



**August 9, 2011  
Agenda Packet**



**CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA**

**August 9, 2011  
7:30 p.m.**

- 1. Opening of meeting by Mayor Eugene B. McLaurin, II.**
- 2. Invocation by Randy Guerry, Pastor of Southwood Pentecostal Holiness Church.**
- 3. Amendments and Changes to Agenda.**
- 4. Consent Agenda:**
  - A. Disposition of Minutes of the July 12, 2011 Regular Meeting.**
  - B. Tax Collector's Report. (See Pages 6-7)**

**Informational Items:**

    - 1.) Monthly Collection Report**
    - 2.) Uncollected Taxes as of July 31, 2011.**

**Action Items:**

    - 1.) Refunds per County Assessor's Office.**
    - 2.) Discovery bills added to Tax Scroll.**
    - 3.) Releases per County Assessor's Office.**
  - C. Cemetery Deed Transfer Request:**

Betty Henry (widow) is requesting transfer of Cemetery Deed to Lisa Henry Wall as follows: Cemetery Lot No. 4, Block A, Row No. 5 situated in New East-Side Cemetery Addition 1960 Revision as recorded in Book of Plats No. 9 at page 119 of the Registry of Richmond County, North Carolina. Deed prepared by Alden B. Webb
- 5. Business by Planning Board.**
  - A. Set Public Hearing. (none)**
  - B. Hold Public Hearing. (none)**
  - C. Minutes from Various Boards. (enclosed separately)**

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- 6. Consideration of a Demolition Ordinance for the Dilapidated Dwelling located at 867 Rockingham Road and identified as Richmond County PIN 7473-17-21-1135. (See Pages 8-10 & photo insert)**
- 7. Consideration of purchase contract award to Amick Equipment of Lexington, SC for the procurement of one (1) 2011 Tymco Model 600 Street Sweeper mounted on a 2011 International 4300 M7 cab and chassis in the amount of \$153,454.00. (Manager's comments & specs enclosed separately)**
- 8. Consideration of offer to purchase approximately 6.5 acres of land owned by the City of Rockingham immediately adjacent to Sweet Haven Church located at 424 Midway Road in the amount of \$82,500.00 (See Manager's Comments.)**
- 9. Business by Visitors.**
- 10. Business by City Clerk.**
- 11. Business by City Manager.**
- 12. Business by City Attorney.**
- 13. Items of discussion by City Council Members.**
- 14. Business by Mayor.**
- 15. Adjournment.**

**MEMO TO: Mayor Gene McLaurin & City Council**  
**FROM: Monty R. Crump, City Manager**  
**DATE: August 3, 2011**  
**RE: Agenda Items & Items of Interest**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

(No Comments)

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

- 7. Consideration of purchase contract award to Amick Equipment of Lexington, SC for the procurement of one (1) 2011 Tymco Model 600 Street Sweeper mounted on a 2011 International 4300 M7 cab and chassis in the amount of \$153,454.00.**

The FY2011/12 Budget provided appropriation for the procurement of a new street sweeper. The unit is scheduled to be lease purchased over a four (4) year financing term. The Tymco 600 sweeper is a very reliable and solid street sweeper. The City has owned this type of sweeper in the past and experienced good service out of it. The price of the unit is an excellent price and we are fortunate that piggyback bid is still available at this current cost given this original bid was a multiple unit price. In addition to purchasing the unit at base bid price (\$152,629.00) (take all deductions) I am recommending that the traffic directing light-arrow stick (\$825.00) be added for a total cost of \$153,454.00. It is expected that the unit will be delivered by mid October, 2011 and I will have a financing option for Council to consider at the October, 2011 meeting.

## City Manager's Comments

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**8. Consideration of offer to purchase approximately 6.5 acres of land owned by the City of Rockingham immediately adjacent to Sweet Haven Church located at 424 Midway Road in the amount of \$82,500.00**

At last month's meeting the City Council proposed to accept Sweet Haven Church's offer to purchase above referenced property. Proper notice and advertisement of offer to purchase was published in the RCDJ on July 15, 2011. No upset bids were received and thus in accordance with NCGS 160A-269 Council may now authorize the sell of referenced property to Sweet Haven Church in the amount of \$82,500.00. Upon approval by Council and completion of survey/legal documents a closing on this property may occur.

