



November 25, 2015

Mayor Donald D. Lyons
City Council Members

Dear Mayor Lyons and City Council Members:

The following report has been prepared to provide you with an update on current issues or projects in progress:

Upcoming Meetings: None

Leaf/Brush Pick-Up Program

Leaf collection efforts are winding down and will continue as long as weather permits.

Gorlich Building Update

You may have seen and *heard* the demolition on East Division Street.

You may have also seen the large openings on the south end of the building... the ones large enough to drive a truck though.

The openings have been cut so that all of the core remnants of wood, glass, floors, doors, and other debris can easily be removed from the building. All materials, except concrete,

will be removed. Upon demolition, the

building itself will be ground into stone and used for future projects across the city which will save money on stone for several years to come.



James E. Snow Professional Building

Construction is complete at the new, Dowagiac location of Advanced Dermatology. Communication and medical equipment as well as furniture will begin to arrive next. The dermatology office of Dr. Kuriata will determine the best move in date.

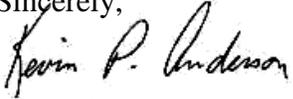


Audit

Becky Grabemeyer, Finance Director, reports that the auditors have completed their work at city hall and are now very close to having everything they need to prepare our draft audit statements. Our agreement with the auditors calls for a report to be given to Council at one of the January meetings.

204 Commercial Acquisition - This purchase, combined with two other land acquisitions, now provides sufficient land to increase public parking and open space near the library, post office, and Beckwith Theater. Wightman & Associates have be hired to aid in the development of plans that will not only provide better parking, but also enhance the Division Street corridor and its connection to our downtown.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin P. Anderson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K'.

Kevin P. Anderson, City Manager