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This is the City Manager's week in review for the week of July 31, 2023.

Interim City Manager – The City Council is posting the position of Interim City Manager on the Michigan Municipal website. Interested candidates may submit an application and resume to City Hall. It may take a few days for the posting to become active.

Special Meeting of the City Council – City Council held a special meeting on Thursday to interview Susan Montenegro as a candidate for interim City Manager position.

City Clerk Posting – The City has posted a job announcement for the City Clerk position. Interested candidates may apply by filling out an application on the City's website. The posting will be open until filled.

Summer Tax Bills – Tax bills have been sent out. If you have not received your bill, please contact the City Treasurer.

Centre Collective – Staff worked this week to compile a list of requirements to be met for the Centre Collective project before it can proceed to City Council. The developer is making good progress on meeting the requirements and we anticipate they will be on the August 21st City Council agenda.

Engineering – I met this week with the City Engineer to go over projects in progress. The City Engineer is working on a number of capital improvement projects including drain work, lead and copper service line replacement, boat launch inspection, development proposals, five-year road asset management plan, and a water rate study.

Water Rate Study – Consultant Baker Tilly will be at the next City Council meeting to go over the City's water asset management capital improvement priorities and discuss how those improvements are funded.

Facility Presentation – On Monday, August 7, the City Council will consider approving a purchase agreement for 415 Wiley Road. The City Council is considering purchasing the Douglas Family Clinic building and site for consolidation of municipal services. The negotiated price for the building is \$1,500,000. I spent time this week preparing a presentation for City Council to share information we've obtained over the course of four years about the City's municipal facilities.

Thank You – Thank you to everyone who has stopped by or emailed to wish me well as I wind down my time here in Douglas.

Have a great weekend.

Rich LaBombard
City Manager