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Subject: Town Manager's Weekly Report (#34)

Mayor & Board of Aldermen:

Please accept the following as the **Town Manager's Weekly Report for the Week-ended Friday, June 14, 2013.**

- All aspects of the Town's Debt Financing (Installment Purchase Agreement with BB&T Bank) "Closed" on Tuesday, June 11th. All documents were executed and \$3,596,200.00 was deposited into the Town's Project Account. We have since taken steps to reimburse our Water/Sewer Fund for those Engineering and Construction cost payments made prior to funding. The first of (20) yearly installments of Debt payments (\$255, 368.00) will be due in April, 2014, which was included in the FY2013-2014 Budget approved Tuesday night.
- The Compact Fluorescent bulbs (CFL's) for free distribution as part of our Sesquicentennial activities were ordered late this week and will be shipped from their manufacturing point in China and should be received in approximately 7 business days with a final net (per-bulb) cost of \$1.22 for the 6,000 purchased.
- All of the restoration and clean-up work for the home at 806 Park Road damaged by a sewer back-up was completed effective June 8th. The home was certified as fully-restored and habitable and turned back over to the owner, Johnny Rogers, effective that date as well. The Town has since paid out all of the agreed-upon and obligated portion of the costs we committed to and we now consider our involvement complete. Final total bills show the Town paid or reimbursed just over \$15,000 as a result of this event. In addition, the home-owner's insurance contributed \$5,000 to clean-up and restoration expenses.
- Today (June 14th) is the deadline for receipt of Requests for Qualifications (RFQ's) for Engineering Firms to submit proposals of interest to provide the Engineering services for the CDBG portion of the Water-line improvement project. In keeping with Federal requirements, we have established an evaluation team (consisting of myself, Maria Stroupe, Bill Trudnak, and Doug Huffman) to review, evaluate, and score the proposals prior to making a final recommendation of selection to the Board for action. Experience with working on Federally-Funded projects will be an important factor as we ultimately select a firm for this engineering work.
- As you all know, the Town was hit by a fairly severe weather event late in the work day on Thursday. High, straight-line winds, lightning, heavy rains and hail caused extensive damage throughout the Town, bringing many trees, limbs and branches down and interrupting electric power to large portions of the Community and blocking many streets and damaging yards, properties and homes. To the credit of our employees, everyone came together immediately and, in a highly-organized and strategic fashion, went about the business of restoring power, opening streets, responding to citizens and protecting facilities and property. We received help from our neighbors in the form of dedicated electric crews and equipment from Kings Mountain, and police officers from Bessemer City. The Bessemer City Police Officers assisted through the initial phases of getting all the traffic signals back up and the streets opened; and the Kings Mountain crews worked throughout the night and well into today (Friday) in concentrating on some of the most severely-damaged, secondary-line, individual properties, so that Dallas crews could concentrate on bringing back up all the primary circuits and services. In all, as of this writing, there now remain only an isolated handful of homes without Power and crews will continue to work until all those are back. All streets are open and unobstructed; clean-up will continue throughout today (on overtime) and then public works crews will take off Saturday and Sunday and be back at it Monday morning. Hat's off to all our employees and their manager's and department heads for an incredible job well done and for selfless commitment throughout. It appears that no significant injuries were reported as a result of the Storm. The block of S. Oakland, between Main and Church, between the Museum and Library was closed as a result of the Museum Chimney being struck by lightning and multiple bricks being dislodged and cascading down on the

Roadway. Several such bricks remain on the roof, and the road will remain closed until a crew can get up on the roof and assure all loose or dislodged bricks are secured.

Thank You,

Jim Palenick
Interim Town Manager