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Mayor & Board of Aldermen(Women):

Please accept the following as the **Town Manager's Weekly Report for the Week-ended, Friday, August 29, 2014.**

- We just conducted our bi-weekly Courthouse project update and review meeting earlier today and confirmed with certainty that the project will be complete by mid-October, well in advance of the November election to be held there. Ceramic tile is now in; much of the trim work has been installed; the elevator has been delivered and will have installation begin next week; cabinets will be installed next week; and painting continues. We are now approaching that point at which much of the final finish work will come together over the next several weeks.
- The State's Office of Management and Budget distributed their official "estimates of current municipal population" (effective July 1, 2013) to all jurisdictions this week and the updated figure for the Town of Dallas is now 4,607. Next year's should take a significant jump upward as a result of the 103 new residential units at Long Creek Apartments – none of which are reflected in this year's estimate.
- Following Tuesday's Work Session, we instituted the new Utility Activation Policy and communicated it in detail to all Town Hall employees. Also, we removed the old policy from the website and replaced it, as well as reaching out to the local Hispanic community to make them aware of the changes. Finally, I spoke with the Gaston Gazette reporter earlier today on the issue, so a story is likely to appear in this week-end's news.
- Also, as a result of the Tuesday Work Session and the discussion on the dissatisfied resident who experienced damages to her household electronics and appliances due to a localized power surge, we have re-visited the matter and re-figured the damage payment in an amount which we believe now meets with her identified and documented losses and proves satisfactory.

Thank You,

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