



TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Kevin Hugman, City Manager

DATE: September 13, 2019

SUBJECT: Weekly Update

Sales Tax Report - Sales tax collections for July sales (September payment) shows a decrease of 5.0% over the same period last year, with an overall decrease YTD for FY 19 sales tax collections of -1.7% 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	\$ 1,018,284.27	\$ 1,017,289.66	\$ 994.61	0.1%	-1.3%
JULY	\$ 861,472.41	\$ 906,973.60	\$ (45,501.19)	-5.0%	-1.7%
AUGUST		\$ 871,174.23			
SEPTEMBER		\$ 1,027,247.60			
Total	\$ 8,742,222.92	\$ 10,788,025.11	\$ (147,380.36)		-1.7%
City Portion	\$ 4,371,111.46	\$ 5,394,012.56			
Property Tax Relief	\$ 2,185,555.73	\$ 2,697,006.28			
Total Gen Fund	\$ 6,556,667.19	\$ 8,091,018.83			
4B	\$ 2,185,555.73	\$ 2,697,006.28			

Police Department – This week, Mayor Barry Gordon and Councilmembers Harvey, McBurnett, and Cooks, as well as Police Chief Robert Brown, Assistant Chief Mark LiVigni, Lieutenant Chris McCaleb, and Officer Doug Sisk attended an apartment complex community meeting at Centre Ridge Apartments. They met with about 12-15 residents and apartment management to address some concerning crime trends in the apartment complex, listen to concerns of residents who attended, and encourage timely reporting of issues and problem individuals to both the police department as well as to management. All felt the meeting was a positive step and we will continue to work with the apartment management to proactively address concerns.

Notes on recent activity:

- Night patrol personnel, including the on-duty Sergeant, responded to a robbery in progress call at an automotive retail store. The caller advised that masked men were inside the store with AK47s. As officers arrived and began to establish a perimeter, they noticed the doors were locked and masked men, at least one of which was armed, could be seen in the store. At one point, the sergeant was able to safely break a glass panel to the business and evacuate several victims as the incident was unfolding. One suspect exited the store before the perimeter was set, and it is unclear whether he was armed or not. The second suspect, who had an AK47, was arrested without incident after surrendering to officers. Detectives are working to identify the escaped suspect.
- A night patrol officer arrested the driver of a vehicle during a traffic stop who was in possession of substances believed to be marijuana, and possession of a handgun. All contraband was seized as evidence.
- Night patrol officers were dispatched to a convenience store where a male had been observed taking items off a shelf and placing them in a bag and exiting the store without paying. As officers arrived in the area, they identified the suspect based on proximity to the store and clothing description. When officers attempted to detain the suspect for questioning, the suspect fled on foot. Officers caught the suspect and took him into custody for evading a lawful detention. Property from the store was recovered as evidence of the theft and the suspect was also charged with the theft.
- As a night patrol officer investigated a disturbance at an apartment complex, he could smell what he believed to be marijuana coming from a nearby vehicle with multiple occupants. Upon searching the vehicle, two handguns, one of which was confirmed to be stolen, were found. One occupant was arrested for unlawfully carrying a firearm and both handguns were recovered as evidence.
- Directed Traffic Enforcement
 - W. Daniieldale Rd. – 0
 - E. Daniieldale Rd. – 2 citations
 - North and South Main St. – 4 citations
 - Astaire Ave and Avenue of the Stars – 2 citations
 - East Wheatland Rd. – 4 citations
 - West Wheatland Rd. – 7 citations

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

Emergency Operations Center (EOC) staff participated in the monthly Emergency Management training this week. This month's training and table-top exercise focused on an active shooter scenario at a football game at Panther Stadium. DISD had numerous personnel involved in the training, and CERT also had personnel at the training. Very good discussion from all parties involved will result in more efficient planning and awareness for these types of events.

The department received confirmation of a grant award from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) process for three thermal imaging cameras. This equipment will replace the thermal imagers we currently have in use which are outdated and hard to find replacement parts for.

Public Works – Water usage was 48.167 MG during the week of September 2-8, up from 43.093 MG the previous week. The daily peak water demand occurred on Sunday, September 8, when 7.223 MG was used. There was no precipitation recorded during that week.

West Nile mosquito testing was conducted on September 10 at five locations throughout the City with negative results.

Code Enforcement collected \$3,611.75 on 15 liens this week, for a total of \$78,439.08 since the collection program started. A total of 259 liens have been paid since the program started.

Twenty-five properties were registered for the residential rental property program since the last report, for a total of 735 registered properties year-to-date. Sixteen properties were inspected. Nine properties passed inspection and 7 failed. Of the properties that failed, lack of GFCI protection was the primary reason for failure. Six residential certificates of occupancy were issued, for a total of 249 certificates of occupancy issued year-to-date.

