



July 11, 2014

Mayor Donald D. Lyons
City Council Members

City Meetings: Council Meeting, Monday 7:00 pm

Calendar:

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:

M62 Waterline Repair

The waterline repair has been completed. Since the work is on the state highway system it requires a concrete base and asphalt driving surface. This work is being scheduled for the 21st and 22nd of June.

Sinkhole Status'

There have been a number of sinkholes that have cropped up this summer and city crews have been working to make sure they are promptly taken care of. Here's a list on ones that have been addressed:

- The West Telegraph and Green Street location has been repaired.
- A location on Rudy Road is in the process of repair.
- The sinkhole in the alley at Huntington Bank is under the Bank itself, and they are in the process of determining its cause. It has be determined that it is NOT being caused by either sewer mains or storm water mains.

Planning Commission Update

The Planning Commission looked at two separate requests at this week's meeting. The first was a request by Deerpath Recyclers which would allow the company to build a new 200 square foot office building inside the city's industrial park along a proposed rail spur. There is still permitting work to be completed with Amtrak, but progress is being made. The 19-acre lot would also contain a new road leading up to the building. The following link will take you to the newspaper report of this project:

<http://www.leaderpub.com/2014/07/09/dowagiac-recycling-company-growing/>

The second request reviewed by the Planning Commission was from Brian DeLong, manager of The Business Center of Southwestern Michigan, to rezone the 34.5-acre property from heavy industrial to a planned unit development district. This project was approved by the Dowagiac Planning Commission and is headed to City Council for consideration. The new zoning permission will give the business center a broader range of the types of companies

that will be able to utilize the space inside the former manufacturing plant. The following link will take you to the newspaper report of this project:

<http://www.leaderpub.com/2014/07/09/dowagiac-business-center-expanding/>

WNIT's Our Town – Dowagiac

Taped interviews for the “Our Town” project are complete. Volunteer videographers shared their stories of Dowagiac and why they love this community. We are the first community in Michigan to be featured in this series and I look forward to hearing the story of Dowagiac as seen through our eyes and told through our voices.

Beckwith Park Concerts

The concert series is going strong again this year and, for the most part, the weather has been remarkable. This series will continue throughout the summer on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm.

Downtown Clock

The downtown clock has had a very difficult time keeping time this summer. Our crews have been in contact with the manufacturer and they have attempted a variety of repairs that have been recommended. Obviously, those recommendations have not worked. We are down to two options. Call a technician from the company at a rate of \$495 for the first hour and \$120.00 for each additional hour plus parts or upgrade the clock system to a new pulse system and remove the toggle switch for \$3,795. This upgrade would require that a new two way timepiece be installed, which would require two new sets of hands and a new Master Clock Controller (MCC3) which would automatically update the time in the spring and the fall as well as after a power outage.

Given the fact that the clock components are 22 years old, it may be time for an upgrade. This price includes the parts, freight of the equipment as well as installation.

Sincerely,



Kevin P. Anderson
City Manager