



TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Kevin Hugman, City Manager

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SUBJECT: Weekly Update

Sales Tax Report - Sales tax collections for September sales (November payment) shows a decrease of 0.4% over the same period last year, with an overall decrease for FY 2018-2019 of -1.3% compared to FY 17-18 sales tax revenue.

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	\$ 1,023,608.43	\$ 1,027,247.60	\$ (3,639.17)	-0.4%	-1.3%
Total	\$ 10,651,328.72	\$ 10,788,025.11	\$ (136,696.39)		-1.3%
City Portion	\$ 5,325,664.36	\$ 5,394,012.56			
Property Tax Relief	\$ 2,662,832.18	\$ 2,697,006.28			
Total Gen Fund	\$ 7,988,496.54	\$ 8,091,018.83			
4B	\$ 2,662,832.18	\$ 2,697,006.28			

Police Department – This week, a citizen called the department to commend Animal Control Officer James Brown for his prompt response and excellent customer service in responding to a wildlife concern as it related to her pet. She was very appreciative of his response and care. Kudos to James!

Notes on recent activity:

- Night patrol officers arrived at a possible burglary in progress at a residence. A neighbor who knew the owner to be out of town, called 911 to alert officers. Upon arrival, officers realized a suspect was fleeing from the residence. Although the suspect could not initially be located, the officers developed a perimeter, called for assistance of a K-9, and attempted to locate the suspect for over an hour. Eventually, an officer observed a suspicious vehicle and attempted a traffic stop. The male driver stopped briefly, but as the officer approached, the suspect fled in the vehicle and was able to escape. Follow up investigative work determined the identity of the fleeing suspect, also believed to be the burglary suspect, and a felony arrest warrant has been issued for the individual.
- A night patrol officer attempted to stop a vehicle for a hazardous traffic violation. However, the driver refused to stop and ended up wrecking the vehicle. The suspect exited and fled on foot, even as the officer approached with his pistol drawn. The suspect ran across all lanes of I-20 during the hours of darkness without being struck and escaped arrest. The vehicle was subsequently found to be previously reported as stolen.
- An abandoned vehicle which was left in a lane of traffic on N. Clark Road was towed as it posed a traffic hazard.
- A night patrol officer stopped a vehicle for a hazardous traffic violation and subsequently arrested the driver (sole occupant) for outstanding traffic warrants. The officer also found drugs and a loaded handgun in the vehicle, all of which was seized as evidence and taken off the streets.
- A day patrol officer arrested a female who was banging on a resident's door demanding entry. The female tried to evade the officer and attempted to kick the officer several times before she was able to be arrested.
- Directed Traffic Enforcement
 - W. Danieldale Rd. – 2 citations
 - E. Danieldale Rd. – 0 citations
 - North and South Main St. – 4 citations
 - Astaire Ave and Avenue of the Stars – 0 citations
 - East Wheatland Rd. – 0 citations
 - West Wheatland Rd. – 0 citations

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

EMS Division Chief Mike Ryan has been re-certifying the Department's paramedics this week for the American Heart Association card classes Advanced Cardiac Life Support

(ACLS) and Basic Cardiac Life Support (BCLS). These card classes typically cost \$100 for ACLS and \$40 for BCLS if an outside trainer was used. The Department has 48 paramedics, so this is a cost savings of \$6,720. Chief Ryan re-certifies our paramedics every 2 years for ACLS, BCLS and PALS (Pediatric Advanced Life Support).

The Department currently has two vacancies. The next Civil Service exam has been scheduled for Saturday, December 7, 2019. The Department is in the process of advertising for the exam.

Public Works – Water usage was 27.125 MG this week, down from 30.263 the previous week. The daily peak water demand occurred on Sunday, November 3, when 4.287 MG was used. There was 0.5 inches of precipitation last reporting week (October 28 through November 3).

West Nile mosquito testing was conducted on October 22 at five locations throughout the City with negative results.

Planning staff attended the Texas Chapter of the American Planning Association Conference Wednesday through Friday, November 6-8, in Waco where they received the Planning Achievement Award – Gold for Public Outreach during the awards luncheon on November 8. The Texas Planning Awards Program recognizes outstanding efforts in planning achievements and planning leadership in Texas. These awards represent the state's highest planning honors. The Awards Selection Committee evaluated nominees based on originality and innovation, public engagement, implementation and effectiveness, quality, and promotion of planning. Congratulations to Duncanville's Planning staff – City Planner Chasidy Allen-Benson and Planning Technician Athena Seaton!

