

## CITY MANAGER REPORT

TO: Mayor Pat Humphrey & Clare City Commission  
FROM: Jeremy Howard, City Manager  
DATE: July 16, 2025  
RE: City Manager's Report

For the Agenda of July 21, 2025

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Lake Shamrock Dredging and Dam Project. Mechanical dredging by the city and hydraulic dredging by Savin Lake Services are operating again, as of July 1. Mechanical dredging by the city continues on the west end of the lake with focus on the mouth of the lake and the beach area. The city barge operates day time hours during normal DPW business hours. Hydraulic Dredging by Savin has ramped back up and the barge is back in the water working in the Eastmost finger and around the dam currently. Hydraulic dredging schedule currently is Monday through Friday 24 hours a day so there will be work during the night time hours as well as during the day.

For the dam project, our engineering firms, GEI and Spicer, are continuing design work for the dam. The City and GEI met for several hours on July 15 to discuss and make suggestions and revisions to the current designs. It was a great meeting to see the new full design of the new primary dam structure which will be built north of the existing dam and the auxiliary (emergency) spillway that will be then constructed where the existing dam is after it is removed. The mussel relocation project, as required by EGLE and MDNR, has now been finalized and it appears the cost (\$37,500) will likely fit into the existing contract with GEI that was approved by the City Commission with the first HHPD grant funds. That work is tentatively scheduled to be completed in the next several months. We are still working with EGLE and FEMA to get the acceptance complete for the FEMA grant and the second and most recent HHPD grant. We will be applying for additional funds from HHPD dollars if they are available, but so far, another round has not been announced.

Street Projects. As I am sure you have noticed, the City and contractors have been diligently working on several street projects this summer. Several of the projects that you have approved earlier this year have begun or been completed as well as some watermain projects. The new asphalt overlay project for Witbeck and Point Drive has also been completed and turned out great.

Industrial Park (IP#) Development. You many have noticed some significant work being started in the city's newest industrial park (IP3) on the south end of the city. Scannell Properties (Project Pioneer) have begun moving dirt and preparing to build a large distribution center on approximately 23 acres in the park. The sale of the property was completed and work began very quickly. The project should take 10-12 months to complete per the contractor. As part of the project a portion of a new city spec road is being built that will be turned over to the city when complete. That road will be the access point into the larger 95-acre park that the IDC/City will be able to tie into with additional roads in the park to allow for further sale of property and future development.

EDA – IP3 Roads. As I mentioned above, the IDC and City are working to facilitate the funding and building of new roads into the new industrial park. We are currently in discussions with the EDA and partnering with MMDC to fund a major portion of that work. If funding is available from the EDA, it would be an 80/20 split so the IDC/City would only need to fund 20% of the cost for the roads which would be full curb and gutter streets with storm, water, sewer, lights, etc. This will make further development much easier for the park. We are also working with MDOT to explore the possibility of a road that would connect Industrial Parkway directly to the existing roundabout so that traffic and trucks can flow in and out of both south industrial parks even easier.

Attachments: None.