

**City of the Village of Clarkston**  
**City Managers Report**  
**October 26, 2015**

**CDBG**

Sandy Miller handled the CDBG orientation meeting for the City. We will be holding the public hearing for the allocation of funds on November 9th. This year's allocation has been raised to \$6,000 and we, once again, have the option of splitting the dollars, a change from last year. The Senior Center Minor home repair program has indicated they not used all of the money from last year and indicating they would not ask this year if there other groups the council would like to consider.

One change made by the Federal Government several years ago, is to allow communities to publish the notice for the public hearing on the City Website rather than the paper. In order for this to be legal for the City the Council needs to pass a resolution to publish on the internet. In our case it would also be on social media as well as our website. Moving forward, (this year has been published) we would handle the hearings in that manner. This type of noticing would also include reallocations. This is on the agenda for discussion.

**Downtown Commercial District Parking meeting**

The City conducted an informal meeting with the business/building owners in the downtown commercial district. Out of the 90 letters that were sent, 5 businesses came to voice their opinion.

They were:

Union Joints

Jennifer & Hank Radcliff

Neal Wallace

Picasso's Grapevine

Laurie Mahler

Bob Roth

Residents Cory Johnston, Jennifer Phyle an Steve Wyle were also in attendance.

The general conscientious was there is no problem now, we might possibly be on the tipping point. The felt a parking study was a good idea, using TIA. Jennifer Radcliff volunteered to work with TIA to help facilitate the study.

**Community Information Network**

The City is continuing our work with Clarkston Independence District Library, an IT company, Cara Catallo, Dave Bihl and Bill Basinger to design a website, hosted by the Library, to assist in Historic architectural research, Historic District research as well as developing an APP that would facilitate and interactive walking tour of the Village. The APP's GPS system would track the walker and give information about structures as they walk by. The site is being developed to integrate well with all hand held devices.

### **Facilities Committee meeting**

The group met on Monday, October 19th, continuing the research as directed by the Council. There is no request for action at this meeting. 3 E. will be vacated by November 1st. The DPW office is now located in the room next to the furnace. The City has rented a climate controlled storage area at Maxx Self Storage. All the boxes of records that were previously in the attic are now being stored off site. We are currently using 300 sq. feet at Brady Lodge temporarily for the winter, and will be moving into the school storage area by the end of the month. To date we are unsure the little truck will fit in the space with the plow because we have not been able to get access to the building as this writing. If it won't fit, then the small truck will come here and we will rent space in a private citizens pole barn for the winter.

### **THANK YOU Tom Hunter**

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Tom Hunter for the years of service on the Council. Tom has given 100's of hours in committee work and served as Mayor Pro Tem. Tom's expertise in municipal matters which came from working as legal counsel for the City of Pontiac proved to be invaluable. Please plan on staying after the meeting for refreshments to help thank Tom for his service.