

CITY MANAGER REPORT

TO: Mayor Pat Humphrey & Clare City Commission
FROM: Jeremy Howard, City Manager
DATE: December 28, 2023
RE: City Manager's Report

For the Agenda of January 3, 2024

Lake Shamrock Dredging and Dam Project. Mechanical dredging by the City is continuing in front of Shamrock Park and we are still making good progress. For the hydraulic dredging project, Savin has been finalizing preparations and testing of the two dredges in the lake and will soon move forward at full capacity. The weather, being mild, has been a big help for continuing dredging progress during the Winter months. Progress for both mechanical and hydraulic have slowed a little in the last couple of weeks due to the holidays but will pick up again in the new year. The Dam feasibility study work is continuing and there is no new update other than we are continuing to work with them on the preparation of the full submission of the additional 3 million dollar grant we are applying for now that we have made it past the first round.

State Street Sewer Main Repair. Just before the holidays, the city was notified of a potential sewer issue around the intersection of Beech and State. After further investigation, DPW crews discovered sand in the main sewer line that was coming from a collapsed pipe. They were able to determine a location in the road that was being undermined and began investigating further. Unfortunately, they discovered that the sewer main had suffered a complete collapse, and the very old concrete pipe needed to be replaced from the intersection of Beech and State heading East toward McEwan for 240 feet. DPW crews were able to excavate and repair the pipe themselves, replacing the old disintegrated concrete pipe with new 8-inch plastic pipe which they were able to attach to good pipe on both ends. The repair took several days and some long hours, but was accomplished with little to no interruption to residents. The road where it was open cut for the repair has been filled with gravel and is back fully open. The asphalt will be repaired in 2024 after the plant opens back up so we will maintain the gravel through the winter. Great job to the DPW crews for their work and special thanks to the City of Coleman for assisting by televising the lines with their camera.

Attachments: None