tax revenue for the town. The known “cons” to a data center in a small community are endless. Power, water, and health concerns, and decreases in property values are just some of the issues. “A data center does not belong in a small residential community.” She asked the council to vote for their constituents.

Tim Lewis – Mr. Lewis is the senior pastor at Bethel Baptist Church, serving the church as a pastor for 40 years. He is also a city resident. He is not opposed to progress and development, but this proposal “is certain to result in harm for our congregation. The proposed plan would encapsulate [the church's] property...by a vast industrial complex...a field of industrial warehouses and electrical substations...surrounded by concrete and fences.” He said there are no benefits to the community – no commerce, personal exchange of ideas,

beauty, cultural advancement, or civic pride. “Bethel Baptist Church adds value to the city...All the churches in our town add value; value that is not measured in tax revenue.” The proposed center threatens this asset. This will hurt their church, through isolation, lost beauty, economically (through loss of attendance), spiritually (fewer lives impacted), and destruction of the church’s property value. He is not opposed to data centers, but not here. He asked the council to reject this proposed siting.

Matt Shryock – Mr. Shryock is a city resident whose house will be less than 1000 feet from the proposed siting. The noise from the center will never stop. He asked if there will be a wall alongside Country Village and Cherry Lane. He believes his property value will plummet.

Matt Wilmsmeyer – Mr. Wilmsmeyer is a software engineer who has followed the AI/data center news for several years now. If the data center were built, he only sees two possible outcomes: (1) partway through construction, the AI bubble collapses, and data centers throughout the country are suddenly going for rock-bottom prices. The end result would be that Madison County taxpayers are stuck with a huge complex that can’t be rented to anyone...and is an eyesore, (2) the AI bubble doesn’t collapse. The demand for servers and space is present and they are willing to set up in Troy. The residents will experience spiking electric and water bills, decreased property values, and a constant background noise. If the city is unable to keep up with electrical use, as occurred in the Colossal Data Center in Memphis, methane burners could possibly be used. With these, there is continuous nitrous oxide pumped into the air. This places all residents in the area at risk for asthma and cancer. Not every data center does this, but a lot of power is needed to run these centers. Electrical brown-outs and black-outs get worse in an area with data centers. He personally thinks the data centers are a fad. It will end up with the city holding a property that they paid to develop and cannot sell.

James Simmering – Dr. Simmering has lived in Troy for 40 years. He opposes this measure. He told the council that the noise level from a data center is significant – 55-60 decibels. There is also a hum that can be heard up to a mile away. Walls and foliage will not decrease or eliminate this hum. He asked the council if they would be giving a tax break, how much would the tax break be, and for how long. Will this be put out for a public referendum or vote? If not, why not? He said the power required for this data center is estimated to be 30-35 times the power required by the entire city of Troy. Who will be paying for the infrastructure to maintain the center’s power/electric needs? Will the cost be passed on to area consumers? Will the facility have a closed loop cooling system? If not, where will the water supply be coming from? Can the city guarantee the power draws will not lead to hikes for residential customers? Will there be infrastructure upgrades to cover this when there are brown-outs or black-outs? What will be done to compensate Troy residents for the loss in property values in the one-mile radius? During the construction phase, will they be dragging machinery through neighborhoods or through Bethel Baptist Church property? Will we lose Frontage Road? This will affect traffic. The County has mentioned tens of millions of dollars in tax revenue. How much of that stays in Troy? How much goes to the state...and what percentage of that goes to Chicago?

