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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, July 25, 2014.**

- The certified letters which transmitted the "formal offer of Purchase" to the property owners of the lands behind Trade St. that the town is looking to acquire for the new Public Parking lot, were received early this week, but as of yet we have not received any formal written responses in return. Mayor Coleman has had some informal conversations with the owners and/or their representatives since the letters were received but, so far, no indications that we will receive prompt acceptance.
- Our new Auditing firm, Lowdermilk Church & Co. has executed the auditing contract and forwarded it on to the office of the Local Government Commission (State Treasurer's Office) for their review and approval. Once the contract is approved by the LGC, the auditors can then begin to conduct their initial examinations.
- The Town's Public Utilities Department was able to purchase a late-model, (2008) Ford F-150 pick-up for use by the Water/Sewer division at the Duke Energy equipment auction this week at a cost of \$11,300. The approved, FY2014-15 budget for this item was \$17,000, so we were able to achieve considerable savings over the expected expenditure.
- Crisp printers of Gastonia were engaged this week to design and produce full-body, graphic "wraps" for the two new Ford C-Max "energi" electric cars acquired in part with State grant funds and soon to become the vehicles used by our Town meter readers. The wraps will promote the Town Municipal Electric Utility along with encouraging plug-in electric cars and acknowledging the support from the NC Solar Center and the NCDOT.

Thank You,

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