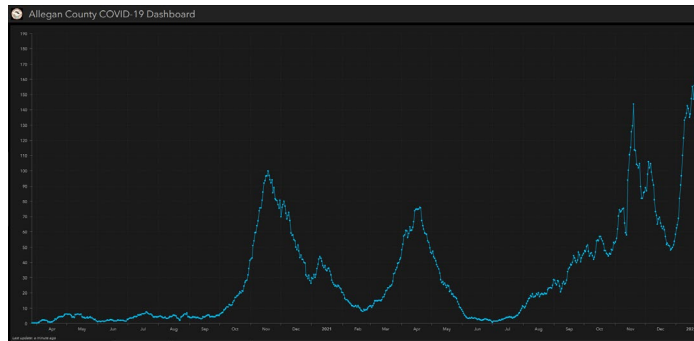


Good Afternoon,

This is the City Manager's week in review for the week of January 17, 2022.

**COVID 19** – The Allegan County COVID Dashboard shows the 7-day moving average of new cases is up to 178 cases, which is up from 135 cases last week. The data was last reported on January 21, 2022. City Hall remains open to the public, but masks are required for entry. Most City employees are working remotely, but can be reached via phone, email, or by scheduling a meeting.



**City Council** – City Council's regular meeting was held on January 17<sup>th</sup> and they approved the following items:

- Wades Bayou recreation services – tabled and referred to the DDA for scoring
- SCA Special Event Application for art installation at Wades Bayou
- City Council election bylaws adopted
- Use of ARPA federal funds
- Aquatic weed control in Douglas Harbor
- Creation of a Blue Star Corridor fund using revenue from marijuana revenue

**200 Blue Star** – Major demolition activities have wrapped up at 200 Blue Star. I'll be presenting a revised scope of work item at the next City Council meeting. The additional work will be for handling the cement block material that contains PCBs. The EPA still has to approve the disposal plan for the material.

**Campbell Road** – Work on Campbell Road has slowed with the cold temperatures. Today's high was 22 degrees which is well below freezing. Contractors won't expose the water main to freezing temperatures due to risk of freezing.

**Utility Master Planning** – Following the utility master planning session I've had contact with several residents associated with some of the sites discussed at the workshop. City Council was presented seven locations that have long standing utility issues and they were ranked in order of priority.

- Hidden Water's multiple utility and road issues
- Felker's Subdivision multiple utility issues
- Main / Washington / Gerber water main on private property
- W. Fremont Street improper water connections and possible lead service lines
- VanDragt Dam emergency plan
- Parkside Lane lift station and electric panel
- Crest Street forcemain
- Water Street storm water management

**Redevelopment Ready Community** – Staff coordinated this week to discuss the path forward with achieving the goals of the redevelopment ready community development guide. The guide is a useful tool for developers, builders, and property owners to navigate the City's development process. Furthermore, communities that meet the requirements of a redevelopment ready community get the advantage of the state marketing up to three developable properties in the community. The marketing would attract developers from across the state.

**Tree Board** – The Tree Board met and approved all items on the agenda.

**American Rescue Plan** – City staff have begun to review the requirements of a grant for the American Rescue Plan that could benefit the downtown, brownfield, or waterfront. Grants of \$1 million and \$5 million are available to rehabilitate vacant, underutilized, blighted and historic structures and development of permanent place-based infrastructure associated with traditional downtowns, social-zones, outdoor dining, and place-based public spaces. A number of projects come to mind that are outlined in the City's master plans.

**Consumers Energy Foundation Planet Award Grant** – A grant of up to \$500,000 is available from the foundation for projects that emphasize, preserve, and improve land, water, and air quality.

That is all I have for now.

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