

City Manager Council Update December 2023 -

- The City will be applying for a SPARK Grant to fund improvements to Ely Park. A public survey is being sent to the homes of residents and posted online. Additionally, we will be holding a community meeting to discuss options on January 11 from 5-7pm in the Library Community Room. The Southwest Michigan Planning Commission has been a huge help with the public engagement portion of this grant.
- The Union has informed us that they will be proceeding to arbitration for the Union Grievance on scheduling and shift posting.
- The City's Attorney is filing for summary judgement in the case against the former Hartford police officer who has not repaid their contractual obligation for police academy expenses.
- We have worked with AM Hawk to get the necessary water meter installed.
- Danny has performed interviews and we have offered a conditional offer of employment to a new member of the Department of Public Works.
- We are looking at options for hiring and recruitment for the police department.
- The police department was able to secure a retired sheriff's department hummer for the City for FREE. While there isn't a large need for such a big vehicle, during storm events it will ensure that we can continue serving our City. For example, during last year's blizzard, our police department was unable to respond.
- We have met with Surf Fiber whom has submitted a permit to install fiber internet throughout the City. I'm awaiting guidance from the City Attorney about the next steps necessary under the Metro Act.