

Town Manager's Weekly Report: (# 156)

For the Week-Ended: Friday, February 26, 2016

- Our original deadline for the receipt of proposals/quotes on the provision of comprehensive health care coverage for Town employees was set at 5:00 p.m. today (Friday, February 26th). However, once we found that preliminary renewal rates were showing increases as high as 68%, and we had to look at alternative structures for funding and administering the program, and needed to get every employee to fill out a detailed health questionnaire, we were forced to extend the time period in order to assure a number of competitive quotes might be received. As such, it will be difficult to get all the pertinent information into the Board packet by next week, and we could yet have to postpone action on the new contract until a Special Meeting following the regular March 8th Board Meeting. Such decision can be made at the March 8th Meeting based upon the information you all have at the time.
- Final plan approval for the Parking Lot project was received late this week from Gaston County's Building permit officials and the only remaining sign-off is pending from the Office of the County Fire Marshall. With this in hand, our design engineers from Benesch are now bidding the work out and will schedule an appropriate bid-opening so that a single, low-bid contractor might be identified and selected.
- Work continues on the Trade Street intersection project. The traffic signal poles and mast arms have now been delivered to the warehouse yard, and all the underground bores have been completed and conduit installed. Next week will see more demolition activities and some actual curb-line work established.
- This is the last Weekly Report that I will produce as Town Manager as I transition to my new position and home in Fayetteville. To that end, allow me to say thank you to all the hard-working, dedicated employees of the Town of Dallas. They are a distinct credit to their community and to the Town organization, and they have made my job easy because of their commitment to serve the citizens of Dallas. I wish everyone here much future success and I extend my personal hope that the legacy of progress begun under my tenure will continue and grow. God Bless you all.

Respectfully submitted, (one last time)

James M. Palenick, Town Manager