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Town Manager's Weekly Report (#33)

Attachments:

Water Sewer Revenues Worksheet xisx; Water Sewer Revenues Changes xisx

Mayor & Board of Aldermen:

Please accept the following as the Town Manager's Report for the Week-ended Friday, June 7th, 2013.

- Yesterday I distributed an Amended Agenda for the June 11th Board Meeting, along with supporting additional packet items due to some items which came up after distribution of the packets, but which really need to be addressed and acted upon in June and within this Fiscal Year. Specifically, we added (2) items under "Recognition of Citizens", being Daniel Britton's request to hold this year's community "pep rally" for N. Gaston H.S. on August 17th, closing Holland between Main and Trade; and. Dr. Joecilyn Wallace' request to use the Gym for (3) different days during her Summer youth program, "Brilliant Minds", between June 17th and August 9th. Then, we also added (3) items of "New Business" (10B, 10C, 10D) being: B.) A request to re-classify the \$200,000 "Challenge Grant" to the DHCF as an outright grant so that we can transfer the money budgeted directly to the Project Fund prior to the conclusion of the fiscal-year –after which it is no longer budgeted; C.) a request to formally approve a Capital Project (Budget) Ordinance for the Town Hall improvements, now that the financing is set and we know what is required; and D.) a request to amend the Capital Project Ordinance we first-approved for the Water Distribution System Improvement project in September, 2012, now that we know all the actual costs of the work and have finalized the financing. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to get in touch with me at your convenience.
- The actual "closing" on the Installment Purchasing Contract Financing (\$3,600,000) with BB&T will occur late morning on Tuesday, June 11th. The various signators will gather at Town Hall at that time and all of the final documents will be executed. Assuming all goes as planned, BB&T will then wire \$3,596,200 in the Town's designated Project Account later that afternoon. Note that the missing \$3,800 in total "net" proceeds to the Town represents the Fee BB&T takes for the transaction. The remaining issuance and so-called "soft" costs will be paid by the Town as detailed in the Amended Project Ordinance/Budget to be approved at the Board meeting.
- On Monday we learned that the latest surplus vehicle the Town advertised on "govdeals" (the 1987 Chevy van with over 111,000 miles and assigned to the fire Department) sold for \$2,751.00. This, in comparison to our expected sales value and "reserve", which we had placed at \$1,500.00. Again, a surprisingly positive final sales price.
- In late January we had a trip-and-fall, with injury occur in a parking space along Holland Street just up from Town hall, and at the time the victim reported it and indicated she was refraining from filing a "claim" against the Town for liability, but would reserve the right to potentially do so later. Well, judging by the correspondence I received from her earlier this week, it now appears as though we will be defending such a formal claim. While the incident was unfortunate, our investigation at the time revealed no liability or negligence on the Town's part, nor any infrastructure which was out of specification or improperly maintained. As a result, we should plan to "defend" against this claim, based on the precedent that would be set if we were to offer any remedy.
- This week we received word that both the Dallas Police Department and the Public Utilities Department were both recipients of the State OSHA "SHARP" Safety Award designation for the Public Sector. The Police Department is only the second in the State to achieve such designation, while the Public Utilities Department joins only a handful throughout the State achieving the mark as well. In honor of this designation, NC Commissioner of Labor, Cherie Berry, will appear at a future (to-be-determined) Board Meeting to formally

present acknowledgement of the achievement. This is a tribute to the concerted efforts of our employees and supervisors within these Departments to both encourage and maintain consistently safe working environments. Also, this could not have occurred without the substantial efforts of Debbie Rogers-Lowery, our safety consultant.

- We are finally nearing completion with the order and packaging of our purchase of 6,000 compact florescent (energy-efficient) light bulbs for free distribution to our Electric customers, in honor of the Town's 150th Anniversary, and as a thank you to our customers. The Electric utility itself is over 100 years old and the special commemorative packaging will also acknowledge, "providing safe and reliable electricity to our customers for over a century". The plan is to provide (2) free bulbs to each of our approximately 3,000 account-holders. By dealing directly with the manufacturer, we hope to purchase the cfl's in bulk for less than \$1.50 each, including special commemorative packaging and shipping.
- This week we received follow-up correspondence from the NCDENR to the Notice of Violation for our Wastewater treatment Plant's failure to meet permit limitations on Total Suspended Solids for the Month-ended February, 2013. You will recall that I first-reported on the Notice in my Manager's report of May 17th, indicating at the time that a Civil fine was likely and that we were working to mitigate its final magnitude. The fine being imposed is \$750.00 plus administrative costs of \$147.44 bringing the total penalty to \$897.44. In addition, however, we also received a second NCDENR Notice of Violation this week, for essentially the same incident, but this time for violating the "weekly permit limitation" rather than the "monthly" one. As such since this appears rather bureaucratic and punitive we are discussing with NCDENR representatives the extent to which this can be dealt with as a single incident and/or penalties lessened to acknowledge it was just one incident, for which we acted properly and promptly in our efforts to both avoid and to immediately remedy. In any event, I will let you all know more as we reach a final conclusion with the State.
- I have attached herewith for your use and review, a running compilation of the monthly revenues for Water and Sewer for each of the first 11 months of the fiscal-year, following, and in comparison to those previous months before we restructured the fee system. The documents also indicate monthly usage along with percentage gains or losses in both usage and revenues.

