

## Jim Palenick

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Mayor & Board of Aldermen:

Please accept the following as the **Town Manager's Report for the Week-ended Friday, May 31, 2013.**

- Earlier this morning I mailed a Grant request to the Blumenthal Foundation of Charlotte, as signed by DHCF President Charlotte Jenkins, for \$40,000 for the Courthouse capital Campaign. This was the 8<sup>th</sup> such Charitable Foundation request we have authored and applied for on behalf of the Dallas Historic Courthouse Foundation, amounting to \$340,000 in collective requests. At this point, we have pretty much exhausted these type Agencies/Foundations, with the singular exception of the Glenn Foundation, for which we are preparing a request for their 2014 Cycle at \$20,000. The only response so far, has been the \$12,500 "Challenge Grant" from the Covington Foundation.
- The restoration and clean-up work at the home of Johnny Rogers at 806 Park (site of the sewer back-up from Town lines) was begun last week and so far the inside of the home has been cleaned and sanitized; all the contaminated soil has been removed from the crawl space and replaced with clean sand; lime has been placed in the crawl space to destroy bacteria and control odor; and, the floor products have all been delivered to the site. The restoration company plans on being 100% complete by next Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. In this process, it was determined that the HVAC trunk-lines and flex duct had to be removed and replaced as well, which will add somewhat to the overall final cost.
- While we previously decreased dramatically the monthly expenses associated with Town telephone, T-1, and broadband internet charges, we are continuing to identify and put in place additional cost savings to these ongoing utility fees. We have found more lines to eliminate, alter, or bid out to other providers, which actions taken together, will further reduce our expenses and likely increase our capacity and/or service.
- The Local Government Commission (LGC) of the State Treasurer's Office Meets for their regularly-scheduled June Meeting on Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> in Raleigh and our Installment Purchase Agreement debt financing for the water-line project (\$3,600,000) is on their agenda and recommended for approval by their staff. If we receive approval as expected, that will be the final step in issuing the debt, which will then close by mid-June, when we will receive a Check for the \$3,600,000 (minus issuance costs) in proceeds. At this writing, there remains one potential concern, which is that we still await final permit approval on Phases II and III from NCDENR – both of which MUST be Approved prior to the LGC final approval. The NCDENR representatives have committed to be as prompt, responsive, and immediate in their efforts as possible, but they have been held up by our engineers (diamond Engineering) not getting required additions/changes/ mark-ups on the drawings and spec's back to the NCDENR following the first review from which said changes were identified and required. I was promised by Diamond representatives that they would get the required efforts forwarded to Raleigh electronically by late yesterday (Thursday). I will continue monitoring this closely.
- The costs proposed by the County for the Town Fire Departments' ongoing future use of Radio Communication Towers and associated hardware and software, as I had mentioned at the Budget Work Session, is \$5,632.00/year should they actually impose the plan as developed. In addition, the Dallas Rescue squad would be charged \$11,606.00/year under this plan.

Thank You,

Jim Palenick  
Interim Town Manager