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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 31, 2014.**

- This week the Town received a copy of the "draft NPDES permit" for the Wastewater treatment plant from the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (NCDENR). Such permit essentially allows the treatment plant to exist and continue operating because it allows, under Federal Law, the discharge of treated effluent into a regulated body of water (river or stream). The "Draft permit" is very important because it almost always mirrors exactly the final permit as issued, and usually means the final permit will be a mere formality. In the current case, there is quite good news in that the permit is being extended through 2020, and no longer carries with it the provision that the Town annually report on efforts to eliminate or discontinue the permit (essentially shut the plant down). This would suggest that there is no far less desire or concerted focus, on the part of the state to have the Town of Dallas plant shut down, consolidated, or eliminated. This should ultimately help us in any future negotiations with Gastonia since they could no longer rely on the threat of leverage in the belief we had to connect to them for fear of state-imposed action to do so.
- Our Auditors will be finishing up their on-site work soon and have stated that the final report documents will be complete by the end of November. This is somewhat later than had been understood initially, but they did take us on at a fairly late point in their work-scheduling season, so we will look to get back to a schedule better in line with State requirements next year.
- Our CDBG Grant administrator (James Luster of CCOG) conducted a series of progress inspections and employee wage interviews this week in keeping with Federal requirements and everything on the project remains in very good shape and entirely on schedule for completion in advance of the Grant contract requirement date of April 15, 2015.
- The new tables and chairs ordered last week for both the Courthouse building and the Civic Center will be delivered, in their entirety, this coming week – ahead of schedule and well in advance of our planned Courthouse Open House and public Dedication on November 16th.

Thank You,

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