



# City of Duncanville

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Kevin Hugman, City Manager

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SUBJECT: Weekly Update

**Sales Tax Report** – Sales tax collections for June sales (August payment) show an increase of 25.5%% over the same period last year, and an overall increase of 7.32% for FY 18 sales tax revenue over FY 17 sales tax revenue. We have checked the Comptroller’s available information to determine why the large upswing but cannot see any explanation for the unusually large amount.

STATE OF TEXAS					
COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS					
CITY SALES AND USE TAX COMPARISON					
FY18 versus FY17					
	FY18 Payments	FY17 Payments	Increase (Decrease)	% Change	YTD %
<b>OCTOBER</b>	\$ 795,078.73	\$ 757,765.62	\$ 37,313.11	4.92%	4.92%
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	\$ 767,921.23	\$ 734,156.60	\$ 33,764.63	4.60%	4.76%
<b>DECEMBER</b>	\$ 1,022,043.71	\$ 954,232.76	\$ 67,810.95	7.11%	5.68%
<b>JANUARY</b>	\$ 758,469.91	\$ 729,618.81	\$ 28,851.10	3.95%	5.28%
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	\$ 749,939.85	\$ 728,094.64	\$ 21,845.21	3.00%	4.86%
<b>MARCH</b>	\$ 1,098,423.67	\$ 1,051,996.14	\$ 46,427.53	4.41%	4.76%
<b>APRIL</b>	\$ 859,016.38	\$ 758,411.66	\$ 100,604.72	13.27%	5.89%
<b>MAY</b>	\$ 914,446.54	\$ 913,708.88	\$ 737.66	0.08%	5.09%
<b>JUNE</b>	\$ 1,017,289.66	\$ 810,341.53	\$ 206,948.13	25.54%	7.32%
<b>JULY</b>	\$ -	\$ 776,192.36			
<b>AUGUST</b>	\$ -	\$ 786,931.83			
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	\$ -	\$ 945,418.23			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,982,629.68</b>	<b>\$ 9,946,869.06</b>	<b>\$ 544,303.04</b>		<b>7.32%</b>
City Portion	\$ 3,991,314.84	\$ 4,973,434.53			
Property Tax Relief	\$ 1,995,657.42	\$ 2,486,717.27			
<b>Total Gen Fund</b>	<b>\$ 5,986,972.26</b>	<b>\$ 7,460,151.80</b>			
4B	\$ 1,995,657.42	\$ 2,486,717.27			

**Police Department** – WatchGuard body-worn cameras have been deployed to most Police Department personnel at this point. The feedback from officers regarding field of view and ease of use has been very positive. Three supervisors are completing a comprehensive training course on the BWCs in Allen, Texas this week. They have reported the training as very beneficial, which will allow them to administer and troubleshoot the new system locally, which will be much more efficient.

Crime Prevention Officer Doug Sisk attended the Texas Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association Conference in Allen this last week. Officer Sisk is instrumental in organizing the department's citizens police academy. In 1991, Duncanville was one of the first agencies within the State of Texas to offer such a forum for citizens to learn about their police department and their operations. The Department will hold its 57<sup>th</sup> Citizen Police Academy beginning August 28. This is an 11-week commitment each Tuesday night from 7:00p to 10:00p. Attendees will be exposed to topics such as:

- Patrol Techniques
- SWAT Operations
- Criminal Investigations
- Traffic Enforcement/Investigation
- Distracted Driving

Applicants must either live or work in Duncanville, be at least 21 years of age, and must fill out an application to attend. Applications are available at the Duncanville Police Station Lobby or on-line at <http://www.duncanville.com/participate-in-the-57th-duncanville-citizens-police-academy/>.

Notes on recent successes:

- Nights patrol officers responded to a major disturbance on S. Cedar Ridge early Sunday morning. The officers ultimately made a felony arrest of a woman for threatening to shoot another woman in a parking lot over a road rage type incident. A pistol was located and confiscated as evidence in the offense.
- A night patrol unit was waved down by a woman on a residential street early Saturday morning. The woman informed the officer she had just been robbed at gunpoint for \$6.00. The suspect, who reportedly fled on foot, was quickly located by a coordinated effort of other officers. Officers confiscated the pistol they found on the suspect as evidence and placed him into custody.
- Night patrol officers arrested two subjects late in the evening of August 7, utilizing available technological tools deployed by the department to combat property crimes. One of the subjects was an armed juvenile in possession of property just taken from a vehicle; the other subject, also a juvenile, was unlawfully in possession of another pistol. Other subjects were identified but were released due to not being able to definitively tie them to any crime. Both arrested subjects also fled on foot from officers who were lawfully attempting to detain them. Ultimately,

the coordinated effort by the involved officers resulted in two arrests, the recovery of stolen property, and the confiscation of two handguns as evidence.

