



November 6, 2015

Mayor Donald D. Lyons
City Council Members

Dear Mayor Lyons and City Council Members:

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

Upcoming Meetings: Council, 11-09-15, 7 PM

Electrical updates

Jim Bradford, DPS Director, reports crews have nearly completed the new electrical upgrade for Creative Foam. Work included installation of a new transformer, underground and overhead wiring. The new system was energized on 11/5 using temporary fuses. We are presently waiting for the correct fuses to be delivered so that the installation can be completed.

Crews also assisted Arc American, a private contractor, in the replacement of the three phase electrical circuit line on Beckwith Street, from First Ave. to Third Ave. Work included replacement of all poles, cross arms and fuses. New Hendrix wiring and tree trimming. The system in this area was extremely deteriorated and in dire need of replacement.

Crews have also been kept busy replacing poles damaged by auto accidents. A City transmission line pole was replaced in the 300 block of East Prairie Ronde Street. That replacement did require the assistance of Balos Electric, due to the height of the pole and the multiple electrical systems, Both City and A.E.P.

Crews were also required to replace a damaged pole at Riverside and East Division, which was broken due to an accident.

Leaf/Brush Pick-Up Program

The leaves have been doing their best to hang on through October. Even though our leaves have been a bit late, please be reassured the DPS Crews will continue leaf pickups into November and as long a weather permits. Please take advantage of this service now, before the snow arrives.

City residents who have bagged there leaves and/or yard waste can schedule a pickup by calling **782.8200** or emailing: DPS Service request@dowagiac.org. Please note that requests are subject to crew workload conditions and availability.

Residents are always welcome to bring brush or yard waste to the City compost site located at Riverside Cemetery. The compost site is open Tuesdays from 4 pm to dusk and Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm through November 30th when it closes for the season.

Council Workshop

It is nearing the time for Council to hold its quarterly strategic planning session. Does the morning of December 11 work? I'll check with everyone at Monday's Council meeting.

Petition for Alley Abandonment

Last Thursday I met with the neighbors to review options and further hear concerns of the abutting property owners and their families. A report is being drafted for Council's consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin P. Anderson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "K".

Kevin P. Anderson
City Manager