

## **MEMORANDUM**

To: Mayor and Board of Aldermen

From: Barry Webb, Interim Town Manager

Re: Weekly Report

Date: June 22, 2016

### **SPECIAL MEETING**

A special meeting of the Board of Aldermen is currently scheduled for next Tuesday evening, June 28<sup>th</sup>. The main purpose of this meeting is to obtain approval for the final budget amendments needed to close out the 2015-2016 fiscal year, which concludes on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Given that this meeting is already scheduled, we are taking advantage of this situation by adding some other items to that agenda that have certain time constraints associated with them. One of these items will be approval of a Settlement Agreement with Duke Energy regarding its 2015 transmission rate tariff. This document, which is amended annually, has been reviewed by the consultant working with the Town and other public power providers and has been recommended for approval. Essentially, this agreement will provide the Town approximately \$10,000 in additional revenue in the coming budget year. Another item appearing on this agenda will be a Special Events application from the Gaston County Museum for the upcoming David Holt concert. We also anticipate having some revised position classification documents ready for your consideration that are a result of some upcoming position restructuring in Administration. An agenda and supporting materials will be distributed later this week.

### **PROJECT UPDATES**

#### Town Hall Paring Lot Improvements Project

As noted in the last weekly report, we had asked Alfred Benesch and Company, the design firm for the parking lot project, to hold up on issuing a Notice to Proceed to Cedar Hill Grading until we could get further clarification from AT&T on the relocation of a pole and lines impacted by this project. Electric Director Doug Huffman received some correspondence this week from an AT&T representative that looks to present some issues for the Town, as AT&T is indicating that there will be a charge for relocation of the pole. Based on the wording of the Agreement for the Joint Use of Poles that is in place between Duke and the Town, we disagree completely that there should be any charge to us for this work. Doug will be contacting the person with AT&T who was involved with the adoption of the Joint Use agreement (who no longer is located locally) to try to resolve this. Should this prove unsuccessful for any reason, we would propose taking the legal means available to us to address this and allow us to move forward with this necessary work. Hopefully, we will have more information on this to report at your special meeting next Tuesday.

### **ABSENCES**

I will be out of the office this Thursday and Friday (June 23-24) to attend the summer conference of the NC City/County Managers Association in Asheville. I will have my cell phone (704-616-7481) with me

throughout this time if anyone needs to reach me, or I can be contacted through my personal email (bwebb8284@gmail.com).