

CITY MANAGER REPORT

TO: Mayor Pat Humphrey & Clare City Commission
FROM: Jeremy Howard, City Manager
DATE: November 14, 2024
RE: City Manager's Report

For the Agenda of November 18, 2024

DDA Meeting. The DDA held their meeting on November 14th. They had several items and discussion topics on their agenda which included:

- Final approval and budget amendment for replacement of downtown trees on McEwan Street
- Discussion regarding ways to better reach new DDA District Business Owners
- Discussion regarding upcoming 2nd annual PA57 meeting to be held in December
- Discussion on Doherty Hotel 100th Anniversary Celebration
- Discussion on the letters sent to DDA businesses regarding the replacement of trees in the downtown on McEwan Street
- Approval of Minutes, Financials, and Payment of Bills

Planning Commission Meeting. The Planning Commission held a meeting on November 13th and had acted on items on their agenda which included:

- Approved zoning change request for 506 West Fifth Street from C-2 to R-2 (Ordinance 2024-001)

Lake Shamrock Dredging and Dam Project. Mechanical and hydraulic dredging both continue and are making good progress. Mechanical dredging by the city is still operating 10 hours a day Monday through Thursday each week for the time being. Hydraulic dredging by Savin Lake Services is switching back to operating Monday through Friday 24 hours a day as they are making good progress. There is still one barge working the north side of Barnes Island and have been continuing to make good progress in the West finger of the lake.

For the dam project, our engineering firm GEI, is continuing design work for the dam and we had another productive meeting with them and staff for the project on Tuesday, November 12th. The project will be quite extensive and should finish up late Summer or early Fall next year. We are still waiting on a grant agreement for the second grant (High Hazard Potential Dams – HHPD) to cover the next phase of the project. We are also working with GEI currently to submit 2nd round grant applications in hopes of receiving additional grant dollars for the project.

November General Election. Now that the November election is complete, I would like to congratulate Bob Bonham, Gus Murphy, and Maegan Jenkins on being the top 3 vote getters in the City Commissioner election, where they each were elected to new 4-year terms. Thank you as well to the Clerk's office for all their many hours before, during, and after election day and to all the election workers who worked on election day. If you would like detailed information on any or all the races in Clare County, the County Clerk has a website that has all the most up to date information and "unofficial" results. You can find that information at: <https://app.enhancedvoting.com/results/public/clare-county-mi/elections/2024General>.

Holiday Closures and Hours. Since Thanksgiving is soon upon us, I just wanted to give the Commission and the public a reminder that City Hall hours will be from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. the week of Thanksgiving on Monday through Wednesday (25th through the 27th) and then the office will be closed on Thursday and Friday (28th and 29th) for the holiday. Happy Thanksgiving!

Attachments: None.