



TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Kevin Hugman, City Manager

DATE: July 18, 2019

SUBJECT: Weekly Update

Sales Tax Report – Sales tax collections for May sales (July payment) shows a decrease of 3.8% over the same period last year, with an overall decrease YTD for FY 19 sales tax collections of -1.5% compared to FY 18 sales tax revenue YTD.

STATE OF TEXAS					
COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS					
CITY SALES AND USE TAX COMPARISON					
FY19 versus FY18					
	FY19 Payments	FY18 Payments	Increase (Decrease)	% Change	YTD %
OCTOBER	\$ 808,134.72	\$ 795,078.73	\$ 13,055.99	1.6%	1.6%
NOVEMBER	\$ 761,307.93	\$ 767,921.23	\$ (6,613.30)	-0.9%	0.4%
DECEMBER	\$ 982,541.46	\$ 1,022,043.71	\$ (39,502.25)	-3.9%	-1.3%
JANUARY	\$ 751,474.37	\$ 758,469.91	\$ (6,995.54)	-0.9%	-1.2%
FEBRUARY	\$ 763,496.18	\$ 749,939.85	\$ 13,556.33	1.8%	-0.6%
MARCH	\$ 1,069,253.79	\$ 1,098,423.67	\$ (29,169.88)	-2.7%	-1.1%
APRIL	\$ 846,390.05	\$ 859,016.38	\$ (12,626.33)	-1.5%	-1.1%
MAY	\$ 879,867.74	\$ 914,446.54	\$ (34,578.80)	-3.8%	-1.5%
JUNE		\$ 1,017,289.66			
JULY		\$ 906,973.60			
AUGUST		\$ 871,174.23			
SEPTEMBER		\$ 1,027,247.60			
Total	\$ 6,862,466.24	\$ 10,788,025.11	\$ (102,873.78)		-1.48%
City Portion	\$ 3,431,233.12	\$ 5,394,012.56			
Property Tax Relief	\$ 1,715,616.56	\$ 2,697,006.28			
Total Gen Fund	\$ 5,146,849.68	\$ 8,091,018.83			
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BNSF Vegetation Removal – this week, Public Works Director Greg Ramey met with representatives of BNSF Railroad at their request, to discuss removal of vegetation along portions of the railroad right of way along Main Street. BNSF stated they are under federal regulations to clear any vegetation taller than three feet above the pavement, for an area at least 300' long by 50' wide at each major intersection. The regulation is intended to ensure an unobstructed view for motorists as they approach railroad tracks. This would affect city plantings (crepe myrtles) in the right of way 300' north and 300' south of the Main Street / Camp Wisdom Road intersection, and 300' south of the Main Street / IH-20 service road intersection.

The city entered into a long-term lease agreement with BNSF for use of the right of way in 2005 and the city has maintained the vegetation in the BNSF right of way in accordance with that agreement. We are continuing conversations with them to determine what changed in federal regulations, what their timeline is, and what we can do to mitigate the effects of the vegetation removal and still maintain an attractive gateway to our city. We will keep you informed as we move forward.

Police Department

Notes on recent activity:

- A night patrol officer responded to a vicious dog call on Lodema Lane. A couple walking in the neighborhood were placed in fear by the unrestrained dog, which also tried to bite the female citizen. The female only suffered a scratch. After the officer tried to make contact at the residence at which the witnesses believed the dog belonged, the dog aggressively charged the officer and was shot. The dog was taken to the Tri-City Animal Shelter.
- A night patrol officer towed a vehicle left abandoned in the outside lane of the 1100 block of S. Cockrell Hill Rd. with a flat tire and damaged wheel. The vehicle was deemed as a dangerous traffic hazard.
- Directed Traffic Enforcement
 - W. Danieldale Rd. – (4) citations
 - E. Danieldale Rd. – (1) citation
 - North and South Main St. – (11) citations
 - Astaire Ave and Avenue of the Stars - (3) citations
 - East Wheatland Rd. – (5) citations
 - West Wheatland Rd. – (5) citations

Fire Department – The Fire Department has not had any major fire or EMS events in Duncanville this week.

Five members of the department attended a two-day Wildland/Urban interface class at Desoto Fire Training Center this week. Also, regarding training, Chief Rohde will be instructing at the Texas A&M Fire Training School next week.

FF Tyler Hausler graduated from El Centro paramedic school on July 12 and has now been assigned to his shift. Three firefighters will begin paramedic school on July 22 and finish in January 2020.

Public Works – Water usage was 37.286 MG this week, up from 33.377 MG last week. The daily peak water demand occurred on Saturday, July 13, when 5.734 MG was used. There was 0.15 inches of precipitation last week (July 8 through July 14).

Mosquito testing was conducted on July 16 at five locations throughout the City with negative results.

A total of \$13,629.82 (36 properties) has been collected in outstanding lien payoffs this week for a total of \$37,910.72 (126 properties) year-to-date.

Twenty-two properties were registered for the residential rental property program since the last report, for a total of 571 registered properties year-to-date. Forty-eight properties were inspected. Thirty-six properties passed inspection and 12 failed. Of the properties that failed, lack of carbon monoxide detectors, vacuum breakers on hose bibs, and GFCI protection were the primary reasons for failure. Twenty-eight residential certificates of occupancy were issued, for a total of 180 certificates of occupancy issued year-to-date. Approximately 200 letters were mailed to property owners of townhomes, condominiums, and duplexes as reminders to register for the new program.

