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Mayor & Board of Aldermen(Women):

Please accept the following as the **Town Manager's Weekly Report for the Week-ended, Friday, May 30, 2014.**

- The first preliminary Court Hearing in the matter of Navarro v. Town of Dallas ( the suit filed claiming the Town improperly denied utility service hook-up to an undocumented individual unable to produce identification consistent with Town policy) is scheduled for June 9<sup>th</sup>, and the Town will be represented by a Charlotte attorney assigned to the case by our Insurance carrier, EMC. That attorney will likely have the matter remanded to Federal Court, based on the claims involved. That same attorney will continue to serve as the Town's representative counsel in this matter until it is fully resolved. We will pass on updates as they are received.
- This past week, the Glenn Foundation officially released their Grant Awards for 2014, and the Request from the Dallas Historic Courthouse Foundation (DHCF) for \$20,000 towards furnishings at the Courthouse Community Center was denied. This was somewhat surprising since all awards are made within Gaston County; they allocated \$250,000 this year; and, to my knowledge, I don't know of any awards to the Dallas area in recent memory. On a better note, however, the DHCF did receive its Fund-raising proceeds from the Community Foundation's "Run for the Money" event this week, which amounted to \$7,919.40 ( \$5,910 in direct contributions to the DHCF, and an additional \$2,009.40 in Community Foundation "match"). Also, the actual Grant check from the David Belk Canon Foundation (\$25,000) was received this week as well. You may recall that we had applied for \$40,000 in Grant funding from this regional Foundation and were awarded the \$25,000.
- The Town-budgeted asphalt re-surfacing work for the combined FY2013-14 and FY2014-15 Budget year's will begin on Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Crews have already begun mobilizing equipment and work will commence, weather permitting, on Monday morning. You will recall, that in order to get the more competitive pricing that comes with larger work orders, we combined our allocated Budget year's resources at the conclusion of one (2013-14) year, and the commencement of the other (2014-15), such that approximately 35-40% of the work will be done in June, and the remaining 60-65% will be completed in July. In total, we will complete approximately \$234,000 in pavement re-surfacing as a result.
- This week, the NC General Assembly passed, and Governor McCrory subsequently signed into law, new legislation which eliminates the ability of North Carolina municipalities to assess and collect the traditional business "privilege license" fees. This new law takes effect July 1, 2015, so the renewal of such fees in Dallas for the upcoming Fiscal Year (July 1, 2014 –June 30, 2015) is unaltered and each Business will have to apply for the licenses and pay the fees. Beginning with next Budget year, however, such fees will no longer be allowed. Having said that, though, we are told that the General Assembly will use the intervening time period to work with the League of municipalities and other Municipal interest groups to develop a new means by which Cities and Towns can make up for the lost revenues – probably a similar business fee or license program with a different name and more consistency across the State as to fees charged.
- This is the last week for Town residents to take advantage of the Free month (May) for collection of uncontained trash left at curbside outside of the Town-provided curb-cart. As such, Crews will make one last pass through of any remaining items at month-end and then we will go back to the assessment of a \$10 fee for each incident of pick-up outside the curb-carts, beginning in June.
- Now that we are underway with our contracted update of the Town's Comprehensive Land Use (Master) Plan, we need to have the Board appoint a Steering Committee to work with the Consultant throughout the 6-month process. Such Committee should include members of the Board of Aldermen; members of the Planning Board;

and, interested Community representatives. Typically, this type of Committee would be 9-11 members in size and meet 3-4 times with the consultant at times during the process.

Thank You,

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