Jamie Fuller – did not respond

Christian Litscher – Mr. Litscher move to Troy a couple of years ago. He works at Scott AFB. For the record, he does not have the authority to make decisions on behalf of the base, but he wanted to bring up some concerns. Scott is about 15 miles south of Troy. The proposed data center brings a lot of new technology and a lot of security concerns. The FY2026 National Defense Authorization Act talks about proximity to federal installations. Other things to consider are: Who is the primary investing authority for this data center? Are they US-based? Are they using US technology? Have they been properly vetted at state, local, and federal levels to ensure we are not imposing a security risk to the installation? There are both state and federal laws regarding buffer zones. In 2025, the State of Illinois had up to a 25-mile buffer zone for federal installations, based on who owns the facility. He wants to make sure the council is doing their due diligence to make sure they are not imposing a risk. He then listed the DoD organizations operating at Scott (Air Mobility Command, U.S. Transportation Command, Army Surface Distribution Deployment, Defense Information Security, and others). Because of the logistical, as well as the information entities that exist on the base, what is done here could have national-level impacts. Please ensure the city reaches out to Scott AFB to ensure that both federal and local laws are being complied with.

Joseph West – Mr. West, a Troy resident and an industrial engineer, is against the proposed data center. If the center is built, he will probably leave Troy.

Corey Boudreau – Mr. Boudreau, a Troy resident, said he believes Troy is a good place to raise his children. He voiced his “complete and total opposition” to the Cloverleaf infrastructure and the proposed data center. Cloverleaf is not a partner within our community. They are a corporation that serves themselves. Nine days

ago, Cloverleaf was forced to withdraw its plans from Greenleaf, Wisconsin, after the community exposed its playbook of bad business. While the Troy Times-Tribune reports that nondisclosure agreements were not required, Cloverleaf used NDAs to keep the public in the dark in Wisconsin. They were reportedly offering some farmers up to \$120K per acre. Their website is deceptive. Data centers are anything but clean. We don't know who the end user of this facility will be. What we do know is that "they" [Cloverleaf] owe us nothing. They owe themselves and their investors. Cloverleaf's presence will have a severe impact on our local resources and what we pay for utilities. A state report from last month warns that hyper-fueled data centers like this are straining the Illinois power grid. A facility of this size can use as much power as 350,000 homes. That is 76 times the needs of Troy - in a single center. When Cloverleaf connects to the grid, Ameren will have to build new substations and install transmission lines. Under current Illinois law, those costs get passed onto us, causing double-digit rate hikes. While the Time-Tribune system also noted that a closed loop system, conserving water, will be used for the cooling center, this comes with a major risk for our community. The trade-off of lower water use comes with higher energy consumption. It also comes with the risk of using harmful forever chemicals (PFAS). These chemicals can and do leak into the grounds they occupy. Questions I have: What is the honest opinion about the data center? Did you speak to the local community or did you only speak with the data center reps? Cloverleaf's CEO and former Microsoft executive recently admitted that he is most concerned about reaping the rewards and benefits of this AI revolution and that climate goals are taking a backseat to the AI race. What does that mean for our community? They are not here because they want to be green or to benefit our community with tax dollars and jobs. They see Troy as a "cheap date" with a source of easy power and resources to be exploited. Greenleaf, Wisconsin is not alone. Communities in Dundee (Michigan), Lake Shores and Port Washington (Wisconsin) and three locations in Columbia County (Georgia) have all stood up to Cloverleaf and said no. Let's join these cities and oppose Cloverleaf's data center initiative. Troy's resources are not a commodity to be sold to the highest bidder. He urged the council to protect the community and Troy's quality of life.

Kay Waldram – Mrs. Waldram is a Troy resident, approximately a mile west of proposed siting. Her main concern is noise abatement. She asked how much noise will be created. Her home already has about 45 decibels from the interstate. If the data center were to be approved, would noise abatement walls be required? She also attends service at the Church of Christ which is near the proposed site.

Trevor Wood – Mr. Wood opposed the data center, saying, "No one wants this. Who wants this and why do they want it? What are the kickbacks?" He told the council that Cloverleaf has a social, ethical, and practical responsibility. He also discussed Mark Zuckerberg's bunker, air pollution, energy consumption, parks for kids, internet subscriptions, health care, Walmart store robots, the pork farming process and its effect on land/water/human health, Erin Brockovich, and good vs evil...in his words, "showing a pattern". He concluded by saying "We need our questions answered; we need to know what's up."