



Good Afternoon,

This is the City Manager's week in review for the week of February 21, 2022.

DRAFT Sewer Capacity Report – The City is in receipt of the draft sewer capacity report that is a result of the installation of four sewer master meters that measure flow volumes in the collection system. The report quantifies the sources of volume from each four constituent communities into the wastewater treatment plant. This is the second annual report and reports the results of the 2021 calendar year. With a yearly average flow of 0.157 million gallons per day, the City of Douglas is under its allotted capacity of 0.496 million gallons per day.

County Broad Action Workgroup – Allegan County Broadband Workgroup requested a March 1 response from local units of government interested in earmarking ARPA funds to advancing the goal of community broadband. I submitted a reply to the workgroup on behalf of the City of Douglas to indicate the City is interested in participating to improve broadband access in the community.

Pre-Demolition Meeting – An on-site meeting was held this week with Melching Demolition to discuss the removal of the pool at Point Pleasant. Work will begin within two weeks of obtaining appropriate permits. The project will remove the entire pool, surrounding concrete and decks. Specific trees were marked to protect from damage. A notice will be sent to nearby neighbors to inform them of the work being conducted. Work will also begin soon on repair of the docks at Point Pleasant.

Parade Safety – The City is in receipt of a report on Parade Safety prepared by local public safety. The report advocates for improved safety measures in light of a past event in Waukesha, Wisconsin that resulted in loss of life. The report discusses risks associated with large gatherings for parades, recommends mitigation strategies to prevent loss of life and serious injury, and advocates use of collective resources to improve parade safety.

Cyber Security – The City Clerk's office is working with a vendor to raise awareness of cyber security risks and make improvements to the City's network through training opportunities. Cyber security is more important than ever and there are locally documented incidents of successful breaches. The Michigan Municipal League reported "over 5,000 attacks on [their] network in the last seven (7) days that had originated in Russia."

That is all I have for now.

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