

The regular meeting of the Clare City Commission was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers of Clare City Hall, 202 West Fifth Street, Clare, Michigan by Mayor Pat Humphrey who led with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were: Commissioners Bob Bonham, Kim Bussell, Pat Humphrey, and Maegan Jenkins. Absent: Gus Murphy who subsequently arrived at 6:12 p.m. Also, present: Jeremy Howard, City Manager; Vicki Corlew, City Treasurer; Diane Lyon, City Clerk, Dale Clark, WWTP Superintendent; and David Saad, Police Chief.

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

Moved by Commissioner Bussell second by Commissioner Jenkins to approve the items listed with an asterisk (*), (Minutes, Agenda, Department Reports, Communications, Approval of Bills, Board & Committee Appointments, and Professional Development) that are considered routine by the City Commission. Roll call vote: Yeas: Commissioners Bob Bonham, Kim Bussell, Pat Humphrey, and Maegan Jenkins. Nays: None. Absent: Gus Murphy. *Motion Carried.*

3. *APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approved by Consent Agenda.

4. *APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Approved by Consent Agenda.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. *BOARD & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS-KEN HIBL, DDA AND ANDREW SANTINI, PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Approved by Consent Agenda: Resolution 2026-001 & 2026-002.

B. NORTH WATER TOWER CATHODIC PROTECTION

The FY25/26 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) called for the addition of cathodic protection to the North Water Tower. The north water tower is just over ten years old. To maximize the coating longevity and water quality, it is recommended that we install cathodic protection for the interior of the tank. WWTP Supervisor Dale Clark consulted with Dixon Engineering and Corrpor. Corrpor is the only company that performs this work in Michigan. Rays welding would install the needed brackets, Corrpro would install the cathodic protection, and Dixon Engineering will inspect of the work. This work is scheduled to be completed this year in the WWTP CIP. Barring any unforeseen circumstances the total cost is \$37,881. Because Corrpor is the only company in Michigan that performs this work, it necessitates a request for a sole source bid/project approval in the amount of \$37,881.

We now ask the commission to approve the expenditure of funds as well as authorize the City Treasurer/Finance Director to make any and all necessary budget amendments related to the expense which is budgeted for in the CIP at \$40,000. We also request the City Commission authorize the City Manager and/or Water Treatment Superintendent to sign any and all necessary documents to complete the project.

Motion by Commissioner Bussell second by Commissioner Jenkins to approve the City Commission by-laws by the adoption of Resolution 2026-003. Roll call vote: Yeas: Commissioners Bob Bonham, Kim Bussell, Pat Humphrey, and Maegan Jenkins. Nays: None. Absent: Gus Murphy. *Motion Carried.*

8. TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer provided a report to the Commission.

9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Lake Shamrock Dredging. Mechanical dredging by the city continues at the west end of the lake as time and weather permit. Savin's hydraulic barge was pulled for the winter season until the ice thaws.

Lake Shamrock Dam Project. GEI and Spicer, are continuing design work for the new dam, emergency/auxiliary spillway, and the new walkway. The City meets weekly with the design engineers and project managers to get the RFP for the project out soon. We are

still waiting on the grant agreement with FEMA and will bring that to you at a future meeting.

North+South Passenger Rail Project Press Release / Community Survey. The North+South Passenger Rail Project is exploring a new intercity train service that would connect Southeast Michigan to mid-Michigan and the northwest Lower Peninsula. This proposed service would open up a new way to travel across the state, offering a safe, enjoyable, and sustainable alternative to driving while expanding access to Michigan's vibrant communities. As the team undertakes a major planning study for the route, we would like to hear from you. By completing the community survey, you will help us better understand travel needs, preferences, and priorities, ensuring that this service is designed for the people who will use it. Learn more about the project at www.northsouthrail.org.

Storm Cleanup/Brush Chipping. After the recent storms that hit Mid-Michigan and the Clare area, DPW crews are actively working on picking up and chipping brush that has been piled at the curb throughout the city. Due to the massive amount of tree damage, it is taking time to get through the entire city. Additional snow and ice storms have also delayed the process and caused issues with the chipping. The DPW crew as well as Police and Fire have all been very busy and hard at work and have done an amazing job. They deserve our thanks for all the work and hours that have been put in during these storm events.

MyMichigan Hospital Clare Ribbon Cutting. Phase one of the expansion and revitalization project at MyMichigan Medical Center Clare will open Monday, February 2, 2026 to the public. The first phase includes an expanded emergency department, private patient rooms, and new imaging area. Come celebrate Phase One of MyMichigan Health's Expansion & Revitalization Project with a Ribbon Cutting on January 30th at 4:00 p.m. All are welcome to show support by attending and help mark this exciting milestone for our community's future in healthcare.

11. *COMMUNICATIONS: *Approved by Consent Agenda.*
12. EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: None.
13. COMMISSION DISCUSSION TOPICS: None.
14. *APPROVAL OF BILLS: *Approved by Consent Agenda.*
15. *PROFESSIONAL & EDUCATIONAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:
Approved by Consent Agenda.
16. ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Commissioner Bussell seconded by Commissioner Bonham to adjourn the meeting at 6:11 p.m.. Roll call vote: Yeas: Commissioners Bob Bonham, Kim Bussell, Pat Humphrey, Maegan Jenkins. Nays: None. Absent: Gus Murphy. *Motion Carried.*

Pat Humphrey, Mayor

Diane M. Lyon, City Clerk