



## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

### **SEPTEMBER 27, 2021**

#### **AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS:**

We have been formally notified that the City's Application for the American Rescue Plan Act has been received and approved. With this approval, fifty (50%) percent of the funds will be released by or before the end of this month and the balance to be released a year from the date of the first installment. The City's Appropriation is \$271.301; this would go a long way towards our infrastructure needs.

#### **5 WEST MAIN STREET UPDATE:**

The County Land Bank met on Wednesday, September 8, 2021. The Land Bank put out an RFP for repairs on the building, only one company entertained interest in the building. Building Restoration Inc., out of Kalamazoo will be looking at the building to place a bid on repairing the structure. Several sources of funding to pay for the project were discussed, but we are not sure which one will be the best fit for this project. The County Treasurer would be investigating the use of ARPA funds and the 5% sales cost recovery from the property auction fund. She would be seeking legal counsel for opinion.

#### **HOLY FAMILY CLINIC 2 EAST MAIN STREET UPDATE:**

The Planning Commission reviewed the proposed Holy Family Clinic expansion into the former PNC Bank building. The clinic plans to use the first floor for the Clinic operation, the second floor and the basement will not be used making everything the same as the bank left it. There is not going to be any exterior changes in the build and the site would remain the same. The proposed use is the same as the former bank with required number of parking spaces for the capacity. The Planning Commission is satisfied with the plan as presented.

#### **DDA CHANGE IN BOARD MEMBERSHIP:**

Susan Layer resigned from the DDA Board after serving for eighteen years. She was the chairperson for fifteen of those eighteen years. I want to take this time to express my deepest appreciation for her service to the DDA and the community as a whole. We wish her the very best in her next endeavor.

We also want to present Reba Mabus of 7 West Hair Design as a New DDA Board member upon approval by the City Commission. She has expressed interest in serving on the board.

#### **VAN BUREN COUNTY CONSERVATION SERVICE:**

The on-site pickup for the Tire and Electronic recycling has been tentatively scheduled for some time in July 2022. The tentative date is July 18, 2022. It will take place at the North City Parking Lot. There will be two trailers, one 53-footer for the tires and a 24-footer for the electronics. The pickup will be from 3:00p.m. to 7:00p.m. The trailers will be picked up the next day.