



West Branch City Council
 City Administrator's Report
 6/22/20

Pending Action Items:

(Wastewater Topic)

No new developments since last update.

(College Street Bridge)

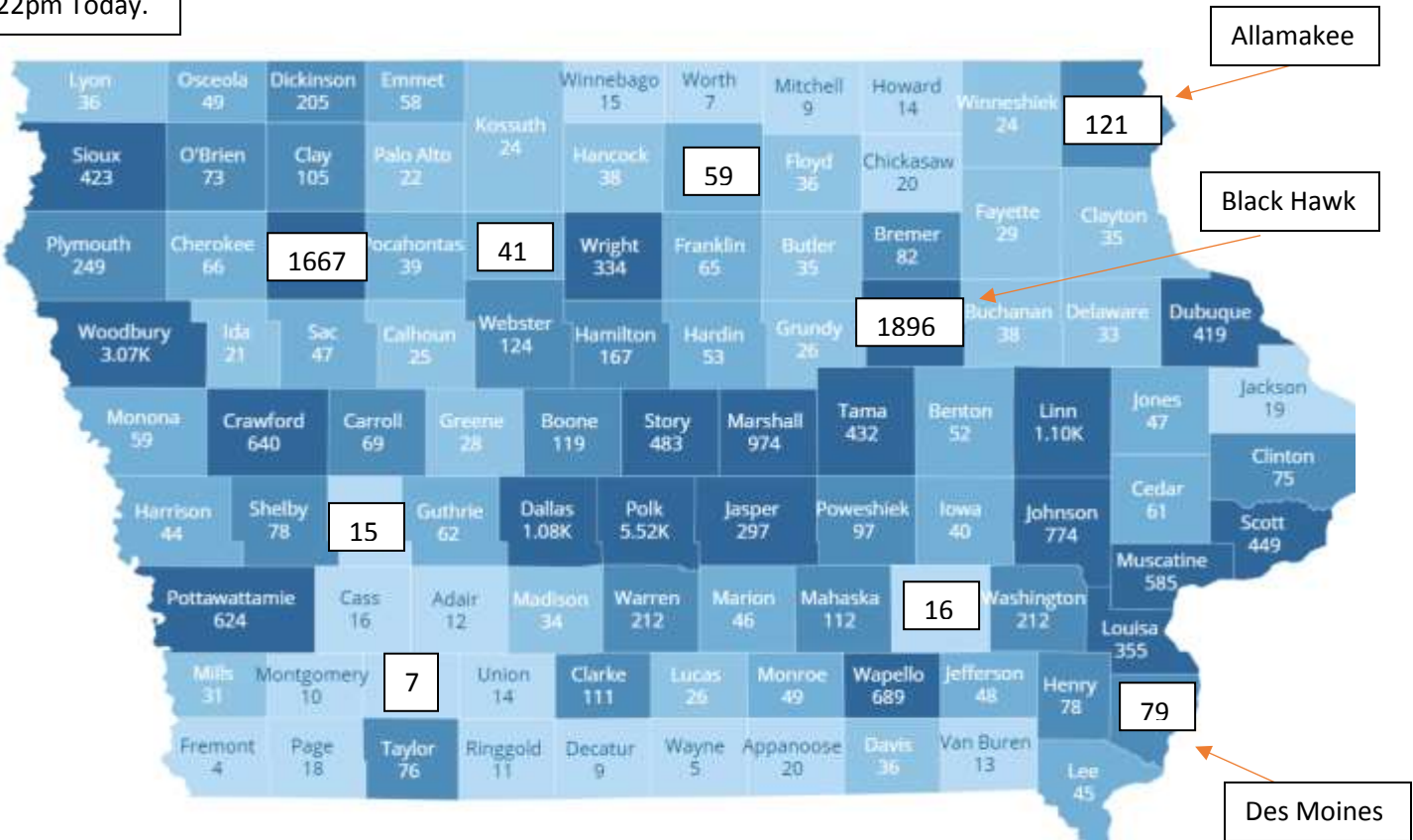
The project is expected to be ready for final acceptance next month July meeting(s). For more information please call Eric.