There will be a joint Planning and Zoning Commission meeting with the City Council on Monday, July 22 at 6:00p. Freese and Nichols will present the Diagnostic Report for the Zoning Ordinance Update.

Planning staff will conduct a pre-development meeting on Thursday, July 18, to discuss the proposed retail, restaurant, and car wash developments on the northeast corner of Clark Road and Wheatland (1415 W Wheatland Road).

On July 12, the City's contractor re-stripped the lanes along northbound Cockrell Hill Rd at US 67 in order to alleviate congestion at the intersection of the US-67 Eastbound Service Rd and Northbound Cockrell Hill Rd. The contractor also re-stripped the road markings at the intersection of Avenue of the Stars and Cockrell Hill Rd as well.

Construction Update:

- The City hosted a kick-off meeting for design of Alley Improvements at Madrid-Granada on July 2.
- The City hosted bid openings for Water/Wastewater contracts on July 8 (High Ridge Dr) and July 15 (S Alexander). Once a contractor is chosen for these projects, the contracts will go before Council for approval in August.
- Pipebursting crews completed work on Alexander Ave in the Flame East Subdivision and completed street restoration on the easement in the Wheatland

Plaza Shopping Center. They are currently installing manholes on Alexander Ave and will pipe burst on Lincoln Dr next week.

- The Concrete Construction crew completed construction of the new parking lot at Rotary Park and installed 2 ADA ramps, placed 4 pallets of sod, and repaired the curb and gutter at Rotary Park as well. This was part of the voter approved bond projects.



Library – Summer Reading Club events continue to bring large crowds to the library. This week, the Library hosted nearly 400 attendees for various programs including 102 attendees for the Dallas Zoo Family Night and 162 participants for the Dallas Zoo Afternoon visit. There are two more weeks left for Summer Reading Club and various programs including a return of the Aztec Dancers and a Space Magic Show with Brett Roberts!

Parks and Recreation –

Parks:

- The Rotary Park parking lot is complete with the striping and opening scheduled to be completed this Friday, July 19.
- The traffic signal box at Main St. and Davis was wrapped this week with 2 more tentatively scheduled for installation next week.



Fieldhouse:

- This coming week we have:
 - Metro Safe Summer Camp - Monday thru Friday 6:30a to 6:00p
 - Stacy Houston Basketball Camp - Thursday, Friday 9:00a to 10:00p; (1) court
 - Gym Rats Basketball Tournament - Saturday 8:00a to 6:00p, Sunday 8:00p to 4:00p; (3) courts
 - Winners Club Basketball Showcase - Saturday 6:30p to 9:30p; (1) court

Senior Activity Center:

- On Tuesday, July 16, the seniors took a trip to Downtown Duncanville to enjoy a meal at Rice Pot.
- On Wednesday, June 17, the seniors listened to a presentation on Medicaid coverage by Aetna during the lunch and learn. They later enjoyed Blue Bell ice cream during the Ice Cream Social.
- Upcoming Activity:
 - Wednesday, July 24 – Bingo/Bagel Senior Mixer
 - Thursday, July 25 – Rockwood Fired Pizza
 - Friday, July 26 – The Greg & Travis Music Show

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

- ED staff, Purchasing, and Planning met with developers during the City owned property RFP pre-proposal development meeting. Two developers attended and asked questions regarding the RFP.
- ED staff worked with three different developers that are making requests to the DCEDC for assistance.
- ED staff met with a developer interested in developing the DCEDC Rail Road Flats Property in the Downtown. They will submit a proposal to the DCEDC Board at a future meeting.
- The Development Team met with a developer that is developing property on Clark Rd. Staff discussed development requirements for the site.

The DCEDC will hold their regular scheduled meeting on Monday, July 22, 2019, at 6:00p in the City Council Briefing Room located at City Hall.

Certificate of Occupancy (CO) Permits Issued:

- 800 Link Enrichment Center; 200 Jellison Blvd. (Fitness Center)

Certificate of Occupancy (CO) Applications Received:

- Fuentes Auto Repair; 706 E. Red Bird Ln., Suite #111 (Auto Repair)
- Kingdom Fellowship Conference Center; 603 E. Hwy. 67, Suite #119 (Conference Center to be Used Only as Training Center for Jobs)
- Nappy Bliss, LLC; 207 S. Hastings St. (Salon)
- Fit Warrior Nutrition; 432 N. Main St. (Smoothies - Water & Ice; Group Workouts)
- Ben Ruth African International Boutique and Business; 700 N. Clark Rd., Suite #124 (Retail - Groceries; Printing and Copying Services)
- Pejah, Inc.; 767 W. Wheatland Rd. (Beauty Salon)
- Advantage Educational Solutions; 1106 S. Main St., Suite #2C (Office for Training and Skill Development)
- The Tamale Company Tamale Pushers LLC; 626 S. Cedar Ridge Dr., Suite #9 (Catering Kitchen)

- Cutiful Designs & Crafts; 207 E. Camp Wisdom Rd., Suite #A (Dancing and Crafting Classes)
- The Lullaby House; 1106 S. Main St., Suite #1A (Office for Nonprofit – Working with Pregnant/Parenting Teens)

Public Information – News coverage for this week:

July 14, 2019

[Suspect Arrested After Leading Police in Pursuit Through Multiple North Texas Cities](#)

July 16, 2019

[Duncanville Vacant Land up for Sale that may be a Slave Burial Site](#)

July 17, 2019

[Meeting with the Best Southwest Partnership Healthcare Committee](#)

July 18, 2019

[Duncanville Fieldhouse and LionStream Media Announce Live Streaming Partnership](#)