- A night shift officer towed one vehicle blocking a roadway from Johnson Dr., and a day shift officer towed six vehicles from the 400 block of N. Merrill Ave. which were deemed abandoned after having not been moved during the last 30 days.
- Detectives and patrol officers from both day and night shifts worked with detectives from the Irving Police Department to execute a search warrant at an address in Duncanville pursuant to a recently reported stolen vehicle and other property. The stolen pick-up was recovered from a local park and a welder, which had been attached to the bed of the stolen vehicle, was recovered during the execution of the search warrant at a nearby Duncanville residence. Warrants of arrests will be forthcoming on identified suspects.

**Fire Department** – There were no major fire or EMS events in Duncanville this week. Duncanville Fire assisted Cedar Hill last Friday on a 500-acre wildland fire in Midlothian, Cedar Hill and Grand Prairie. No structures were involved in the fire, but several were threatened.

Chief Sam Rohde and Assistant Chief Greg Chase are attending Fire Rescue International in Dallas, which provides them an opportunity to see what the latest trends and technology are from across the nation in firefighting and emergency rescue techniques.

**Public Works** – Water usage was 47.968 MG the week of July 30 through August 5, down slightly from 52.978 MG the prior week. The daily peak water demand occurred on Saturday, August 4, when 9.664 MG was used. There was 0.21” precipitation last week.

Dallas County did not report any positive West Nile traps in Duncanville this week. Even so, continued use of an insect repellent containing DEET and removal of standing water in all areas is recommended. Insect repellent and mosquito dunks are available for Duncanville residents free-of-charge at the Building Inspection counter at City Hall. Residents should report dirty pools at abandoned homes where mosquitos are likely to breed to Code Services at 972-780-5040.

The Certificate of Occupancy (CO) for the new hotel construction, La Quinta Inn & Suites, located at 835 E. Hwy 67, was issued on August 8, 2018.

The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, August 13, 2018 at 7:00p at City Hall. There are two items on the agenda including a request for a Specific Use Permit for a Party/Event Facility (indoor only) at 723 S. Cockrell Hill Road (former Callaway's) and a request for a Specific Use Permit for a Party/Event Facility (indoor only) at 928 S. Cedar Ridge Drive, Suite A.

The attached monthly Code Enforcement Report compares the 2017-2018 notices of violations and citations issued for the month of July. For the month of July 2018, the number of notices of violation issued is 37.2% higher than the number issued in July 2017. The number of citations issued in July 2018 is 93.1% higher than the number issued in July 2017. Year-to-date, notices of violations are 171.9% higher and citations are 7.8% below those issued in the same period last year.

Construction Update:

- The concrete construction crews removed and replaced 562 square feet of sidewalks and constructed 2 ADA ramps at 500 Wheatland. The concrete construction crew also removed and replaced 291 square feet of driveway approach at the same location.
- Curtco, our crack sealing contractor, sealed cracks on nine streets: Frank Keasler, Dean Ct, Kelly Ct, Adams, Main St, Del Lenora, Wes Jesperson, Hill City and Lansdale.
- Public Works conducted bid-openings for FY2018 Pipebursting and FY2018 Alley Reconstruction projects on August 9. Source selection and council approval will follow.



**Library** – The Duncanville Public Library has once again been accredited by the Texas State Library for 2018-2019 fiscal year. The process for accreditation involves providing a lengthy annual report outlining library collection size, staff size, service population size and demographics, circulation statistics, programming statistics, budget breakdown, collection type analysis (print materials, databases, e-materials, adult/children collections etc), and other details regarding library services to our community.

With accreditation, the Duncanville Public Library will be a fully qualified member of the Texas Library System and will be eligible for participation in the statewide interlibrary loan



program (ILL), TexShare programs, and the federal E-Rate program. The library is also eligible to apply for competitive grants.

## **Parks and Recreation -**

### Parks:

- The water level in the Lakeside Park pond is extremely low due to the drought-like conditions. Therefore, we have shut the fountain off to protect it from silt and debris as it is a floating fountain and the intake is now near the bottom. On the positive side, we are taking this opportunity to retrieve several retaining wall capstones that had been dislodged into the pond and restoring them to their original place.



- KDB will be in a Keep America Beautiful workshop tomorrow at City Hall. This is their last step to becoming an affiliate with KAB in addition to their Keep Texas Beautiful affiliation. Once complete, there will be recognition at an upcoming City Council meeting to celebrate their success and acknowledge their new national affiliation.

### Recreation:

- Two new pool tables have been ordered and will replace the current deteriorating tables.
- This is the final week of Summer Day Camp at the Recreation Center.

### Fieldhouse:

- LimeCoat has been contacted about several areas of the new concrete overlay where damage has occurred. They should be on site next week for repairs.
- Fieldhouse staff met with Fire Inspection and Building Official Greg Contreras this week to discuss requiring the tenants of the rooms at the Fieldhouse to have a separate Certificate of Occupancy. We are currently working to label all the rooms and will also assist the tenants with the CO process as soon as possible.
- This coming week we have:
  - Texas Hoop Summit - Saturday 9:00a to 6:00p; (3) courts

- Jr. Sports & Rec. Youth Basketball League - Friday 6:00p to 10:00p; (6) courts
- Bridge Academy Basketball Tournament - Saturday 9:00a to 8:00p & Sunday 9:00a to 4:00p; (3) courts
- Fieldhouse Feeder League - Sunday 6:00p to 9:00p; (3) courts

**Economic Development** – ED staff is providing support and working on the following projects:

- Reviewed two business leads that were received: one lead needed a 100-acre site, one lead needed a 25-30 acre site.
- Provided a Design Incentive Information Packet to a Main Street business.
- In looking for new ways to connect to businesses, staff registered with NTCAR to receive business leads through their new dealboard.org site.
- Continues to assist HOT Fund Grant Recipients.

