



November 11, 2016

Mayor Donald D. Lyons
City Council Members

Dear Mayor Lyons and City Council Members:

Next meeting: Council, 11/14/16, 7:00 PM

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

Commercial Street Construction Progress

- Pennsylvania Avenue opened to through traffic Thursday morning.
- Most of the brick paver crosswalks have been completed.
- The road pavers in front of Beckwith Theater will begin early next week; work on the section in front of the library should be well underway by mid-week.
- Contractor has completed the coping (top section) on the Goerlich Wall, and is now moving from east to west on the project site. We anticipate most of the identity pieces will be complete by the end of next week.
- The contractor will begin removal and placement of the crosswalk at the east end of Commercial Street, right in front of the Post Office. This will be finished like the other brick paver crosswalks recently completed.
- Landscaping and concrete sidewalk work in front of the Goerlich wall will continue next week.
- Parking lots will be striped early next week and should be reopened by midweek.



DPS Equipment updates

Earlier this year Unit #4, one of our critical pieces of equipment necessary for the maintenance of our electric utility system, was approved for significant improvements to the tool boxes and boom structure. Jim Bradford, DPS Director, reports that Unit #4 is back from the repair shop and is in the process of being placed in service. The new compartments are a great upgrade to this vehicle.



Walk-in Clinic

This week I received several phone calls expressing that they heard rumblings the walk-in clinic was no longer serving the community. I checked with Borgess and they assure that the clinic still has same day service to the community and they are experimenting with a new format that they hope reduce wait times for those who need same day service. To meet this goal Borgess is asking people to call in for an appointment. Borgess will then set appointments on a first come first serve basis each day. The walk-in clinic is now being called the Convenient Care Clinic and will continue to serve the need for same day service for basic health care needs of residents in and around Dowagiac.

DPS prepares for the change in seasons

Over the past couple of weeks, DPS crews have been preparing for winter and the holidays. Brush, trees, and landscaping are being cut, sprinklers drained and lines blown clean, sculptures washed and waxed, and holiday wreaths and lights adorn downtown.



Quarterly Council Workshop

Council will meet Friday, November 18 from 8:30 AM – 12 PM at the fire department.

Sincerely,
Kevin P. Anderson
City Manager