Construction Update:

- The City hosted a pre-bid meeting for Irwin Keasler Waterline Improvements on Tuesday, September 10, 2019. Bid opening for the project will occur on September 24, 2019.
- The Concrete Construction crew repaired 836 sq. ft of damaged sidewalk on W. Davis St.
- City contractor Pavecon, completed overlays on Meadowcrest Ln and Shannon Dr. They also completed milling on Palm Ave, Kennedy Ave, and Hopkins Ave. They began overlays on Candlelight Ave on September 12.

- Vortex crews completed pipe-bursting work and street restoration at Willow Ct in the Forest Hill Addition. Crews will continue work on wastewater lateral service lines and continue work on S. Alexander Ave next week.

Library – The Duncanville Public Library is receiving a federally funded reimbursement award of \$1,359 from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission for interlibrary loan lends (151) made to Texas public libraries between September 1, 2018 and July 31, 2019. This is a pass-through grant award from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission’s federal funder, Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), to be applied to costs associated with interlibrary loan activities. These funds are to offset expenditures related to interlibrary loans.

Parks and Recreation –

The Parks Board and Parks and Recreation staff thank the 30+ residents who came to Monday’s Community Park Meeting held at Pyburn Park. Mayor Barry Gordon and Councilmember Mark Cooks were also present to hear input and answer questions. The feedback received from the residents will be used for planning future park improvements.

The next Neighborhood Park Meeting will be Monday, Sept. 16 at Quail Run Park.

- Quail Run Park (325 N Greenstone Lane) – Monday, September 16 at 6:30p
- Waterview Park (1700 Whitecliff Drive) – Monday, September 23 at 6:30p
- Chris Paris Park (1300 Caravan Trail) – Monday, September 30 at 6:30p

Parks:

- Parks staff painted the base coat for a wall mural project on the retaining wall at the SE corner of Danieldale and S. Cockrell Hill Rd. The project is a joint venture of the city, the Duncanville Design Studio, and art teachers of the Duncanville ISD. The mural project should begin around the first week of October.
- Parks staff addressed multiple citizen concerns regarding the creek area at Rotary Park and trip hazards in the park.



Fieldhouse:

- This coming week we have:
 - Champions Before & After School Program - Monday thru Friday 6:30a to 8:00a & 3:30p to 6:30p
 - B.O.S.S. Fall Basketball League - Tuesday 6:00p to 9:00p x 6 courts
 - GASO Basketball Tournament - Saturday 9:00a to 9:00p & Sunday 10:00a to 4:00p x 6 courts
 - Jr. NBA Youth Basketball League - Sunday 5:00p to 9:00p x 5 courts

Recreation Center:

- Upcoming Events:
 - Hispanic Heritage Month Concert Series
 - Mango Punch – Saturday, September 14 from 6:00p – 9:00p
 - Jack Mason – Saturday, September 28 from 6:00p – 9:00p
 - Boo Bash 2019 – Friday, October 25 from 6:30p – 9:30p
 - Christmas Parade & Tree Lighting – Friday, December 6 from 7:00p – 10:00p

Senior Activity Center:

- Tom Thumb Flu Shot Clinic administered flu shots to seniors this week.
- Parkland Hospital provided a Fall Risk Assessment to check the balance of seniors and provide tips to reduce the chance of falling.
- Upcoming Events:
 - The Silver Bullets Dance Performance – Tuesday, September 17 at 11:15a
 - Coffee with the Mayor – Wednesday, September 18 at 8:00a
 - Texas Wind Performance – Friday, September 20 at 11:00a

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

- Working with Parks Department to finalize the Fieldhouse Phase II Exterior Renovations Plan.
- Reached out to four prospective restaurants and pitched Duncanville locations.

Certificate of Occupancy (CO) Permits Issued:

- Simply Dentistry, LLC; 610 W. Wheatland Rd. (Dental Office)
- Spiral Transportation; 316 N. Main (Selling Motorized Knee Walkers and Wall Crosses (Retail)
- Metro by T Mobile; 105 S. Cedar Ridge Rd. (Sale of Wireless Services and Telecommunication Equipment (Change in Name Only)

Certificate of Occupancy (CO) Applications Received:

- Stennett Studio; 215 Freeman (Hair Salon and Spa)
- Axis Staffing; 215 W. Camp Wisdom Rd., Suite #10 (Staffing Office)
- A & C Auto Sales; 706 E. Red Bird Ln., Suite #112 (Auto Dealer, Auto Sales)

Public Information – News coverage for this week:

Title: Thief Steals Trailer Belonging to Duncanville Boy Scout Troop

Link: <http://www.wbap.com/2019/09/09/thief-steals-trailer-belonging-to-duncanville-boy-scout-troop/>

Source: WBAP

Date: September 9, 2019

Title: Trailer Belonging To Duncanville Boy Scout Troop Stolen

Link: <https://krlr.radio.com/articles/news/trailer-belonging-duncanville-boy-scout-troop-stolen>

Source: KRLD 1080

Date: September 9, 2019

Title: Thief Steals Trailer and Camping Gear From North Texas Boy Scout Troop

Link: <https://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local/Thief-Steals-Trailer--Camping-Gear-from-North-Texas-Boy-Scout-Troop-559858901.html>

Source: NBCDFW

Date: September 9, 2019