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This is the City Manager's week in review for the week of December 19, 2022.

**Snow Event** – The anticipated arrival of the snowstorm, blizzard conditions, and lake effect snow fall has the Department of Public Works and Police Department preparing for the event in advance. Public Works employees are loading salt into plow trucks, attaching snowplows, and checking equipment. Police are standing by for any traffic related incidents that may occur. The City of Douglas is in good hands with our DPW and Police staff.

From the National Weather Service...BLIZZARD WARNING REMAINS IN EFFECT FROM 4 PM THIS AFTERNOON (Thursday) TO 7 PM EST SATURDAY... WHAT...Blizzard conditions expected. Total snow accumulations in excess of a foot in many areas. Winds gusting as high as 50 mph. WHERE...Portions of southwest and west central Michigan. IMPACTS...Travel will likely become very difficult to impossible...especially on Friday. Widespread blowing snow will significantly reduce visibility. Gusty winds could bring down tree branches and cause power outages. ADDITIONAL DETAILS...Snow...blowing snow and cold temperatures are all expected between this afternoon and Saturday. Blizzard conditions will develop late tonight and continue into the weekend. The strongest winds and therefore the worst travel will come on Friday. Travel is not advised. Whiteout conditions will be frequent. Snow accumulations in excess of a foot will be possible in many areas. Given the variability of lake effect snow...which will dominate much of this event... you could very well see more or less snow depending on location.

**City Council Meeting** – The regular meeting of the City Council was held on Monday and City Council approved the following items.

- Adopted a meeting date change in observance of the New Year holiday
- Adopted Personnel Policy and Benefits Manual – last updated in 2015
- Accepted donation of a sculpture to be installed at the Police Department
- Discussed the request to write a resolution in opposition to the Northshore Marina

**Holiday Observances** – City Hall will be closed on Friday (December 23) and Monday (December 26) in observance of the Christmas Holiday. In addition, Friday (December 30) and Monday (January 2) in observance of the New Year. And again, on Monday (January 16) in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

**200 Center Street Review** – Staff joined with the developer's engineers and designers to review a proposed set of plans for a three-story structure to be located at 200 Center Street. The vacant lot is immediately west of the real estate office on Center and adjacent to the Cove Bar. With the staff review complete, the revised plans will be sent to the planning commission for consideration.

That is all I have for now. Have a wonderful holiday weekend.

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City Manager