

GENERAL REPORT

October 11, 2016

1. Enclosed is a copy of the transient guest tax application that was submitted by the Friends of the Library for their annual holiday homes tour. This application was reviewed by the Tourism Advisory Board who voted unanimously to recommend approval by the governing body. Their funding request is the same as last years.

2. Ordinance #4158 has been prepared to change the percentage of penalty to be charged on utility bills. At the present time, the penalty is 5% on amounts up to and including \$200 and 2% for any amount over the first \$200. The programmer for the new utility bill system is having difficulty in setting up a two (2) tier penalty and will have to charge the city a minimum of \$5,000 to develop a new program. Therefore, based on the problems they are having, I am recommending that the city only have one level of penalty which will be 5%. The penalty amount was last changed in 1978 and falls well below what is charged by banks and credit card companies. The penalty is calculated on bills paid after the 15th of the month.

3. Recently, we had an issue where a property owner hit one of the city's high pressure gas lines as they attempted to install their own service line. Luckily, no serious damage or injury occurred. The gas superintendent and Andy Frye discovered this incident and promptly discussed their concerns with me because the next time the end result might not be so good. We all agreed that it was time to request the commission's consideration to amend the existing ordinance to prevent any unlicensed person from working on their own outside gas lines; rather they must hire a licensed plumber to complete the necessary work. Thus Ordinance #4159 was prepared for your consideration. Andy will attend the meeting to discuss this matter with the commission.

4. In April of 1995, the City issued Industrial Revenue Bonds to help the Anderson County Hospital construct and equip the Physician's Office Building. The city owned the land where the facility was built and this served as the city's contribution to the project. The bonds have now been retired and the hospital board is asking the city to approve a bill of sale and warranty deed. In addition, they want to terminate the lease agreement so they can move forward with any future plans. Terry has prepared Resolution 10/11/16-1 to accommodate this request.

5. I am enclosing a copy of an invitation to attend an Open House at Golden Heights on October 25th.

6. A letter from the Chamber regarding the Christmas Parade is also enclosed.

7. The fire department open house is Thursday, October 13th beginning at 5:00 p.m.

8. This is a very short report as much of today has been spent helping the LGGPR organizers make alternate arrangements for their event. Wet conditions at the north lake have caused problems with parking and camping and a concern that mud will be driven onto the road surface. Killough came back to do some additional work on the bridge on the east side of the lake.

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