

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and Board of Aldermen

From: Barry Webb, Interim Town Manager

Re: Weekly Report

Date: April 22, 2016

BOARD OF ALDERMENT WORK SESSION

The Board of Aldermen's next work session is scheduled for Tuesday, April 26, 2016 beginning at 5:00 p.m. Since there was no package of materials that needed to be distributed ahead of the meeting, I have just included the meeting agenda as an attachment to this report.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM

The agenda for the April 26, 2016 meeting of the Gaston County Board of Commissioners lists one item of direct interest to the Town of Dallas. This item requests that the Commissioners declare twenty (20) public safety laptop computers as surplus property and authorize their sale to the Dallas Police Department for \$1.00. Captain Scott had mentioned to me earlier that our Police Department would be receiving these laptops from the County, and this action at next week's meeting of the County Commissioners will finalize that transfer.

PROJECT UPDATES

As reported last week, the results of the bid opening for the Town Hall Parking Lot Project showed that Cedar Hill Grading, Inc. had submitted the low bid of \$266,273. It was also noted that representatives of Alfred Benesch & Company, the project design firm, were reviewing the details of the bid alternate addressing the stamped paving, as there were some substantial differences in the amounts shown for the alternate bids. I have now heard back from Benesch that these differences came about because of Cedar Hill specifying a "dove" tone for the integral concrete color while the other bidders specified a color additive that increased the concrete costs. Benesch will be forwarding pictures of the stamped concrete for our review, so we will hopefully have those for Tuesday's work session.

Also, Allison Pell has submitted a design for the pedestrian gateway that will form the entrance to the passage from Trade Street to the Town Hall Parking Lot area, and that will be reviewed at Tuesday's work session. We will also have a sample of the metal roofing shingles that Mr. Pell is proposing for this structure, which were produced in Dallas.

In regards to the Trade Street Intersection Improvements Project, Electrical Director Doug Huffman has informed me that all of the concrete bases for the mast arms have now been poured and that the installation of the mast arms may begin in the coming week. There was one unforeseen problem that arose in the contractor's opening of the holes for the concrete bases, as a major AT&T line was cut in the process. The line was restored and, as noted, the bases completed.

The demolition of the rear section of the Trade Street building was carried out last Friday. The site has been seeded and strawed, so this project is complete.

Lastly, Doug Huffman also let me know that the new generator at the Waste Treatment Plant has now been set on its pad. Next week, staff will pull the wires for connection, have the inspection performed, and carry out the cut-over from the old generator to the new one.

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

In today's mail, we received a Notice of Violation (NOV) from the NC Division of Water Resources. The violation cited in this document results from a required water sampling not being reported to Water Resources within the required timeframe. I wanted to go ahead and make you aware of this NOV now, as one of the follow-up actions that we must take is to provide public notification of the violation to our customers.

UPCOMING EVENTS

As a reminder, an event to honor Vietnam era veterans will be held on Saturday, April 30th at Gaston Memorial Park, and all elected officials have been specifically invited to attend and participate in this ceremony. You each received an email earlier this week from the event organizer that lists additional details about the event and the participants, but I just wanted to mention it again.

Please remember that Dallas' Employee Appreciation Day event will also be held on Saturday, April 30th at Dallas Park, beginning at 3:00 p.m. Food will be served at 5:00 p.m.