The Duncanville Census Complete Count Committee (CCC) met on Thursday, November 7, in the Recreation Center Conference Room. Cynthia Cruz with the US Census Bureau conducted training for the Committee.

There is no Planning and Zoning Commission meeting scheduled for Monday, November 11, due to no agenda items.

Seventeen properties were registered for the residential rental property program since the last report, for a total of 942 registered properties year-to-date. Ten properties were inspected. Three properties passed inspection and seven failed. Of the properties that failed, lack of GFCl protection was the primary reason for failure. Four residential certificates of occupancy were issued, for a total of 288 certificates of occupancy issued year-to-date.

Code Enforcement collected \$1,364.98 on five liens this week, for a total of \$158,237.86 since the collection program started. A total of 335 liens have been paid since the program started.

Construction Update:

- The Concrete Construction crew repaired 248 sq. ft. of sidewalk at 211-214 West Orange Street and installed an ADA ramp at 319 North Horne Street.
- City contractor Vortex continues spray lining of manholes. A final walkthrough of the FY18 pipebursting project will be scheduled upon completion of this work.
- City Contractor Douglas Dailey continues installation of 8-inch water main for the FY19 Greenbriar Addition High Ridge Drive project
- City contractor FM Utilities continues installation of 8-inch wastewater main for the FY19 Forest Hills Addition South Alexander Avenue Water and Wastewater Improvements project.
- City Contractor Vescorp began forming the sidewalks for the FY19 Fairmeadows Sidewalk Improvements projects on Golden Meadow Lane. Weather permitting, they will begin pouring concrete.

Parks and Recreation –

Parks:

- The Arbor Day Celebration held at Armstrong Park on Saturday, November 2 was a huge success. Three hundred saplings were provided to the community. KDB's new mascot, Happy Earth, also debuted.
- Softball and baseball tournaments are scheduled for Alexander and Harrington Parks respectively this weekend.



Fieldhouse:

- Dick's Sporting Goods renewed their 2020 sponsorship - \$2,000
- This coming week we have:
 - Champions Before & After School Program - Monday thru Friday 6:30a to 8:00a & 3:30p to 6:30p
 - TCSAAL Volleyball Tournament - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 4:00p to 9:00p x 3 courts
 - DasCHE Spartans Basketball Tournament - Friday, Saturday 9:00a to 9:00p x 6 courts

Senior Activity Center:

- Upcoming Events:
 - Veteran's Day Celebration: Andy Fancher – Monday, Nov. 11 at 11:00a
 - Health and Wellness Presentation: Tedra Williams – Thursday, Nov. 14 at 11:20a
 - Dallas Arboretum – Thursday, October 31 at 10:30a

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

- Met with a firm to discuss development opportunities for property the City owns.
- Continues to work with the consultant on the market study for the DCEDC owned property on I-20.
- With Parks Department staff, met with a possible event coordinator for the Smokin' Blues and BBQ Festival.
- With Parks department staff, met with the city's architect and contractors to finalize the wall design for phase II of the exterior Fieldhouse improvements.

Certificate of Occupancy (CO) Permits Issued:

- None this week

Certificate of Occupancy (CO) Applications Received:

- Mint Kids Dentistry; 406 E. Camp Wisdom Rd. (Dental Office (Change in Name))
- M & D Phone Repair, LLC; 217 E. Camp Wisdom Rd., Suite #A (Cellphone Repair and Sales)
- 2 Tot's; 101 W. Camp Wisdom Rd., Suite #G (Beauty Salon (Change of Name))

Public Information – News coverage for this week:

- November 1, 2019 – [Daughter Carries on Family's Fried Chicken Legacy with New Dallas Restaurant](#)
- November 6, 2019 – [Duncanville City Council Proclaims Business Beautification Award, Arbor Day & Municipal Courts Week](#)
- November 6, 2019 – [Museum of International Cultures Salutes Veterans](#)
- November 6, 2019 – ["Little Old Ladies in Tennis Shoes" at Duncanville Community Theatre](#)