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Mayor & Board of Aldermen:

Please accept the following as the **Town Manager's Weekly Report for the Week-ended, January 2, 2015.**

- The Jagers Park improvement project, while complete with regard to the major contract, has been slightly delayed in finalizing due to our identification of, and negotiations over a subcontractor for the installation of the concrete pad and erection of the new picnic shelter. That process is done now and we expect the final work to now proceed soon pending appropriate weather. We have scheduled the installation of the play-structure addition for late next week, and the picnic shelter should follow closely thereafter.
- This week the sub-contractor to Rehab builders who was tasked with the fabrication and installation of the exterior shutters for the Courthouse building finally came through and showed up on site and completed the installation. With that said, we are now in position to schedule a final "punch-list" walk-through with Rehab and the Architect and determine what remains to be done, if anything; and, if certain matters remain in dispute, how to remedy them. Hopefully, we can formally take possession soon.
- Our construction of the Concrete pad and erection of the new Public Utilities/Electric Warehouse Building has also been delayed – in this case as we have worked through a tortuous process of trying to get our building permit approved through Gaston County. To that end, we finally got word today that the permit will be issued on Monday when we submit our \$808.00 in fees. We will, as a result, expedite the work and hope to have the building ready for occupancy within two months. In the meantime, unfortunately, we will have to extend our rental of storage space for Christmas decorations by several months. We don't anticipate any problems with such extension, but it will cost \$300/month for each month extended.
- For those wondering about the progress of the Court hearing against the individual charged with violation of the barking dog ordinance, his case before the judge is scheduled to be heard the 14th of January. We will continue to monitor the judge's handling of the matter to see how it might impact future local enforcement.
- The Contractor fully completed the renovations to Town Hall this week and finalized all painting touch-up and punch-list items and will now schedule a final inspection by the County for early next week. Assuming everything is in order, the two new offices and reconfigured conference room can be occupied immediately thereafter. As to the occupant of one of those newly-created offices – the newly-created position of Deputy Town Clerk/Administrative Assistant, it is likely that a selection could be made as early as the conclusion of next week. Maria has been conducting interviews and doing follow-ups from among the semi-finalists chosen from among the 45+/- applicant pool, and should have a final recommendation soon.

Thank You,

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