Thank You,

Jim Palenick Interim Town Manager

Revenue Comparison
Following Implementation of Water/Sewer Rate Restructuring

Months August Septemb. October Novemb.	lrrigation 2011 4,200.67 3,161.85 2,658.41 1,742.67	2012 3,260.10 3,360.07 3,877.91 2,695.94	Water Sewer Total 2012 2011 2012 2011 2012 3,260.10 115,662.63 118,791.98 56,016.15 61,102.71 175,879.45 183,154.79 3,360.07 114,714.24 107,093.52 56,869.22 55,287.90 174,745.31 165,741.49 3,877.91 123,012.68 119,476.03 60,810.21 60,368.29 186,481.30 183,722.23 2,695.94 106,250.00 113,838.95 55,428.05 57,428.05 163,420.72 174,326.10	2012 118,791.98 107,093.52 119,476.03 113,838.95	Sewer 2011 56,016.15 56,869.22 60,810.21 55,428.05	2012 61,102.71 55,287.90 60,368.29 57,428.05	Total 2011 175,879.45 174,745.31 186,481.30 163,420.72	2012 183,154.79 165,741.49 183,722.23 174,326.10	Difference 7,275.34 -9,003.82 -2,759.07 10,905.38	Cumulative
October	2,658.41	3,877.91	123,012.68	119,476.03	60.810.21	60.368.29	186.481.30	183.722.23	-2.759.07	
Novemb.	1,742.67	2,695.94	106,250.00	113,838.95	55,428.05	57,428.05	163,420.72	174,326.10	10,905.38	
Decemb.	1,350.50	2,984.95	2,984.95 107,024.78 111,983.52 55,646.81 57,741.50 164,022.09 172,709.97	111,983.52	55,646.81	57,741.50	164,022.09	172,709.97	8,687.88	
	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013		
January	729.06	1,380.09	1,380.09 104,118.85 106,859.77 54,912.40 56,536.05 159,760.31 164,775.91	106,859.77	54,912.40	56,536.05	159,760.31	164,775.91	5,015.60	
February	704.95	890.37	890.37 102,105.34 103,303.71 55,456.30 56,567.10 158,266.59 160,761.18	103,303.71	55,456.30	56,567.10	158,266.59	160,761.18	2,494.59	22,615.90
March	714.94	826.00	99,943.42 103,431.38 53,097.92 56,646.36 153,756.28 160,903.74	103,431.38	53,097.92	56,646.36	153,756.28	160,903.74	7,147.46	29,763.36
April	1,209.34	743.77	743.77 101,977.47 97,429.40 53,677.67 53,331.44 156,864.48 151,504.61	97,429.40	53,677.67	53,331.44	156,864.48	151,504.61	-5,359.87	24,40
May	1,061.94	1,707.22	1,707.22 109,917.70 106,138.42 59,565.21 58,491.01 170,544.85 166,336.65	106,138.42	59,565.21	58,491:01	170,544.85	166,336.65	-4,208.20	20,195.29
June	1,459.15	1,668.73	1,668.73 106,288.22 111,288.22 56,919.53 61,690.65 164,666.90 174,798.28	111,288.22	56,919.53	61,690.65	164,666.90	174,798.28	10,131.38	30,326.6

Sep. 2011 Sep. 2012 Usage Usage 513808 53892 15647235 1398253 9986578 917607 26147621 2369753	Aug. 2011 Usage 694626 15385887 9838606 25919119
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-9.37%	% Usage Change
-5.15%	% Revenue Change

Water Sewer Total

Irrigation

Dec.2011 Dec.2012

Water Sewer

0.47%

6.67%

14611351 14548351

Irrigation

Usage

Usage

256541

427611

Nov.2011 Nov.2012

Total

Water Sewer

Irrigation

Usage

Usage

418491

626529

Oct. 2011 Oct. 2012

Total

-6.09%

-1.48%

Sewer

Total

Water

Irrigation

Irrigation	Irrigation Water Sewer Total	Irrigation Water Sewer Total	Irrigation Water Sewer Total	Irrigation Water Sewer Total
Apr.2012 Apr.2013 Usage Usage 148067 65855	Mar.2012 Mar.2013 Usage Usage 57547 79422 13433193 13759945 9101877 9621718 22592617 23461085	Feb.2012 Feb.2013 Usage Usage 54610 94428 14042918 13718040 9615897 9528980 23713425 23341448	Jan.2012 Jan.2013 Usage Usage 62382 190157 13797252 13969421 9365594 9485847 23225228 23645425	Usage Usage 213983 473404 14244620 14572897 9559743 9734746 24018346 24781047
	3.90%	-1.60%	2.00%	4.00%
	4.70%	1.60%	4.00%	6.00%

Irrigation Water Sewer Total	Irrigation Water Sewer Total	Water Sewer Total
12-Jun 13-Jun Usage Usage 203931 242277 14400204 13864330 9924304 9522894 24528439 23629501	May-12 May-13 Usage Usage 126181 240533 14888732 13815335 10535460 9673474 25550373 23729342	12840127 13365773 9121832 9439560 22110026 22871188
Jun 13-Jun Usage 931 242277 204 13864330 304 9522894 439 23629501	May-13 Usage 240533 13815335 9673474 23729342	13365773 9439560 22871188
-3.70%	-7.20%	3.50%
6.20%	-2.50%	-3.50%