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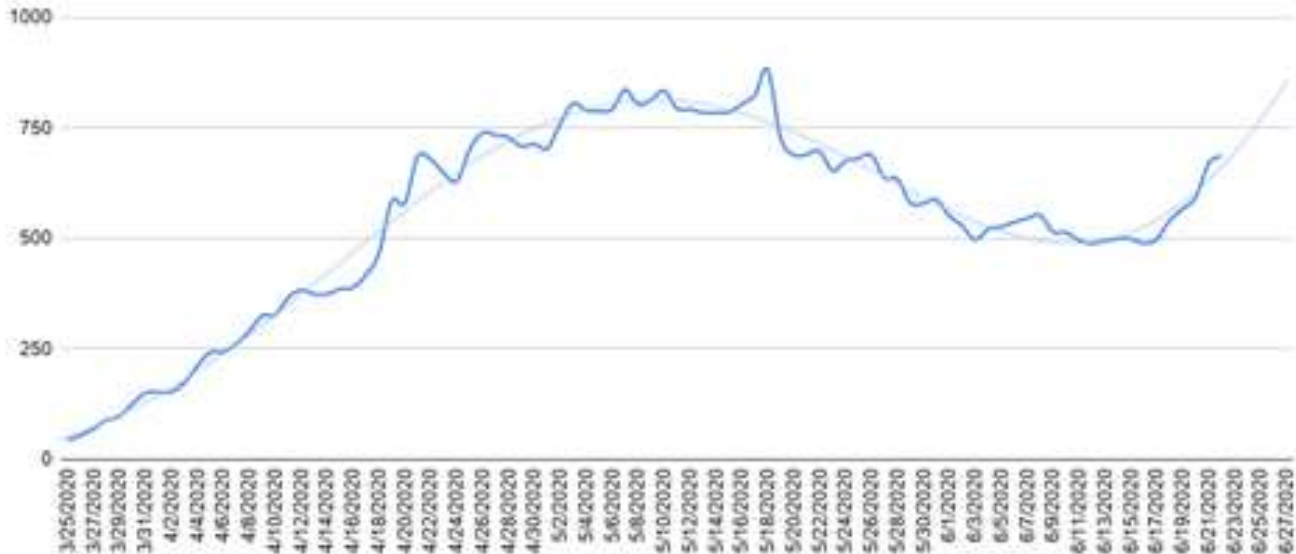
Report from the Desk of the City Administrator:

- City Safety Committee recommends continuing the city's COVID-19 protocols for at least another month. Jose Gongora, our Safety Committee Consultant has agreed to make himself available to answer any of the City Council's questions at 915-227-1002. As many of you may know Mr. Gongora currently also serves as the safety coordinator for Kinze Manufacturing. *Information forwarded by members of the City Safety Committee.*

As of 2:22pm Today.



Surrounding Counties Active



We've seen a large jump upwards in COVID cases in our area over the last couple weeks. Total active cases over a seven day period have increased by 33% in our area. The state continues to increase as a whole and we're nearing 10,000 active cases statewide.

- At this time the City Council is still practicing Social Distancing. With City Council Meetings still using Zoom for the Public audiences over 10 people. At the time the Council indicated that this practice would continue until July. Our next meeting will be July 6th. Is there any new direction that the city should adhere to before this meeting or after? Elsewhere the city continues to take precautions but regular working conditions are slowly being restored.
- The Final Report for the Derelict Building Grant was submitted and received by DNR on time. I have received unofficial word that our grant reimbursement will be for 50,890. We paid our final invoice from Barnhart's Custom Services for \$44,820.00; we received a total of \$10,000 payment for the purchase of rock to date, we have approximately 5,474 tons remaining. At \$3.75 we estimate an additional \$20,527.50 by the end of the summer for rock sales.
- Met with Chad developer of the BP site. He has expressed concern that the storm water infrastructure could have challenges because it would involve larger new system and tapping into the city's smaller aging system. He believes from the water he has been able to witness thus far this year the best way to handle storm water from his site is have an easement from Gaskill. If this doesn't happen he believes the city may have to upgrade its storm water infrastructure along S. 4th Street between Cookson and South Maple Street. He is very interested in the developments between the City and Gaskill family because it could impact the BP Site development.

Follow up / Reminder Items:

- I had follow up meetings with the Eastern Iowa Region Crisis System and the West Branch Area Religious Council with regards to coordinating our \$25,000 West Branch Food Pantry Grant. Initial inspection indicates there may be a number of resolutions that will need to be approved because the funding is connected to Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

- I met with Matt and drove the street at Crestview Drive to look at road maintenance issues as we have received complaints recently on the road condition in that area. It is apparent that something needs to be done but the level of repair is beyond normal patch work. This issue appears to be of need of a capital project consideration.
- I am working with SEDCO and ECIA to submit a \$5million grant for our Wastewater Treatment Project.

Report from Public Works

Public Works Weekly Update 6/8-6/14

STREETS

- Daily check of streets. This is done routinely to spot potholes, downed limbs, garbage, water main breaks, sinkholes or other issues before they are found by the general public.
- Push back brush pile and clean up yard waste bin
- Yard waste collection
- Made a list of signs needing replaced, ordered signs and ordered other materials related to sign installation
- Concrete street repair from water main break
- Pothole repairs
- Clean up alleys from rain
- Called Altorpher to have them come repair the throttle cable and foot peddle of the skid loader. Set them up in our shop for the repair.
- Ordered street signs for Cedars Edge
- Put in locates for street sign installs
- Repair base of mailbox on Scott drive and Hilltop. Resident on Scott Drive chose to move theirs to a neighboring base and make a bigger cluster. We removed the base.