



West Branch City Council  
City Administrator's Report

10/15/18

11/5/18

**Pending Action Items:**

*(Wastewater Taskforce)*

No new updates

*College Street Bridge*

Due to the delays associated with obtaining needed right of way for the College Street Bridge Replacement Project (Project BROS-S252(605)--8J-16), the City had to request a funding extension for the match grants (approx.. \$1M). This request was granted and is expected to have either the ROW purchased or condemnation hearing set by the end of the year. At this time, 4 property owners are hold outs and will be going through the condemnation process. Regarding funding for the non-participating portions of the project, the city has made the urban renewal adjustment necessary and is prepared to finalize funding with its TIF indebtedness report December 1st. However, since bidding has not been done as of yet, and an anticipated hot construction market bids may come in higher than originally anticipated. We may be in the position of having to take out additional lending to make-up for project budget shortfalls.

*Cluster Mail Boxes*

No new updates

**Report from the Desk of the City Administrator:**

- Nuisance Violations (E. Green) – The inspection date has passed. The property has showed some clean-up work. The owner's attorney has been contacted with additional time given while the city gets a contractor under agreement to clean up the property. The progress made is still not satisfactory. Per the terms of the settlement the homeowner has exhausted his time allotted and his ability to appeal. Should the property not be cleaned City and/or its contractor may commence a clean-up with the expenses to be billed and ultimately assessed against the property should the property owner not pay the assessment. Should we engage the contractor, I will need to coordinate with the City Attorney to advise what should be and should not be removed. The Contractor has asked for 48 hours to mobilize but could potentially move sooner.

**Follow up / Reminder Items:**

- The Great Place Grant has been submitted / Cedar County Communities have been working on their Budget details. We will know something by Mid-December if we are awarded or not; so fingers crossed!
- Goal Setting is schedule for November 19<sup>th</sup> (a Time has yet to be set)

- As a reminder, West Branch residents are encouraged to purchase “Garbage Only” stickers in order to have waste pick up. 20 gallon bag or containers requires 1 sticker. 21 to 35 bags or containers require 2 stickers. A total of 40lbs are allow at a time. Recently, we have had cases of residents dumping their Garbage in our Cemetery Dumpsters. This is illegal and violators can be fined.
- Please see the West Branch proposed bicycle trail tunnel aesthetic treatment options (See: Attachment 1).
- Trick or Treat Event Downtown – Was a success, the downtown businesses reported more people and fun for the organizers and well for the participants. Heritage Square was the center point for free hot dogs, chips, drinks and drawings for prizes. This year we did not run out of Hot Dogs.

**Events / Scheduled Meetings:**

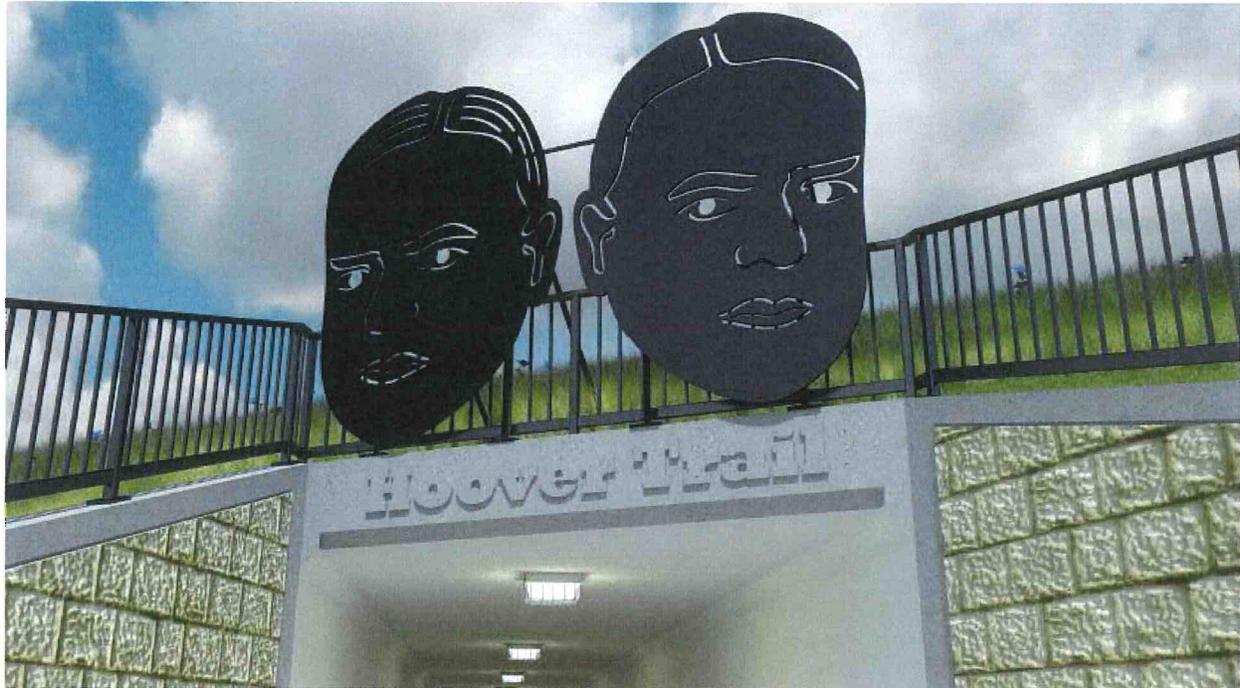
- **Fall Leaf Pickup** – Starts Today... Leaf collection begins at approximately 7:30 am on the EAST side of town and works WEST on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. While Public Works makes every attempt to reach the whole town each day,

**Attachment 1**



Image 2  
 Headwall concrete texture: Cut Stone  
 Headwall fence: Powder Coated Picket Railing

***(Design of Choice based on consensus of City Council)***



**IDOT would like to know if these add-on would be appealing. The parties that I was able to get feedback on like the “Hoover Trail” wording, but mixed reviews with the oversized faces.**

