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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, October 17, 2014.**

- As was announced in my Manager's report at the October Board Meeting, The Walmart Foundation, through its Facility Giving Program, has awarded the Town of Dallas a Community Grant in the amount of \$2,475.00 to purchase portable sobriety testing equipment, along with drug detection kits, for the Dallas Police Department. The same program has also awarded a similar sized grant to the Dallas Rescue Squad and on Tuesday, November 4th at 6:00 p.m., at the new Walmart Neighborhood Market on Dallas-Cherryville Highway, there will be a formal presentation of large ceremonial checks to the Police Chief and Rescue Squad Chief as part of the Grand Opening ceremonies. All elected Officials and community members are invited to attend.
- This week the work on the Courthouse renovation/preservation project continued to move toward completion with the installation of the hardwood flooring on the lower level and the issuance of a temporary Certificate of Occupancy –assuring the November election can be held there on November 4th. As work progresses next week, our Contractors expect to apply for the permanent Certificate of Occupancy on Wednesday, October 22nd. I am also in the process of ordering all the tables and chairs for both the Courthouse and Civic Building and expect to issue the purchase order early next week.
- Development Services Director, Jack Kiser has been working on submitting a Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) grant to the GCLUMPO prior to the next award-cycle deadline of Friday, October 24th for the installation of a new section of sidewalk linking the Gaston College Access Road to Leisure Lane near the Citizens Resource Center (along Dallas-Cherryville Highway). If awarded the Federal Highway Funded Grant Program, as administered by NCDOT, would pay for 79% of the approximate \$235,000 cost of the project, while the Town would be responsible for "match-funding" 21%, or approximately \$49,000. These are very competitive grants however, and our chance for funding success will be minimal. We are doing everything to enhance that possibility though.
- The Dallas Area Chamber will be holding its next "High Noon" luncheon series at the Citizens Resource Center on Tuesday, October 21st at noon. Jack Kiser and I are to be the featured presenters and will be talking about Downtown improvements and the City Center Plan. Contact the Chamber to register to attend.
- I am currently completing the request for a draw-down of all eligible reimbursement grant funds under the Solar center Grant for the electric vehicles and charging stations. That project is now fully-implemented and all funds, including required local match, have been expended. As such, we will be seeking the full \$30,839.00 in Grant eligibility. Upon receipt, these funds will be deposited to the Electric Utility Fund and Water/Sewer Fund according to the eligible expenditures of each.

Thank You,

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