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**Subject:** Town Manager's Weekly report (#76)

Mayor & Board of Aldermen(Women):

Please accept the following as the **Town Manager's Weekly Report** for the Week-ended Friday, May 16, 2014:

- On Thursday, the Town received the final permit approval from the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (NCDENR) for the Phase IV, CDBG-Grant Funded portion of the Water-main improvement project. With this in place, our Engineers can now begin the process to advertise for and solicit Bids for the Construction. The contract award is then likely to appear on the July, 2014 Board meeting Agenda for approval.
- Also received this week, was the NCDENR permit approval for the Gaston Avenue Water line improvement Project, completing the Phase I portion of the Water-line replacement as Contracted with Clark Ledbetter Construction. With this in hand, Ledbetter will now begin construction. In turn, as soon as he can get the work completed, NCDOT will come back through and re-pave the entire section.
- Our contracted Electric rate consultant has completed his work on restructuring the electric rates in order to bring more equity across the various rate classes of customers. The end result is to generate the same total net revenues but to more fairly allocate system costs. You will be asked to approve the restructured rates at the June Board Meeting, along with the new Budget, for implementation beginning July 1, 2014.
- The Budget work Session Packet for the Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting is going out late this afternoon for your review. Along with the Agenda, I have also provided an updated line-item Budget and Budget narrative consistent with the amendments requested at the conclusion of the 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting. Please discard any old versions of these documents and keep only the latest-dated, so that there is no confusion over the version being discussed. Also in the packet is a copy of the new Water/Sewer rates to take effect beginning July 1, 2014 (with the 3 ½% increase incorporated), as well as a copy of the current rate schedule for comparison.
- Diamond Engineering (Johnny Denton), who serves as the Town Engineers, has committed to "adopt" the "Welcome to Dallas" entrance sign above the exit ramp at 321 and will be repairing and repainting it and clearing its location of all of the significant, current obstructions. In addition, they will be re-landscaping the area to make it more attractive.
- The Dallas Historic Courthouse Foundation will hold its Bi-monthly Board Meeting on Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Fire Hall Community Room.
- As was mentioned at the Budget work Session, the Town had a very prosperous week with regard to the receipt of Grants. Specifically, the Fire Department was awarded the NC State Office of the Fire Marshall Grant in the Amount of \$6,906.62 for the purchase of safety and emergency equipment (which the Town will match with an equal amount to total \$13,813.24 in new equipment purchased); and, the Federal Homeland Security Administration has awarded The Fire department \$102,000 (for which the Town only has to provide \$5,000 in "match") to fully replace the stock of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA's) which had become out of compliance for current standards.

Thank You,

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