



May 6, 2016

Mayor Donald D. Lyons  
City Council Members

Dear Mayor Lyons and City Council Members:

Next meeting: Council meeting 5/9/16, **6:00 PM**

The following report has been prepared to provide you with an update on current issues or projects in progress:

**Reminder**

May 9 City Council meeting will be held at 6:00 PM, in order to allow all participating in and attending area Festival events.

**Energy Savings Opportunities**

In 2009 the Michigan Public Service Commission required all utilities to provide programs that promote energy efficiency. For residential customers the City of Dowagiac has been working with Efficiency United to administer rebate programs for a variety of energy-saving steps that homeowners can make. More information about the rebate program and applications for the rebate can be found at Efficiency United's website at [www.encyunitied.com](http://www.encyunitied.com).

Another program that has been growing in popularity over the last several years has been the discounted price of LED light bulbs, faucet aerators, and bathroom water savers that are made available periodically at City Hall. Last week a large number of our electric utility customers took advantage of the program. The next time Efficiency United will be at City Hall to sell discounted LED light bulbs, faucet aerators, and bathroom water savers will be June 6 through June 8, 2016 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

There are many ways in which customers can save on their utility bill by improving the efficiency of light bulbs and appliances in their home. We are pleased to be able to partner with Efficiency United to make a wide variety of programs available to Dowagiac utility customers.

**Dowagiac Area History Museum**

The previously, rescheduled event at the Museum is coming up soon. The program, "Southwest Michigan Eats: Food and Culture in Southwest Michigan" will be presented by Chef Daysha Amster of Olfactory Hue Bistro on Wednesday, May 18 at 6:30 p.m.

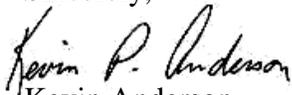
**PA 269 of 2015 – Gag Order**

Earlier this year the City of Dowagiac participated with a number of other municipalities in filing a suit against the State of Michigan regarding a law that was passed in 2015 and signed by the Governor in January 2016 that prevented elected officials from communicating information regarding upcoming local ballot issues. In early February US District Judge John Corbett O'Mara placed a preliminary injunction on this provision. Last week an order to permanently uphold the injunction was made by the judge.

**The Dowagiac Dogwood Fine Arts Festival**

The Dogwood Festival is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and events run through May 15. A schedule of events for next week can be found at [www.dogwoodfinearts.org](http://www.dogwoodfinearts.org) or by stopping in to any area merchant's store.

Sincerely,



Kevin Anderson  
City Manager