



**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT  
MARCH 28, 2022**

**2020 CENSUS REPORT & IT'S IMPACT:**

The 2020 Census did not come out very well for the City because we lost population. The city's population decreased from 2688 to 2515, a loss of 173 people. The problem is that the Constitutional State Shared Revenue distribution is population based, which means there is going to be a reduction in the City's revenue retroactively to October 1, 2020.

Every community that gained population would see an increase in the State Shared Revenue to reflect the new population numbers while the communities that lost population would experience a loss until the next census in the year 2030. Once we know the numbers, the City would make necessary budget adjustments. The state Legislators are currently looking for ways to mitigate the fiscal impact on the affected communities.

**WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATIONAL ASSISTANCE:**

There is nothing new to report, other than John Barthels went on vacation and came back on March 23, 2022. He will be implementing changes relative to his preliminary assessment of the plant.

**LEAD SERVICE REPLACEMENT GRANT APPLICATION:**

I want to thank Commissioner Chappell for bringing to my attention an opportunity for the City to apply for American Rescue Plan Act funds from the County for Lead Service Line Replacement. The City of South Haven successfully applied for the funds for \$480,625. I am working on a similar Grant Application for Hartford. We are currently collecting relevant data for our application.

**DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD APPOINTMENT:**

Mr. Gary Barker sold his businesses to Mr. Rick Stevens of Coloma. Mr. Barker was on the DDA Board, before he sold his business, thus creating a vacancy. Mr. Stevens has expressed interest in becoming a DDA board member and he is on the agenda for your consideration and approval tonight.

**QUOTES FOR FIRE PROTECTION:**

We received three (3) quotes for the City Hall Fire Protection.

The first one is from Johnson Controls to replace the existing system for \$7,340.00. The new system will be an upgrade of the current system because it is obsolete and there is no support for that unit anymore.

The second quote is from Fire Pros. The quote is for repairing the existing system and not replacement at a cost of \$8,528.00

The third quote is from EPS at a cost of \$8,466.36 for a replacement of the current system. While the cost of the initial installation is, \$1000.00 more than Johnson Control, the overall cost including testing and servicing is actually \$1,500.00 less than Johnson Control's.

Base on this information, I will recommend that the City accept the quote from EPS.