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Mayor & Board of Aldermen(Women):

The Town Manager's Weekly Report for the Week-ended, Friday, May 15, 2015 is as follows:

- The contractor the Town selected for erection of the new Public Utilities/Electric Warehouse building, along with the construction of the concrete pad and foundation upon which it will rest, has had significant difficulty in getting its concrete sub-contractor to perform under the terms of the contract. In fact, so much so that, following unrelenting pressure from us, said sub-contractor has been terminated and the Town is arranging for its own concrete "sub" to complete the work. The problem, however, is that the Town paid the full cost of the concrete and foundation work to our building contractor as the first payment toward the overall project cost and now we are likely to have a disagreement over the value of the work completed by the now-terminated sub-contractor as we move forward. Given the delays, the unresponsiveness, and the general lack of work competence, I can assure you that we will be pursuing a very firm negotiating posture and we hope it doesn't result in a further falling out with the contractor and their termination as well. However, we will be safeguarding the Town's interests and will not accept anything short of full value and quality. We will report further on this matter in upcoming reports.
- Sherriff Cloninger is proposing a multi-jurisdictional partnership among all of the Gaston County law enforcement agencies to apply for a large (\$600,000) Grant over two (2) years to equip such agencies with body cameras. The Sherriff's Department would be the coordinating agency and grant applicant, as I understand it, and the other agencies would partner at some level. The precise proposal will be shared at a Meeting on Friday, May 22nd being hosted by the Sherriff that Chief Buckner and I plan to attend. Again, I will report more as we learn greater details.
- The new shutters were finally installed on the stair tower of the Courthouse building this week and they appear to be of the appropriate design and quality, so we should now be in a position to "final-out" the project as soon as the Town, contractor, and Architect can arrange for a final walk-through and discussion as to final payment and release of retainage. We will look to move on this soon.
- Following last evening's Budget Work Session I have been working on incorporating the several Budget amendments/additions requested to be included in the final document to be approved at the June 9th Board Meeting. Specifically, we are trying to find a way to incorporate the added \$2,000 in Electric for the "Employee recognition program"; an additional \$1,800 in Buildings and Grounds for the purchase and installation of wall-mounted, flat-screen TV monitors for the Town Hall Conference Room and Fire Hall Community room; \$3,500, also in Buildings and Grounds, for the addition of one, and replacement of six (7 total) chairs for the Board Dais in the Community Room; and the addition, in Building and Grounds/Christmas Decorations, of \$2,800 for the purchase and shipping of a new, outdoor nativity scene.(Please view the attachment hereto showing a 12-piece fiberglass, outdoor scene with approx.. 39"-high characters). The possibility of a picnic shelter for Cloninger Park

would simply be too expensive in this Budget short of Board direction to raise revenues or make specific targeted cuts. As such, I will be recommending that be planned for and put off until the FY2016-17 Budget.

- Also, please remember that, as a result of last night's discussion, you all did decide to cancel the pre-planned, second Budget Work Session that was to be held on May 19th; as well as the Regular Board Work Session to be held on May 26th.

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