

Town Manager's Weekly Report: (# 155)

For the Week-Ended: Friday, February 19, 2016

- The Dallas Police Department responded to a report of an armed robbery at the Dallas ABC store at approximately 9:30 p.m. Thursday evening. The suspect has so far eluded capture, but an aggressive, ongoing investigation is underway which includes some video surveillance photos which are serving as a possible guide to the suspect's identity.
- To assure better quality data on the medical histories of covered Town employees, and to, in turn, assure a better chance for competitive pricing on our health care coverage renewal quotes, we are requiring all Town employees to complete a detailed medical history questionnaire by the deadline of Monday, February 22nd, at 5:00 p.m. As such, that effort has been ongoing for most of this last week. We are very concerned going into this year's renewal, following tentative indications that we could be facing very pronounced cost increases, so we are doing everything in our power to work with our existing provider, as well as their interested competitors, to mitigate against any possible risk premiums that might otherwise be built into rates, based on a lack of accurate data. You will recall that the renewal quotes are due by the close of business on Friday, February 26th.
- Work continued this week on the new Town Square Gazebo/band-shell as crews prepared the site and poured reinforced, concrete footings. The work was slowed somewhat early on when an old, unknown septic system was actually discovered which had to be first pumped then removed and disposed of.
- The Trade Street intersection project has also been moving forward as much of the directional drilling has been completed this week which will allow for the electric lines to be placed without open cuts across the roadway. Next week should see more intense demolition activities as crews from Tarpon construction become active.
- Our candidate who was identified as the preferred finalist for the open position of Director of Development Services was made an offer last week and responded back earlier this week with a counter-offer seeking a greater level of compensation than was either offered or available within the established range. We officially responded back that our offer stood as first provided and that he would have until 5:00 p.m., Friday (today) to accept the position under the terms offered or the offer would be withdrawn. In response, effective late this afternoon, this candidate has officially declined the offer, so we will now be looking at other prospects.
- The Robinson Street storm-water project has now been completed to the point that the road-bed is back in place and the aggregate base is down and awaiting pavement. Unfortunately, it still must dry out a little further prior to paving and we have continued to keep the road closed to traffic awaiting that paving effort. Hopefully the warmer (and drier) weather will allow this to

get opened by sometime next week. Contractors will also still need to complete the restoration and erosion control on the disrupted lands prior to close-out.

- Please note that there will be the Special Session of the Board on Monday Evening, February 22nd, beginning at 5:00 p.m. the Meeting is being held to name an Interim Town Manager and approve an employment agreement on his behalf.

Respectfully Submitted,

James M. Palenick, Town Manager