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Subject: Town Manager's Weekly report (#21)

Mayor & Board of Aldermen:

Please accept the following as the **Town Manager's Report for the Week-ended Friday, March 8, 2013.**

- As I reported last week, the Gaston Gazette's yearly feature on "Sunshine Week" this time featured a look into municipal use of Credit Cards. To that end, Wade Allen of the Gazette was in on Wednesday and reviewed all of our statements for the billing period of December, 2012 and we shared with him our policies, credit limits, and all of the records and statements. It was very uneventful and, if anything we should compare very favorably to the other municipalities he is reviewing.
- The Commerce Department did grant us the request for time extension on our CDBG Release of Funds Deadline. We are however, still governed by all of the original time-frames agreed to in the Grant as to implementation and completion so we will remain both vigilant and aggressive in our monitoring and efforts as we move forward.
- The regional Boy scout groups will be holding a 2-night camporee on April 11th and 12th on the lands near the Hospice and, as we have done in past years for similar events, we have bush-hogged the area and made a hydrant valve available for water use in support of the 400 scouts and leaders who are likely to attend.
- An amended Agenda with three Added items went out to you today for the March 12th Board Meeting. Each item is routine and non-controversial so I didn't feel they should cause an issue even though they are coming to you late. Specifically, we have added Stacy Duff as a speaker (recreation fees) under citizen comments; we have asked you to set a future (April 9th) Public Hearing for the Lower Dallas Highway, voluntary annexation request; and, we have asked you to declare as surplus and offer for public sale, two, obsolete and unused flatbed trailers owned by the electric department. If you have any questions, let me know.
- Following Wednesday's decision on Health care Coverage, we officially informed United Healthcare that we were ending our coverage with them, and conversely began the process to implement the new Coverage program with BC/BS; to set up each of the individual employee Health Savings Accounts; and to conduct the employee meetings to explain all of the new details and provisions in advance of the April 1st changeover.
- It appears as though we have now finalized negotiations with Charter communications on a "Pole attachment Agreement" and could have a final version for approval at the April 9th Meeting. Once executed and in place, this agreement should then generate approximately \$15,000/year in new revenues for the Town Electric Fund.
- Clark Ledbetter Grading did mobilize and begin on-site construction activities on Phase I of the Waterline reconstruction project earlier this week.

Thank You,

Jim Palenick
Interim Town Manager