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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, November 14, 2014.**

- Don't forget that the Dedication and Public Open House for the Courthouse Building is this Sunday, November 16th, 2014 beginning at 2:00 p.m. with presentations and extending through 4:00 p.m. There still remain some minor fit-and-finish punch-list items to be completed, along with the installation of the exterior shutters, prior to final acceptance, but for the most part most attendees will not know that it is not yet fully complete. However, we will neither accept final turn-over from the contractor, nor remit final retainage payments until all is completed satisfactorily.
- The CDBG-Grant-Funded, Phase IV water-line project has been going very well and is now ahead of schedule. Conversely, the Phase I addition of the new Main in Gaston Avenue (Clark Ledbetter, contractor) while going well, has been somewhat slowed due to dealing with as much as 22 inches of asphalt in spots that has to be cut through in order to install the new water-line. Because of the slow-going, we will probably now see the NCDOT re-paving of Gaston Ave. occur in the April-May time frame once all construction is complete. Expect the CDBG work to be complete by then as well and the Town will piggy-back our yearly re-paving at that time to take advantage of economies of scale and to avoid any conflicts with construction.
- This week the NC Solar Center approved our request for full re-imbursement of the \$30,839.00 in Grant Funding for our charging stations and plug-in electric vehicles and have authorized that amount to be direct-deposited into the Town's Account set up for such purpose. Having completed all the grant requirements for the project, we had submitted all the required documentation for close-out and reimbursement. Going forward we will simply have to file quarterly reports for two years detailing fuel usage and mileage.
- The new Auditing firm completed all of their on-site field work this week and will now go back to their offices and complete our Audited financial statements for the fiscal-year-ended June 30, 2014. Hopefully we should see the draft version for review within the next several weeks.
- The design work has been completed and the building permit acquired for the renovations to Town Hall to accommodate the new employee and re-configure the storage and conference areas. The actual demolition of the back interior wall separating the conference room from storage will begin next week by in-house Town crews. Once completed, the contractor will then be on-site to begin the actual renovations. All told the work should be completed within no more than 6 weeks.
- On Monday evening, December 15th at 6:30 p.m. the Town of Dallas will be opening the newly-renovated Courthouse building to host the monthly meeting of the Mayors and Managers of Gaston County, along with the members of the Gaston Regional Chamber's Governmental Affairs Committee for a dinner and legislative update from the North Carolina League of Municipalities. If Board Members would like to attend, please let us know soon since we have to provide a count of dinner guests to the caterer.
- All furnishings for both the civic building and Courthouse have been received, accepted and installed in each building and are now either in use or available for use as needed. The old tables and chairs from the civic building, to the extent they remain useable, have been moved to the public works warehouse and will be stored and used by the Town for various in-house activities throughout the year.

- Last evening, a car accident on Dallas-Stanley Highway resulted in a downed power pole which, in turn caused an outage to some 20 homes in the area as well as the Town's Water Treatment plant. Crews responded immediately and within about 5 hours had all power restored, including the Treatment plant. When the Treatment plant lost power, a malfunction in the standby-generator's ability to transfer power actually resulted in the plant not having standby power for the outage period. We did not however experience any problems as a result and have used the opportunity to trouble-shoot the generator and power-transfer system and get it fully repaired.

Thank You,

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