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**Subject:** Town Manager's Weekly Report (#49)

Mayor & Board of Aldermen:

Please accept the following as the **Town Manager's Report for the Week-ended, Friday, October 18, 2013.**

- If you recall, as part of our recent \$3.6Million in Financing for the Water-line replacement project, we were required to pledge Town Hall as additional collateral and in so doing were also required to use \$35,000 of financing proceeds on actual physical improvements to Town hall. To that end, two components of that work are now set to begin. Specifically, the front steps will undergo complete reconstruction to proper building code specifications beginning today and extending into Saturday and Monday. The parking lot and entrance drive will be repaved and striped beginning early next week, weather permitting, and take two days. The final component, the addition of storage cabinets and a remodel of the back kitchen/copy/storage area will occur in the winter of 2014.
- Electric Director Doug Huffman, who has been off on medical leave, was cleared by his physician to return to work full-time and without condition beginning Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup>.
- We received word this week from a representative of Duke Energy that, as a result of a series of evaluative reviews and audits of past True-ups conducted on our behalf by the consultant engaged collectively by the wholesale power purchaser communities group, that we will be receiving an approximate \$60,000 rebate/credit to our Electric Fund due to miscalculations for the period of 2011-2012. This of course is in addition to the actual "true-up" of \$236,103.58 received from Duke for 2012-13. So, as you can see, our Electric Fund continues to operate As a source of financial success.
- At the Board meeting on October 8<sup>th</sup>, the Board addressed the item of possible final action on the request for voluntary annexation of the 28-acre, Ratchford Drive parcel owned by Steve Mason, but failed to take any actual vote to either approve or deny the annexation. As such, we were preparing to bring the item back to the November 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting for final disposition one way or the other. However, Mr. Mason has come forward this week to indicate he will be formally withdrawing his petition (at least temporarily), so we will no longer have need to address this issue, until or unless he re-submits it in the future.
- The Planning Board held a Meeting last evening to address the Aldermen's request for a recommendation regarding dogs within public places, particularly parks, and any possible restrictions. That discussion has resulted in recommendations which will take the place of a draft Ordinance amendment to come before the Board of Aldermen in the future. Also, the Planning Board was contemplating the possible review of the current Town Ordinance regulating metal buildings. However, the Board determined that they felt entirely satisfied with the current Ordinance as written so they pursued no additional discussion or review regarding possible amendments.
- Alderman Huggins and I attended the North Carolina League of Municipalities Annual Conference this week which was held on Monday and Tuesday in Hickory. There were a series of sessions on topics pertinent to local municipal issues as well as legislative updates which were quite useful. Networking opportunities with colleague municipal officials were also of great benefit. I strongly urge other Aldermen to take advantage of attendance at similar future events when they come available, particularly if held within easy travel distance.
- I received a complaint this week from a resident concerned with, or confused over, the planned move of the drop-off recycling center from its current location on the S. Oakland side of the Cloninger Park Parking lot, to the S. Maple side of the lot. Just to remind everyone, that move will allow less disruption, interaction and visual impact with all the activity and use of the Cloninger Park play area, football and walking track activity, and high-

use parking and instead take it to a less-used and more isolated portion of the lot. In addition, we will be replacing the containers with more attractive, user-friendly receptacles of higher capacity. This is in every way a plus and should not prove negative to any surrounding residential areas. The new location will still be quite a distance from any residences along Maple Street.

Thank You.

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