

AGENDA REPORT

TO: Mayor & City Commission
FROM: Jeremy Howard, City Manager
DATE: November 13, 2025
RE: Recognition – Clare Equestrian Team

For the Agenda of November 17, 2025

Background. The Clare High School Equestrian Team has won the 2025 Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association Division C State Championship. The team had a successful season, including winning their district and being the reserve champions at the regional competition. The City Commission is asked to formally recognize this accomplishment by presentation of Mayoral Certificates of Excellence (*att'd*) and pins for the Clare Equestrian Team.

Issues & Questions Specified. Should the City Commission formally recognize the Clare High School Equestrian Team?

Alternatives.

1. Formally recognize Equestrian Team for this phenomenal accomplishment.
2. Do not recognize this accomplishment.
3. Set aside the matter for further discussion and consideration at a subsequently scheduled public meeting.

Financial Impact. The fiscal impact to the City is minimal to cover the cost of the certificates and pins.

Recommendations. I recommend that the City Commission recognize and honor the Clare Equestrian Team by the presentation of the Certificates of Excellence and the adoption of Resolution 2025-093 (*att'd*).

Attachment.

1. Certificate of Excellence.
2. Resolution 2025-093.

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EXCELLENCE

The Mayor and City Commission of the City of Clare hereby awards

The Clare High School Equestrian Team

This Certificate of Excellence for demonstrating phenomenal dedication, unmitigated resolve, tremendous determination, exceptional teamwork, extraordinary talent, and exemplary sportsmanship in winning the 2025 Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association Division C State Championship. The five celebrated members of this distinguished team: Natalie Malson, Brooklyn Zemko, Kerrigan Koch, Grace Russell, and Heidi Schunk, and their eminent coaches: Peggy Stephens, Jayda Langlois, Tammy Shea, and Jenny Schunk, collectively attained the absolute highest standard of excellence through their remarkable accomplishment. They have brought immense credit upon themselves and the Clare Community. Their great triumph is a source of local pride and establishes them all as resident heroines. By presentation of this Mayoral Excellence Award, this outstanding equestrian team and each of its elite members and coaches has joined a select group of individuals, businesses, and groups in Clare who have consistently reaffirmed that Excellence is not a single act, but a way of life.



Pat Humphrey
Mayor

November 17, 2025

RESOLUTION 2025-093

A RESOLUTION OF THE CLARE CITY COMMISSION RECOGNIZING THE EQUESTRIAN TEAM AND ITS COACHING STAFF FOR ITS OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT OF EARNING THE 2025 MICHIGAN INTERSCHOLASTIC HORSEMANSHIP ASSOCIATION DIVISION C STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

WHEREAS, the Clare Equestrian Team and its Coaching Staff attained the distinctive and prestigious achievement of winning the 2025 Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association Division C State Championship; and

WHEREAS, said outstanding achievement is a direct reflection and credit to all members of the Team and its coaching staff and demonstrates their amazing dedication, tireless resolve, exceptional talent, premier team spirit, and extraordinary commitment to excellence; and

WHEREAS, said achievement has brought great pride to the City of Clare and the surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, the Clare City Commission deems that it is appropriate and fitting to formally recognize said outstanding achievement and in particular the individual members of the Clare Equestrian Team and its Coaching Staff.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, on behalf of the residents of the City of Clare, the Mayor of the City of Clare, and the Clare City Commission, we hereby formally recognize and honor the Clare Equestrian Team and its Coaching Staff for attaining the distinctive and prestigious achievement of winning the 2025 Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association Division C State Championship.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City Commission offers its highest praise and congratulations to each of the Clare Equestrian Team members and its Coaching Staff.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Mayor and City Commission offer all the members of the Clare Equestrian Team and its coaching staff their sincere wishes for continued success and similar achievement in all future endeavors.

ALL RESOLUTIONS AND PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS INsofar AS THEY CONFLICT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS RESOLUTION BE AND THE SAME ARE HEREBY RESCINDED.

This Resolution was introduced by Commissioner _____ and supported by Commissioner _____. The Resolution declared adopted by the following roll call vote:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

Resolution approved for adoption on this 17th day of November, 2024.

Diane M. Lyon, City Clerk