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Good Afternoon Everyone.

This is the City Manager's week in review for the week of March 1, 2021.

**COVID** – City Hall continues to be open by appointment only; however, staff are in the building. If you need assistance or would like to schedule an appointment, please call 269-857-1438.

The governor issued new guidance to increase occupancy and gather numbers. The guidance will be reviewed, and a determination will be made about opening City Hall and resumption of in-person public meetings.

**City Council Meeting** – Monday's City Council meeting lasted approximately 40 minutes and only had two items of new business.

- Passport Recreation Grant – The City Council approved a resolution to apply for a passport grant to support construction of a new playground element at Schultz Park.
- 42° N' Rowing Club – City Council approved an agreement with a rowing club to utilize Wades Bayou as a location for rowing activities and allowed for a parking space to be occupied by a rowing trailer. The Department of Public Works is currently building a low-profile floating dock that can be used by the rowing team and will be great for launching paddleboards and kayaks.

**City Council Workshop** – City Council will be holding a workshop on Saturday via zoom to go over strategic goals and capital improvement planning for the next six years. The agenda and zoom link are located on the City's website. The capital planning portion is an important step in developing the budget for the next fiscal year as well as outlining City Hall's goals for the upcoming year.

**Township Manager Meeting** – Friday I met with the new Township Manager Joe Frey and gave him a tour of Douglas and discussed projects we have in common with the Township. I had a similar meeting with the Saugatuck Manager two weeks ago.

**Blue Star Highway Trail** – The Blue Star Trail committee is meeting on Friday March 5 to discuss a recommendation for an engineering firm to study the proposed trail options and design.

**Board of Review** – Due to the easing of COVID restrictions, for the next two Tuesdays (3-9 & 3-16) the Board of Review will be adding an option for in-person appeals by appointment at City Hall. Appeals can also be heard by phone for the next two meetings for those practicing social distancing precautions.

**Chief Janik** – Chief Janik was spotted at Wayland Union School district this past Saturday to assist with the COVID vaccination site. Thanks Chief Janik for your dedication and assistance.



That's all I have for now. Have a good weekend.

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City Manager