

## AGENDA REPORT

TO: Mayor & City Commission  
FROM: Ken Hibl, City Manager  
DATE: September 16, 2009  
RE: Presentation by Mr. Jerry Burger, Clare County Enterprise Community  
Executive Director

For the Agenda of September 21, 2009

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**Background.** As the City Commission is aware, the Clare County Enterprise Community loses its formal federal status and funding at the end of 2009. In the process of transitioning from a federally and county funded program to a non-profit program, the Enterprise Community must disperse all remaining funds allocated to the current program. The City formally requested (*see copies of att'd letters*) that \$21,500 of these funds be disbursed to Clare: \$20K for sanitary sewer improvements supporting industrial expansion in the City and \$1.5K for assistance in establishing a new farmers market program within the City. The City's requests were approved; therefore, Mr. Jerry Berger, the Clare County Enterprise Community Executive Director, is scheduled to appear before the City Commission at Monday's meeting to formally present the requested and approved funds to the City.

**Issues & Questions Specified.** Should the City Commission accept the requested funding?

**Alternatives.**

1. Accept the funds.
2. Do not accept the funds.
3. Defer/delay/postpone decision regarding the date/time to a future scheduled Commission meeting.

**Financial Impact.** Self-explanatory.

**Recommendation.** I recommend that the City Commission accept the funds from Mr. Burger.

**Attachments.** Letter Requests.



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## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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Dear Mr. Burger,

I offer this letter requesting that the Clare County Enterprise Community & Economic Development Board consider releasing and disbursing \$20,000 of benchmarked funds to the City of Clare for sanitary sewer infrastructure development.

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There are currently no vacancies in the Clare Industrial Park – it is fully occupied. The Clare Industrial Development Corporation, in concert with and support of the City of Clare and the Clare Local Development Finance Authority, are considering options regarding the expansion of the City's existing industrial park or the creation of a new industrial park. Regardless of the option selected by the Clare City Commission, we will be required to expand the City's current public sanitary sewer system to accommodate and service future industrial development within the City.

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The benchmarked funds will be used to augment City funds in this endeavor. I anticipate that we will be in a position to obligate the funds released to us for the stated purpose within the next six to twelve months.

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Thank you for your consideration.

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Sincerely yours,

Ken Hill  
City Manager

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Dear Mr. Burger,

I offer this letter requesting that the Clare County Enterprise Community & Economic Development Board consider releasing and disbursing \$1,500 of benchmarked funds to the City of Clare for the purpose of supporting and promoting the start-up of a new farmer's market venture within the City.

As you and the Enterprise Community Board are aware, the City of Clare previously attempted a partnership with Gateway Farmer's Market, which was unsuccessful. But the lack of success with this partnership venture has not altered the City's desires to try again to establish a market in Clare.

Our Clare Main Street Board and the Clare Downtown Development Authority (DDA) have determined that the need for a farmer's market in Clare remains and have made a renewed commitment to this end – this time in partnership with the City's Recreation Department and with a location in the City's downtown district.

All benchmarked funds released to the City will be used to augment committed City and DDA funds and will be used for market start-up, promotion, and operational costs. We will utilize the funds immediately upon receipt.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Ken Hibel  
City Manager