



September 5, 2014

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:

Rudolphi Wildlife Refuge Park

Over the past month city crews have been working to make the Dailey Road parking area for the Rudolphi Wildlife Refuge Park more visible and accessible for all. It is our hope that the increased visibility



will allow more families to experience and enjoy this marvelous park and the trail systems that connect with the Southwestern Michigan College trail system.

Street Improvement Grants

Several months ago City Council approved grant applications through the Small Urban Task Force for several projects in the City of Dowagiac. The following projects have been approved:

2015 – East Railroad/Park -- Telegraph to E. Prairie Ronde

2017 – Depot Drive—Park Place to Division

Lester Ave—Division to Telegraph

High St—Walnut to Lowe

Pennsylvania—Main St. to High St.

This grant means that about \$210,000 worth of paving will be done and the city will only need to pay about \$42,000 to get it done.

Additionally, Cass County Road Commission will be paving Middle Crossing Road from 750 feet north of Sarabyn to California using this same grant source.

Electric Switchover of 8 AEP Customers

Part of the construction of the Main & Front Professional Building includes the burying of electric lines and the switchover of AEP customers to City electric. Work on the switchover is nearly done and crews will be working on the weekend so that the hours of operation for several businesses is minimally disturbed.

Downtown Clock

The new mechanism, built for the downtown Wolverine clock, has arrived and is scheduled to be installed next week. City crews will be working with the contractor so that repairs may be done by city crews in the future.

City Council Member Workshop

Each quarter City Council sets aside time to meet and thoroughly review current projects, assess financial conditions and review priorities & long-range plans. The next workshop is Friday, September 12 at 8:00 am at the Fire Station training room.

Carpet

Over the next couple of weeks carpet will be replaced on the first floor of City Hall. Remarkably, the original carpet has served this high traffic area for over 14 years.

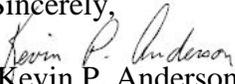
Beckwith Theatre - Opening Night

There are many excellent opportunities to experience the arts in Dowagiac and the Beckwith Theatre is high on that list. Make your reservations now for "Come Back to the Five and Dime Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean" that will be running September 19-21 & 26-28.

Are you ready for some football?

The Chieftain's first home football game is tonight. The Dowagiac sports schedule can be found at www.dowagiacschools.org/athletics/schedules.

Sincerely,


Kevin P. Anderson
City Manager