



TO: Mayor and City Council
 FROM: Kevin Hugman, City Manager
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 SUBJECT: Weekly Update

Sales Tax Report - Sales tax collections for August sales (October payment) shows an increase of 1.6% over the same period last year, with an overall decrease YTD for FY 19 sales tax collections of -1.4% 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	\$ 885,497.37	\$ 871,174.23	\$ 14,323.14	1.6%	-1.4%
SEPTEMBER		\$ 1,027,247.60			
Total	\$ 9,627,720.29	\$ 10,788,025.11	\$ (133,057.22)		-1.4%
City Portion	\$ 4,813,860.15	\$ 5,394,012.56			
Property Tax Relief	\$ 2,406,930.07	\$ 2,697,006.28			
Total Gen Fund	\$ 7,220,790.22	\$ 8,091,018.83			
4B	\$ 2,406,930.07	\$ 2,697,006.28			

Traffic Signal Box Art Unveiling – Today, the last of the current phase of traffic signal boxes to be art-wrapped, was unveiled. This traffic signal box is located at Center St. and Cedar Ridge Road. The art was designed by Lylah Sotelo, a Duncanville resident and 5th grader. The Traffic Signal Box Art Project has been a joint project of the City of Duncanville and the Duncanville Design Studio. The call for projects allowed artists to submit a proposal based on the following themes: City of Champions, History of Duncanville, Duncanville Military History, and An Inclusive Duncanville Community.



Police Department – This week, the Southwest Regional Communication Center (SWRCC) celebrated its 20 years of service to the police and fire departments and the citizens of Duncanville, Cedar Hill, and DeSoto. Sgt. Ron McCarty of the Duncanville Police Department commanded the Multi-City Honor Guard deployed for the event. The SWRCC serves as just one example of a regional partnership that saves taxpayers dollars by combining services for less cost. This is a win for the citizens of Duncanville, Desoto and Cedar Hill!



A Town Hall meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 14 at 6:30p at the Senior Center. The topic of the Town Hall is Fraud and Identity Theft and will be conducted by Detective Chad Berger of the Duncanville Police Department. The topic is always timely, but especially so as we approach the holiday season and online buying. Some recent examples of fraudulent activity in our city:

- A citizen was recently and unwittingly extorted out of several thousands of dollars when the victim fell prey to a computer scam. While on the computer, a fraud alert pop-up displayed with a phone number to call. The citizen called the number and began to speak with someone who identified themselves as a “Microsoft representative.” This representative advised the citizen that Russians had hacked her bank account and to prevent them from using her credit cards, she must purchase \$8,000 in Target and Home Depot gift cards. After doing so, she called the “representative” back to receive further instructions and was told to provide him the serial number of each card and then shred them all.
- Credit/Debit Card Skimmers were found attached to gas pumps at businesses along Camp Wisdom within the last few weeks. These devices are placed over the slot where credit/debit cards are usually swiped or inserted, and the device stores or sends the card’s information to the criminal to be used to compromise credit/debit card accounts. Tug on areas. If they seem flimsy, report them or leave. Also check that the seals on the panel doors are unbroken.



Notes on recent activity:

- After having been stopped for a vehicular regulation violation, the male driver was found to be in possession of what a night patrol officer had probable cause to believe was marijuana, as well as a handgun for which he was not licensed. The male was arrested, and all contraband was confiscated as evidence.
- An abandoned, inoperable vehicle under the RR crossing arms in the 400 block of W. Wheatland Rd. was towed.
- Directed Traffic Enforcement
 - W. Danieldale Rd. – 10 citations
 - E. Danieldale Rd. – One citation
 - North and South Main St. – 10 citations
 - Astaire Ave and Avenue of the Stars – 0
 - East Wheatland Rd. – 4 citations
 - West Wheatland Rd. – 8 citations

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

Firefighters attended annual Night Live Fire Drills at the DeSoto Training Center this week. The regional training officer conducted the training on live fires for all personnel. This gives fire officers an opportunity to practice incident command and communications.

