



**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
AUGUST 22, 2022**

1 & 5 WEST MAIN STREET UPDATE:

Van Buren County Land Bank received one Development Proposal from Renovare Development, LLC of Detroit. The joint Evaluation Committee reviewed the proposal and recommended its acceptance to negotiate a pre-development agreement with Renovare. As part of the process, the pre-development agreement will include roof repair to stabilize the building.

The Board would like to know if the city is willing to waive any permit, hookup, utilities, etc. for the development of this project in effort to bring it to fruition.

REZONING REQUEST AND VARIANCE FOR 5 SOUTH HAVER STREET:

The Planning Commission recommended the approval of the rezoning request of 5 South Haver Street from B-1 Commercial to R-2 residential and a variance for the construction of a duplex on the property. The Planning Commission made these recommendations during a regular meeting held on August 8, 2022 after a public hearing. The new building will be a two-story structure for two families. If the recommendations are approved, the property owner plans to start construction before the end of the year. A new building would be a nice addition to that neighborhood.

PROPOSAL TO UPDATE THE CITY'S EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK:

The City's Employee Handbook is outdated and should be updated to reflect current personnel issues. We have discussed this with Rose Street Advisors and have received a proposal to update for your review and approval. We have been working with Rose Street advisors for over ten years and look forward to working with them.

CITY HALL ROOF REPAIR UPDATE:

In order to get uniformity in our approach to repair the roof problem, we prepared a repair specification and advertised for bids from local contractors. We received three bids ranging from \$89,488 to \$105,930.00. Ian Mattoon of Garland Company will be available to present his recommendation to the City Commission during the meeting on Monday night.

RURAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANT

The United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development has given the City the green light to start the Streetscape project. The plan is to start with South Parking Lot and move to other items of the project. We are working on the specification that would allow the bidding of the project and construction before the end of this year.