



CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
JANUARY 24, 2022

PROPOSAL FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATIONAL ASSISTANCE:

I mentioned in my November 2021 report that I discussed the idea of the proposal for Operational Assistance with John Barthels of Infrastructure Alternatives, Inc. This same company assessed the plant. The proposal was not ready for the December Council Meeting; therefore, you were not able to discuss it at that time. I have enclosed the proposal for your review and discussion and to decide the next step you would like to take.

5 WEST MAIN STREET:

This building has been under repairs since Van Buren County Board of Commissioners approved ARPA funds for the structural stabilization. The building will be repaired to make it attractive enough for potential developers to bid on it and turn it into a functioning multi-family structure. The County Land Bank also acquired the vacant lot at 1 West Main Street to compliment the building. We anticipate this building to become a great addition to the Downtown when completed. The County is also looking for RFQ from potential Developers.

LINDEN/CLARK STREET PROJECT UPDATE:

For the last several months, we have been working to complete the requirements for the State Historic Preservation Office and National Environmental Protection Administration. The completion of these two requirements allowed the City to publish the Combined Notice of No Significant Impact on the environment and Notice to Request for Release of Funds. The funding for this project will be released on February 15, 2022 and the physical aspect of the project can commence.

MATT KUZMA SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT:

Attorney Schuitmaker has returned from vacation. The Agreement is in your packet for your review.

INDIANA MICHIGAN POWER EASEMENT REQUEST:

There is a planned site visit on Thursday January 20, 2022 at the Water Plant to meet with Mr. Schuitmaker and the representatives of the Power Company. The plan is to come up with an agreement between the City and the Power Company that satisfies both sides. I hope to bring the agreement to the meeting with Mr. Schuitmaker's recommendation.