The Department currently has two vacancies. The interview panel interviewed four candidates on October 7 but unfortunately, none passed the interview process. These interviews completed the current Civil Service list. No date has been scheduled for the next Civil Service Exam, but the department is working with Human Resources to review revisions to the Departments Hiring Guidelines before scheduling the next exam.

Public Works – Water usage was 37.909 MG this week, down from 46.349 the week of September 23. The daily peak water demand occurred on Monday, October 7, when 6.380 MG was used. There was 0.83 inches of precipitation last reporting week (October 7 through October 13).

West Nile mosquito testing was conducted on October 15 at five locations throughout the City with negative results.

Training for the Duncanville Census Complete Count Committee (CCC) was conducted on Thursday, October 17, at 6:00p in the Duncanville Library. Cynthia Cruz with the U.S. Census Bureau conducted the training.

In celebration of National Planning Month, the Planning Division hosted *Pastries with the City Planner* on Friday, October 18, in the City Hall Public Works area. Residents were invited to come enjoy coffee and pastries while learning how city planning is important in our daily lives. Also, in celebration of National Planning Month, the Planning Division will host *Planning 101* at the Duncanville Senior Center on Tuesday, October 22, at 11:00a. The topic of discussion will be the importance of planning in the community.

Fifty-three properties were registered for the residential rental property program since the last report, for a total of 877 registered properties year-to-date. Forty-three properties were inspected. Seventeen properties passed inspection and 26 failed. Of the properties that failed, lack of GFCI protection, vacuum breakers on hose bibs, smoke/CO detectors, and water heater issues were the primary reasons for failure. Twelve residential certificates of occupancy were issued, for a total of 270 certificates of occupancy issued year-to-date.

Code Enforcement collected \$7,037.53 on 21 liens this week, for a total of \$155,595.73 since the collection program started. A total of 326 liens have been paid since the program started.

The attached monthly Code Enforcement Report compares the 2018-2019 notices of violations and citations issued for the month of September. For the month of September 2019, notices of violation are at 39.2% and citations are at 155.6% of those issued in September 2018. Year-to-date, notices of violations are at -35.9% and citations are at -11.6% of those issued as compared to the same period in 2018.

Traffic Operations crews finished the installation of illuminated street signs at the last seven signalized intersections:

- Daniieldale Road at Greenstone Lane
- Cedar Ridge Road at Santa Fe Trail
- Main Street at Davis Street
- Camp Wisdom Road at Hill City Drive
- Cedar Ridge Road at Middale Road
- Wheatland Road at Santa Fe Trail
- Wheatland Road at Greenstone Lane

Construction Update:

- The Concrete Construction crew removed and replaced 1,612 sq. ft. of damaged sidewalk at 402-403 North Horne Street, 314-402 Tanglewood Drive, and 202 West Orange Street.
- City contractor Pavecon completed asphalt overlay on Greenway Court, Vinyard Road, and Spring Lake Drive.
- City contractor Vortex completed all pipebursting work for the FY18 pipebursting project. All punch list items were completed, and a final walkthrough is being scheduled. Remaining items to be performed include spray lining of manholes, jet washing of mains, and production of a post-construction video.
- City contractor Douglas Dailey continued pipebursting this week at High Ridge Drive in the Greenbriar Addition. Crews installed the last wastewater manhole at High Ridge and Meadow Ridge Drives and are installing wastewater lateral service boxes.
- City contractor FM Utilities completed pipebursting in the Forest Hills Addition from the existing manhole south of Wheatland Road on South Alexander Avenue to the existing manhole, including lateral services. Crews are boring under the creek for steel casing and 8-inch water main.
- A preconstruction meeting was held on Monday, October 7, for the FY19 West Center Street/ Center Ridge Apartments Utility Improvements project with Douglas Dailey Construction, LLC. This is the same contractor currently providing utility improvements for the Greenbriar Addition (High Ridge Drive) project. Construction is scheduled to begin on October 28.
- We received notice from Dallas County Road & Bridge, District 3 that they are ready to perform the emergency level-up asphalt work on Wintergreen Rd between Cockrell Hill Road and DeSoto's bridge. This is work that was discussed between Commissioner Price and Mayor Gordon during our meeting on September 25 at Dallas County. This is interim work until the County can come in and do a complete asphalt reconstruction on that segment in the spring when weather conditions are more conducive for asphalt laying. As Commissioner Price noted in his meeting with City Council on October 15, the city pays only for materials, with Dallas County providing the labor. This provides us a very cost-efficient alternative to concrete reconstruction. They plan on staging their equipment on Monday, October 21, with work starting on Wednesday, October 23.

