



City Manager's Update June 24, 2024

106 South Center Demolition:

Fishbeck started the Hazardous Materials Inspections contract with Fishbeck on June 5, 2024. The work was completed on June 11th. We are expecting the test results back by next week. When the report comes back, the County Land Bank will provide a copy of the report to the State Land Bank for approval. Once approval is given, the City can execute a contract with our contractor. We have awarded the contract to Cross Excavation; we would need an updated bid if the scope of work has changed

5 W. Main Street:

Van Buren County Community Service Director Lisa Ransler informed me that the State Land Bank approved them to continue with structural stabilization. Fisbeck is under contract to lead the project administration. Lisa is working on a stabilization contract that will be bid out. We have someone interested in purchasing the property.

Evidence Room Audit:

The Michigan State Police Paw Paw post will complete the evidence audit for the police department. Captain Brown believes that it can be done in one day. The new date is Wednesday, June 26, 2024.

Hiring at the DPW and WWTP:

The city hired Sterling Smith to work for the Department of Public Works, and his first day of work was June 17th. We have an applicant undergoing drug and physical screening for the vacant position in the Public Works department.

WWTP Update:

Staff have found the mercury exceedance source from the violation we received from EGLE. Andy and Scott found the source of the high level of mercury was coming from the local dentist's office. Staff visited the dental office and took samples from the dentist's water filtration separator. After receiving the mercury results, we will work with EGLE on the next steps.

Construction at the WWTP has not begun yet. Nicol will be meeting with Wightman to find out the schedule.

Streetscape Downtown Improvement:

County Line Nursery was awarded the bid for Project B & C for the streetscape downtown improvement project at the May 20, 2024, city commission meeting. On May 22, 2024, County Line Nursery informed me that they were not accepting the award because his bid was based on receiving the entire project.

City Hall Closed July 4th and 5th:

It was approved by the Interim City Manager for the city hall to be closed the day after Independence Day. Staff are to use vacation or personal days on July 5th.

Respectfully Submitted,

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