**Certificate of Occupancy (CO) Permits Issued:**

- La Quinta Inn & Suites; 835 E Hwy. 67 (Hotel)

**Certificate of Occupancy (CO) Applications Received**

- Rudy's Pawsome Kingdom; 1103 S Main St. (Dog Grooming and Retail)
- Tejano Legacy Insurance; 108 W Fairmeadows Dr. Ste. #A (Insurance Agency Office)
- Wisdom Cutz LLC; 108 W Camp Wisdom Rd. (Barbershop)
- Connect 1 Recovery; 822 Gemini Ave. (Auto Repossession)
- Townview Realtors; 415 W Daniieldale Ste. # 120 (Realty Office)
- Facial Studio; 1019 S Main St. Ste. # 112 (Salon for Skin Care)
- Lott Property; 1155 S Cedar Ridge (General Office & Auto Repair)

**Public Information** – News coverage for this week:

**Duncanville Receives Prestigious Scenic City Award**

<https://www.focusdailynews.com/duncanville-receives-prestigious-scenic-city-award/>

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### Monthly Summary of Code Enforcement Activity – July 2018

	2018				2017			
	July		YTD		July		YTD	
	Notices of Violation	Citations	Notices of Violation	Citations	Notices of Violation	Citations	Notices of Violation	Citations
<b>Building Code Violations</b>								
Construction w/o Permit or Illegal Construction	9	2	102	12	3	1	76	26
Driveway in Disrepair			3				1	
Fence in Disrepair	5	9	219	22	9	2	102	28
Installation of Illegal Driveway								
No Water Service	1		11	2	1		1	
Other Violations	6	6	642	34				
Parking Lot in Disrepair			2	2			3	1
Plumbing Violation Sewer Lines/Covers	6		6					
Plumbing Violation			3				1	
Substandard Building	3	3	96	19	5	3	69	10
<b>Buildings and Geneneral Bulding Regs</b>								
VBR			43	10				
<b>Nuisance Violations</b>								
Dumpster & Dumpster Enclosure			3				3	
Graffiti	1		15	2	1		6	1
Growth Limitations - Plant Life	5		98	1	9		19	1
High Grass	31	3	520	23	50	15	379	28
Illegal Dumping			4				15	1
Illegal Open Storage	21	12	963	83	25	6	387	151
Illicit Discharge		5	2	7				
Illegal Truck	2		28	2				
Junked/Inoperable/Illegal Vehicles	12		294	3	10		93	1
Junked Vehicles - Private Property or Street	3	1	20	2			4	
Parking Trucks in Commercial Areas								
Vehicle over 1.5 tons capacity in Residential	1		16	1			6	3
Visibility obstruction	1		8		1		5	
<b>Other Violations</b>								
Dead trees or Vegetation	2		26	4	2		23	1
Dumpster Screening Required								
Garage Sales w/o Permit	1		3		2		2	
Illegal Placement of Trash	2		9		2		8	
Other Violations	28		80	2			15	2
Over 5 Vehicles on Residential Prop.	1		25	5			4	8
Parking on Sidewalk			4				10	27
Parking on Sidewalk or Unimproved Surface	12	9	230	30	5	1	68	
Trash Containers Left Open			1		1		2	
Trash Out Early	10		43	4	2	1	2	1
Vegetation Encroachment or on Sidewalk or	11		323	6			47	6
Vegetation on Sidewalk/Curb/Gutter			6					
Vehicles Displayed for Sale	1		4					
<b>Sign Violations</b>								
Banner Permit Expiring			6				3	1
Banner w/o Permit							6	2
Blinking or Flashing Sign								
Dilapidated & Deteriorated Condition		1	3	1			3	
Illegal Placement of Sign							3	
Illegal Sign	1		7	2	2		16	2
Over 40% Window Signage					1		3	3
Pennants Displayed			1					
Sign w/o Permit			5	1			3	2
Obsolete Sign	1		9		2		12	2
<b>Swimming Pools</b>								
Improper Fence around Pool			5	1			7	1
Pool Not Maintained	6	5	29	12	3		22	3
<b>Zoning Violations</b>								
Containerized Storage			3				2	3
Illegal Home Occupation			2		1		7	1
Illegal Outside Display of Goods	1		6					
Illegal Use	4		16	1			7	3
No Current C.O.			4				3	
Parking Requirements							4	
Screening Requirements								
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>3948</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>1452</b>	<b>319</b>
<b>Compared to Same Previous Period</b>	<b>37.2%</b>	<b>93.1%</b>	<b>171.9%</b>	<b>-7.8%</b>				