

CREATING  
TOMORROW

July 31, 2020

Mayor Donald D. Lyons  
City Council Members

Dear Mayor Lyons and City Council Members:

Next Meeting: Planning Commission, August 3, 2020, 7:00 PM. Community Room, James Snow Professional Building

The following report has been prepared to provide you with an update on current issues or projects in progress:

**Assistant City Manager Natalie Dean** reports that the Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) projects are progressing nicely. One of the grantees had a new steel roof installed just yesterday on Prairie Ronde and he is thrilled! A few of the grantees that had been waiting patiently for state approval received it this week and we are on track to complete projects before the first of the year, as long as there are no product shortages. Many communities involved in this program are struggling to get projects going due to COVID, so the state issued an extended deadline into next summer for this grant. We plan to not have to take advantage of that extended deadline in hopes we can receive additional funding for next year.

**DPS Director Chad Tyrakowski** reports on a couple of productive weeks.

The paving of Beckwith, portions of Clark/Gray, Rudy Road to the tracks, Sheldon from Louise to Jones, Center from W. Division to Spruce, and the intersection of Oak/E. Telegraph/James was completed.





Charles Concrete replaced the depository near the west entrance of City Hall with a new, larger unit capable of receiving absentee ballots.

Gordon Engineering assisted DPW with boring a replacement lateral on Center, eliminating another service connected with a lead gooseneck. The DPW crew also installed two sanitary cleanouts and televised problematic lines on Green St., removing a contractor's auger/cable that had broken in one. Precision Concrete Cutting finished the sidewalk surveys, and are now working to compile the information gathered. We also continue to coordinate with the Library on their water and electrical services.

Crews trimmed and sprayed around bridges and lift-stations, pruned the banks of Schuur Park, topped some trees of dying limbs, and trimmed around hydrants. Trails were cleared for a Virtual Run and original Steve's Run. A lawn was restored from water lateral replacement on Florence. Booster stations were cleaned. Picnic tables were delivered for the COA's Ice Cream Social at the Snow building. And, pot-hole patching, brush pick-up, and storm inlet/basin cleaning continues.



DPW repaired our side of a curb-stop due to a contractor nicking it on Carlton Ave. in the CCWS. We also assisted Fryman's Recycling with a leaking lateral. Peerless was in for the annual service of city and CCWS wells and pumps. And, we are working with EGLE to pre-submit information and schedule a teleconference to minimize time and exposure for an eventual onsite visit/survey.

MECA (Michigan Electric Cooperative Association) was in to perform a crew-observation and a safety assessment of the DPW garage. Due to COVID, EGLE Water Operator testing was again canceled, leading us to also postpone the test-prep training.

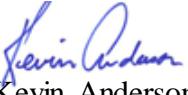


Voting machines were tested & validated for next week's election. July disconnects was completed. And, with much appreciation, Dowagiac Fire finished with the hydrant flushing for the year.

Please remember that the Planning Commission meeting will be, August 3, 2020, 7:00 PM. Due to the election, the meeting will be held at the Community Room of the James Snow Professional Building. The meeting will also be conducted via zoom.

**Election Day is August, 4.** All precincts will vote at City Hall. Polls are open from 7 AM – 8 PM. Please wear your mask.

Sincerely,



Kevin Anderson,  
City Manager