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Mayor & Board of Aldermen(Women):

Please accept the following as the **Town Manager's Report for the Week-ended, Friday, January 31, 2014.**

- The Town has been approached by the private utility provider, Utilities Inc., who provides water and wastewater service to the College Park Subdivision near Dallas about hooking up to the Town Wastewater collection system; abandoning their own small treatment plant; and becoming a wholesale treatment customer of the Town's. To do so, they would need to pay for the cost of installing a metering manhole and tap-in, and then they would be subject to "outside rates" at our existing rate structure. There are 53 homes that would be affected producing approximately 215,000 gallons of flow monthly which could be easily handled by our system and plant with virtually no additional cost to us. In turn, however, the new revenues produced would be approximately \$1,385/month (\$16,620/year) coming to our Water/Sewer Fund. As such, we are developing a commitment letter and will be working to finalize a long-term Agreement for ultimate approval by the Board.
- We have begun, in a modest and limited fashion, utilizing the electronic reader board sign for Town messages pending the completion of software training. Once we have a more complete understanding of, and proficiency in utilizing all of the features and functions allowed, we will be able to provide virtually any messages, in any format, color, background, or duration at will. We also must develop and agree upon a policy for use of the sign and if advertising or fees are to be involved, and if we will be fully replacing the "banner program". At this point, once the policy is approved and in place, it is our intention to discontinue the banner program and replace it with use of the sign. Hopefully, we will have a draft policy for review as early as the March Board Meeting.
- I will be attending the Winter Institute of the North Carolina City Manager's Association in Durham next Wednesday through Friday (February 5th-7th). As such, I will be getting the February 11th Board Meeting packet completed and distributed by Tuesday afternoon (February 4th) prior to leaving Town. At this point, the Agenda appears quite brief – there will be a series of Budget Amendments as previously indicated; a Public Hearing and review of the redesigned and re-submitted Summey Knoll Subdivision preliminary plat; a presentation from our Auditing firm; and a few other minor or routine items.
- We are currently in the process of getting a competing quote for liability insurance on the Fire Department equipment/apparatus, since such coverage has not been bid out for many years. This is the only portion of our overall blanket property and liability coverage not contained within the coverage provided by EMC as written and administered by the Watson Agency. In the future, we will probably look to consolidate this all together, but for now we at least want the most competitive price as possible. Also, we are looking at our employee Health coverage for the upcoming year and early indications from our provider (BC/BS) suggest possible double-digit increases. We will be doing everything possible to keep costs down, and if the possible renewal still presents "sticker shock", we may yet have to contemplate other, alternative coverages or providers. We should have more information and details soon.

Thank You,

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