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Good Afternoon Everyone.

This is the City Manager's week in review for the week of April 5, 2021.

COVID – City Hall doors are closed to the public once again and many employees are working remote. Citizens wishing to contact City Hall may call 269-857-1438. You may schedule an appointment if you need to speak to a City employee in person.

Diesel Spill – A Republic Waste refuse truck leaked diesel fuel this week on several streets around the downtown. The Police Chief worked with Republic Waste to coordinate street cleaning and the chief reported the spill to Allegan County Emergency Management.

Brush Pick up – Brush collection resumed this week and with the wonderful weather, we have noticed a larger than anticipated amount placed out for collection. DPW crews are working diligently to catch up.

Social Districts – Several city employees and the CVB director had the first meeting about social districts this week. A number of great ideas came from the meeting. The CVB is working on the required social district logo. The Police Chief and I are working on the required management plan and narrative. The Police Chief will spend some time Friday speaking with the local businesses about the proposed social district and gathering a list of concerns. We are also developing a list of frequently asked questions and responses in preparation for the next City Council meeting.

Capital Improvement Projects – A good part of my week was spent working on creating a plan for future capital improvement projects as discussed with City Council. The Capital Improvement plan is key to the budget process and will be sent to City Council for ranking. The highest ranked priority projects will be included in the fiscal year '21-'22 budget. Examples of capital improvement projects include road and utility projects, equipment purchases, facility repair / improvements, master plan updates, and non-motorized transportation projects.

Rotary Club Fireworks – The Rotary Club President reached out to Douglas and Saugatuck to share that the club has determined to not move forward with Fourth of July fireworks for 2021. However, they are considering another date late in the year once the COVID risks diminish.

BS&A Implementation – The City Treasurer and City Clerk's office are working with our technology provider to update software systems. The City is in the process of adding an electronic timesheet and payroll application, and cash receipting program. BS&A is the backbone of many municipal software applications and there are multiple modules that can be selected from to support efficient administration of government.

That is all I have for now. Have a good weekend.

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