WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT:

We signed our operational Assistance Agreement with Infrastructure Alternatives Inc. on January 27, 2022, and started work on Thursday, February 17, 2022.The initial approach is to go through a list of daily operational activities of the plant to establish the necessary changes for improvement. A weekly report to support the changes will be available for review.

5 WEST MAIN STREET UPDATE:

Now that the building has been stabilized, the County Land Bank is working on Brownfield Redevelopment process that would create opportunity for the right developer and provide resources to reimburse the City for some of the demolition costs.

RURAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATION:

This grant application is for a Streetscape project in the downtown to implement the following:
- Milling and Repaving of the South Parking Lot.
- Removal of the broken Flower Boxes.
- Removal and Replacement of all the trees in the Flower Boxes. The new trees will be ornamental dwarf trees.
- Replacement of the regular Street Light bulbs with LED light bulbs.
- Replace a couple of broken Park Benches.
- Add a couple of Trash receptacles along the street.
- Replace broken sidewalk along West Main Street.

The total project cost is $167,400.00; the grant application is for $99,000.00. It looks comprehensive enough to address some of the infrastructure issues we have in the downtown.

INDIANA MICHIGAN POWER EASEMENT REQUEST:

The City Attorney and the Power Company had a site visit to the water plant in late January and yet to reach agreement on the Easement request. They are still working on finding the right balance between the City's security and service production.

LINDEN/CLARK STREET PROJECT UPDATE:

We have completed the last requirement for the release of funds for this project. Michigan Economic Development Corporation has sent us the official letter of Release of Funds effective February 16, 2022. The project can now move forward as approved.