

This week City Council was held at the Belrockton Community Center. This venue provides space to allow for social distancing for council and the public where the Depot is much more limited in its capabilities.

City Offices are open and we ask that anyone that visits City Hall follow the directional signage for entering and exiting the building as well as wearing a face mask to protect yourself and our staff.

Council approved the use of city streets for a 5K run for the Freedom Park on August 1st. The event runs from 7am to 10am. We discussed the need to keep our current social distancing practices in place for the event.

In the City Manager Update, John discussed:

- The handicap kayak launch is nearing completion at East Riverside Park 😊
- The city is working to update the city web site with updated pictures and layout and to include additional resources like property values, taxes and possibly water billing history.
- Labor Day is still being discussed. We know the event, if it is held, will be in a limited format this year and the Labor Day Committee is working to determine what can be accomplished.
- Traffic/Speeding was discussed on North State Street. A year ago a stop sign was placed at the corner where the street turns west. Residents continue to voice concerns about cars not stopping and excessive speeds.

Independence Day- Belding does not have fireworks traditionally on the 4th of July. I also know residents were looking to attend other firework displays, with many cancelled. I would say we did not miss a beat when it came to our community celebrating this holiday! We literally lit up the sky over Belding on the 4th with residents celebrating. It truly was a spectacle to see all of this, and I would say that this rivaled the professional display that we have for Labor Day.

COVID- as a reminder, Michigan continues to see more cases of Covid-19. While we have been fortunate to have had limited cases in our City, it is still important that we continue to follow the guidelines to social distance and wear face masks. The key point to all of this is to not only protect yourself but our neighbors and friends. Be Safe!

Thank you.