Library – On Saturday October 12, 2019 Library staff once again worked with Public Works and Parks staff to present Operation Clean Duncanville for Fall of 2019. There were 328 total vehicles that arrived to bring refuse and donation material to the various partners. The brush station attended to 22 vehicles, the dumpster station attended 46 vehicles, Goodwill assisted 54 vehicles, e-waste assisted 82 vehicles, and the paper shredder attended to 225 vehicles. It was another excellent event that helped numerous members of the community dispose of unwanted refuse.

Parks and Recreation –

Parks:

- Red Bird Park was hit with graffiti on the entry sign as well as over a majority of the restroom facility. A police report was completed, and the graffiti covered over with paint. The entry sign will require some contractor assistance which staff is currently working on.
- Parks staff is collecting and removing downed limbs and trees from the parks due to last week's storm
- The Horticulture crew is planting the seasonal color changeout and should be completed by this week.



Fieldhouse:

- This coming week we have:
 - Champions Before & After School Program - Monday thru Friday 6:30a to 8:00a & 3:30p to 6:30p
 - 360 VB League - Friday 6:00p to 8:00p x 3 courts
 - SAWBC JUCO Jamboree - Saturday 9:00a to 5:00p x 5 courts
 - Jr. NBA Youth Basketball League - Sunday 3:00p to 8:00p x 5 courts

Recreation:

- Upcoming Events:
 - 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:

- Upcoming Events:
 - Lunch & Learn: City Planning 101 – Tuesday, October 22 at 11:00a
 - Einstein Bagels Social Mixer – Wednesday, October 23 at 9:00a
 - Bingo: Sponsored by CareFirst – Wednesday, October 23 at 10:30a
 - Domino Tournament – Thursday, October 24 at 9:00a

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

- The Duncanville Design Studio and the City of Duncanville hosted their retaining wall art mural project last weekend. Close to 100 residents, artists, and volunteers have been involved in the project. Tim and Anne Perry along with Curtis Ferguson have been instrumental with bringing this project to fruition.
- The Duncanville City Council, DCEDC Board Members, and City Staff attended the Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting for the Hampton Inn & Suites.
- ED Staff assisted the City Sister Commission with various activities throughout the week. The Sister City Commission held a Welcome Reception for the 25 Italian Delegates from Monasterolo di Savigliano. The Italian delegates took a tour of the City of Duncanville facilities.



- The City of Duncanville hosted the last of five Traffic Signal Box art unveilings. Lylah Sotelo, a Duncanville resident and 5th grader had her piece highlighting Hastings Elementary featured on the Traffic Box on the corner of Center St. and Cedar Ridge Rd. (Shown are the artist and her brother.)



