



Manager's Report March 1st Council Meeting

City Hall Maintenance/Repairs

There are two major items which will require maintenance repairs at city hall. The roof at city hall is leaking and in need of repairs and potential partial replacement. The winter weather, especially the heavy snowfalls, have put additional strain on the aging structure and there are several leaks in the roof above the Council chambers. We will need to seek bids in early spring for companies to evaluate and complete the necessary repairs or replacement of that section of roofing.

The two boilers at city hall are approximately 20 years old and reaching the end of their useable life. We will need to repair or replace both before next winter. Administration is working with contractor to evaluate the options for repairs or replacement and determine the recommended path forward. In addition to replacing the appliances, upgrades to the boiler system would offset utility costs and will be a consideration in the decision-making process.

March 15th Meeting

At the March 15th Council meeting there will be a special presentation from the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission. Commissioner Erin Wagner will provide a brief overview of the commission's work and answer any questions. More information about the commission can be found here: https://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,4670,7-127-1633_91141---,00.html

Union Negotiations

Three union contracts are up for renewal this June. The City has been contacted by the non-supervisory police bargaining unit seeking to begin negotiations. We have initial dates set for mid-March and I will keep Council apprised as to the ongoing nature of those discussions.