

CITY MANAGER REPORT

TO: Mayor Pat Humphrey & Clare City Commission
FROM: Jeremy Howard, City Manager
DATE: November 27, 2024
RE: City Manager's Report

For the Agenda of December 2, 2024

Lake Shamrock Dredging and Dam Project. Mechanical dredging is continuing by the city on a limited and weather permitted basis. We are continuing work at the beach area currently. We are also doing some work at the disposal site to clean that area up and make space for further spoils. Hydraulic dredging by Savin Lake Services is now paused due to the ice. They have taken the suction dredges out of the water for the winter due to the sudden freezing of the lake and to avoid damage to the dredges. They will return next year to complete the remaining sections as soon as weather and permits allow (due to fish spawning work pauses in the spring).

For the dam project, our engineering firm GEI, is continuing design work for the dam. Geotechnical subsurface exploration work (soil borings and ground water monitoring wells) is beginning now and will last a couple weeks so you may see that activity at the dam site. We have submitted the preapplication for the second round of the Dam Risk Reduction Grant (DRRG) and it is currently in the preapplication stage. We have applied for another 2.6 million, with a 2.6 million match from our state allocation funds. If we are awarded this grant, it will get us very close to the amount that we likely need to complete the full project as designed. We are still waiting on a grant agreement for the second grant (High Hazard Potential Dams – HHPD) to cover part of the next phase of the project as well.

Board and Commission Meeting Schedules / Reminder – First City Commission Meeting Date of 2025. Attached, under communications is the list of dates for all the 2025 City Commission Meetings as well as the tentative schedules for all the other boards and commissions. There are five Mondays in December so we will have an extra week in between meetings over the holidays, and as a reminder, we will hold the first meeting of the 2025 year on Monday, January 6, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Holiday Closures and Hours. Christmas and the New Year are just a couple weeks away. Just a reminder that City Hall hours for those two weeks will be as follows:

Monday, December 23rd – 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, December 24th – Closed for the holiday.
Wednesday, December 25th – Closed for the holiday.
Thursday, December 26th – 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Friday, December 27th – Normal Friday Closure.

Monday, December 30th – 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, December 31st – Closed for the holiday.
Wednesday, January 1st – Closed for the holiday.
Thursday, January 2nd – 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Friday, January 3rd – Normal Friday Closure.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Attachments: None