Certificate of Occupancy (CO) Permits Issued:

- None this week

Certificate of Occupancy (CO) Applications Received:

- The World-Famous Prophet's Corner Barber Shop; 603 E. Hwy 67, Suite #111 (Barber Shop)

Public Information – News coverage for this week:

- October 8, 2019 – [From Duncanville to McKinney, H-E-B's Central Market Adds 100 New Zip Codes to its Grocery Delivery Area](#)
- October 8, 2019 – [Students Use Class to Grow Lawn Care Business](#)
- October 9, 2019 – [Duncanville Artists Invited to Paint Gateway Wall Mural](#)
- October 9, 2019 – [Texas Democrat Eddie Bernice Johnson Running for 15th Term in Congress](#)
- October 14, 2019 – [Pappas Doubles Down on BBQ with New Restaurant South of Dallas](#)

Monthly Summary of Code Enforcement Activity – September 2019

	2019				2018			
	September		YTD		September		YTD	
	Notices of Violation	Citations	Notices of Violation	Citations	Notices of Violation	Citations	Notices of Violation	Citations
Building Code Violations								
Construction w/o Permit or Illegal Construction	50	8	210	26	4	1	117	15
Driveway in Disrepair			1				3	
Fence in Disrepair	12		169	21	3	3	234	26
Installation of Illegal Driveway							1	
No Water Service	2	1	8	2	2	3	16	5
Other Violations	2		19	14	12		671	35
Parking Lot in Disrepair	1		4	2	1		3	2
Plumbing Violation Sewer Lines/Covers							6	
Plumbing Violation			1				3	
Substandard Building	6	4	142	46	4		104	19
Buildings and General Building Regs								
VBR			1				43	10
Nuisance Violations								
Dumpster & Dumpster Enclosure			4		1		4	
Graffiti	1		4				17	2
Growth Limitations - Plant Life	7		75	2	5		115	2
High Grass	53	9	419	47	58	1	613	24
Illegal Dumping	1		2	1			4	
Illegal Open Storage	57	19	1011	104	28	8	1059	92
Illicit Discharge			2	2			4	2
Illegal Truck	1		5		3		34	7
Junked/Inoperable/Illegal Vehicles	3		235	6	23	1	363	6
Junked Vehicles - Private Property or Street			16				26	2
Parking Trucks in Commercial Areas					1			
Vehicle over 1.5 tons capacity in Residential Areas	1		8				17	1
Visibility obstruction	1		7		1		9	
Other Violations								
Dead trees or Vegetation	1		8		2		29	4
Dumpster Screening Required							3	
Garage Sales w/o Permit			2				9	
Illegal Placement of Trash	3		12				83	3
Other Violations	13		101	11			1	8
Over 5 Vehicles on Residential Prop.			2			1	27	8
Parking on Sidewalk			11		1		5	
Parking on Sidewalk or Unimproved Surface	7	6	141	39	3	5	246	43
Trash Containers Left Open							1	
Trash Out Early	9	1	67	13	13		56	4
Vegetation Encroachment or on Sidewalk or Curb			3	1	5	2	343	8
Vegetation on Sidewalk/Curb/Gutter					6		13	
Vehicles Displayed for Sale	1		5				4	
Sign Violations								
Banner Permit Expiring								
Banner w/o Permit	10		20				6	
Blinking or Flashing Sign								
Dilapidated & Deteriorated Condition	5		16	2	1		4	1
Illegal Placement of Sign			1	2				
Illegal Sign	2		6	4			7	2
Over 40% Window Signage	1		3					
Pennants Displayed	1		1				1	
Sign w/o Permit	5	2	12	2			5	1
Obsolete Sign	2		7	1			9	
Swimming Pools								
Improper Fence around Pool							5	1
Pool Not Maintained			12	4	3	1	33	15
Zoning Violations								
Containerized Storage			7	2	2		5	
Illegal Home Occupation			3		1	1	3	1
Illegal Outside Display of Goods	1		2		3		10	
Illegal Use		19	19	30			18	4
No Current C.O.			15	1			4	
Parking Requirements								
Screening Requirements								
TOTALS	259	69	2819	385	186	27	4395	345
Compared to Same Previous Period	39.2%	155.6%	-35.9%	11.6%				