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Subject: Town Manager's Weekly Report

Mayor & Board of Aldermen:

Typically, I would author and release the Weekly Report on Friday, however, since I will be out of the Office much of tomorrow, Please accept the following as my **Town Manager Report; For the week-ended Friday, October 19th, 2012.**

- This week we are processing the paper-work and payments, to the State of North Carolina, for a newly-imposed law requiring all licensed governmental vehicles and trailers to remit a \$6.00 tag fee for the replacement of the silver-and-black license plates with new, orange-and-black versions. For Dallas, we estimate that 64 vehicles/trailers are subject to the requirement, so we will be remitting approximately \$384.00 in order to comply with the Statute, which sets a deadline of December 31st, 2012 for replacement and compliance.
- The NCDOT-administered sidewalk project to install and extend sidewalk along W. Trade street in front of Ingles and on to Gaston College, was to commence on Tuesday, October 16th and crews from Wm. Marr Co. (contractors hired by the state) were mobilizing on site but failed to provide adequate traffic control and were stopped from proceeding pending proper procedures. The expectation was that such would be easily remedied and they would have returned and begun work the next day. For unknown reasons, however, they have yet to actually begin. Nonetheless, the project deadline for substantial completion remains November 15th, with liquidated damages imposed for any work days exceeding that time, only to be adjusted in the event of weather delays. So, work should begin at any time.
- The work on the new Dollar General Store along Lower Dallas Highway continues to progress very rapidly. As of last week, all Town-required efforts and activities were completed, and this week we have seen all paving completed and virtually all exterior building work finished. The site will be served by Town Water and Electric, but sanitary sewer is provided by Two Rivers (Gastonia).
- Work on the Dennis Franklin Gym Parking Lot and bathrooms were also progressing well this week. Actual paving of the lot is being completed today (Thursday), and all the "rough-in" plumbing is now finished in the bathrooms with preparations being made to re-pore the concrete around the new floor lines. Once this work has been inspected, and the concrete pored, then the finish-plumbing and fixture installation will move forward as well as all the painting, tiling, and installation of partitions and lighting improvements. Next week should see substantial portions of these efforts be accomplished.
- The Town received a "Notice of Violation and Notice of Recommendation for Enforcement" this week from The NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources, regarding our Wastewater Treatment Plant because in our July, 2012 self-monitoring report (dated 7/31/12) we reported effluent discharge which tested above the permitted level for "Ammonia". I don't yet know why I was not informed about the non-compliant sample when it occurred; nor, what we did to cause the non-compliance; nor what we need to do to fully assure it will never occur again; but, I assure You we will have rapid answers to all these questions and will work diligently and immediately with the NCDENR to fully satisfy their requirements and avoid, at all costs, actual civil fines or penalties. Stay tuned for updates as we work through this matter.
- I will be attending the NC League of Municipalities annual conference in Charlotte on Monday and Tuesday and therefore out of the office. I will have my cell phone with me throughout, however, so don't hesitate to contact me during that time if you do need my assistance.
- The Centralina Council Of Governments will be providing us a contract proposal for serving as Grant Administrator for our CDBG Grant and I will be meeting with them next Wednesday to review and hopefully finalize any associated terms or issues. If that is accomplished, you can expect to see an action item on the

November 13th Board Meeting agenda to enter into an agreement with CCOG for such work. In addition to the COG having great experience and a highly-credible track-record with such efforts, we can also use the credited planning hours we receive as part of our membership dues with the COG to lessen the overall cost. In this way, we will be achieving the best possible service at the lowest possible cost.

- The emergency-alert warning siren will be tested today, so if someone asks, we are finalizing all of our testing to be sure that the siren and its associated controls all function properly.

Thank You,

Jim Palenick
Interim Town Manager