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Mayor & Board of Aldermen:

Please accept the following as the **Town Manager's Report for the Week-ended Friday, February 15, 2013.**

- Town Attorney Hunn is arranging to record the "release deed" for the New South athletic property necessary for the Substation construction project, and will also be arranging the final transaction closing within the next week or two. Thereafter, we will only need the Duke property to "close" to move on to the equipment-procurement and construction and installation portion of the project. We will again be encouraging Duke to move promptly to arrange for such closing.
- The Budget work session packets will not be going out today because we are still updating some information and awaiting further details on health care coverage. I do expect, however, to prepare the packets and distribute them late on Monday.
- Earlier this week I authored a "letter of Inquiry" on behalf of the Dallas Historic Courthouse Foundation seeking a \$100,000 Grant from the Gaston Community Foundation. The "letter of Inquiry" is the required first step for all funding requests to the Foundation – if the request holds merit, additional application materials are then requested. While we are far from certain to receive such a large grant from the Community Foundation, I am optimistic that some funding will be granted, since the Community Foundation focuses exclusively on Gaston County efforts and on capital requests rather than ongoing programs.
- Earlier this week I received correspondence from the Washington DC Attorneys representing Time-Warner Cable finally relenting to pay the Town \$15.00 per-pole attachment (consistent with our new Ordinance) so long as they could then potentially "true-up" same should currently outstanding litigation and/or negotiation with electricities result in a lower number. As a result, we immediately sent out an invoice for the payment of such fees for 2013.
- Maria and I are meeting today with two different firm representatives to hear proposals on possible employee health care coverage plans for FY2013-14. Hopefully by the end of the day we will have a much better understanding on the possibilities and the potential budget impact going forward. There exists a very real possibility that we may find that a change in carriers will offer us the best program and coverage-- from the perspective of both the employer and the employee. We will know more soon.

Thank You,

Jim Palenick
Interim Town Manager