### **ITEMS OF INTEREST:**

1. The Rockingham Downtown WiFi network is now in place and available for use. There are a couple of spots where the signal strength needs improving and ETCOM and the City are working on that improvement which consists of simply adding one new module on Washington Street.
2. Work on Franklin Street Streetscape Project is moving well considering the heat and logistics. City crews have done an excellent job on this project and I have received numerous positive comments from businesses along the area where the improvements are occurring.
3. I am pleased to report that the City now is the owner of the McKenzie Building which will serve as the home of Discovery Place KIDS-Rockingham. The closing on the property occurred on July 18, 2011.
4. The process of hiring a new Community Theatre Director is proceeding well. Interviews with selected candidates will begin on August 5, 2011. It is hoped that we can have a new director on board within the next 30-45 days. I greatly appreciate the assistance that I have received from the Theatre Board during the selection process.
5. The Hitchcock Creek Debris Removal Project has been completed. Staff is currently working on trail map and securing/upgrading access points.

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**SUPPORT DOCUMENTS**

CITY OF ROCKINGHAM  
MONTHLY TAX COLLECTION REPORT

MONTH: July

YEAR: 2011

| YEAR | AD VALOREM TAXES | COST AND INTEREST | TOTAL COLLECTED | PERCENT THIS DATE | YEAR TO DATE COLLECTIONS | PRIOR YEAR RECORD      |                  |
|------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------|
|      |                  |                   |                 |                   |                          | SAME MONTH COLLECTIONS | PERCENT OF TOTAL |
| 2011 | 3,009.74         |                   | 3,009.74        |                   | 5,504.88                 | 30,805.29              |                  |
| 2011 |                  |                   | -               |                   |                          |                        |                  |
| 2010 | 2,455.85         | 222.73            | 2,678.58        | 97.59%            | 2,455.85                 | 33,135.04              | 97.57%           |
| 2009 | 616.16           | 107.82            | 723.98          | 98.84%            | 616.16                   | 13,929.79              | 98.65%           |
| 2008 | 251.70           | 62.15             | 313.85          | 99+%              | 251.70                   | 273.69                 | 99+%             |
| 2007 | 121.04           | 54.85             | 175.89          | 99+%              | 121.04                   | 324.40                 | 99+%             |
| 2006 | 192.98           | 69.79             | 262.77          | 99+%              | 192.98                   | 107.72                 | 99+%             |
| 2005 | 134.38           | 83.27             | 217.65          | 99+%              | 134.38                   | 195.82                 | 99+%             |
| 2004 | 45.24            | 40.28             | 85.52           | 99+%              | 45.24                    | 8.56                   | 99+%             |
| 2003 | 110.33           | 78.81             | 189.14          | 99+%              | 110.33                   | -                      | 99+%             |
| 2002 | 51.02            | 48.36             | 99.38           | 99+%              | 51.02                    | -                      | 99+%             |
| 2001 | 51.02            | 53.36             | 104.38          | 99+%              | 51.02                    | -                      | 99+%             |
| 2000 | 51.02            | 8.27              | 59.29           | 99+%              | 51.02                    | -                      | 99+%             |
|      |                  |                   |                 |                   |                          |                        |                  |
|      |                  |                   |                 |                   |                          |                        |                  |
|      |                  |                   |                 |                   |                          |                        |                  |
|      |                  |                   |                 |                   |                          |                        |                  |
|      | 7,090.48         | 829.69            | 7,920.17        |                   | 9,585.62                 | 78,780.31              |                  |

### UNCOLLECTED TAXES

| YEAR | AMOUNT     | DATE: July 2011    |
|------|------------|--------------------|
| 2011 | -          |                    |
| 2010 | 62,383.45  |                    |
| 2009 | 32,560.77  |                    |
| 2008 | 22,053.16  |                    |
| 2007 | 11,633.64  |                    |
| 2006 | 9,686.89   |                    |
| 2005 | 8,246.72   |                    |
| 2004 | 6,460.56   |                    |
| 2003 | 5,315.55   |                    |
| 2002 | 4,783.98   |                    |
| 2001 | 4,372.64   |                    |
| 2000 | 3,209.54   |                    |
|      |            |                    |
|      |            |                    |
|      |            |                    |
|      | -          | Total Current Year |
|      | 170,706.90 | Total Past Years   |
|      | 170,706.90 | Total All Years    |

**MEMORANDUM**

To: Mayor Gene McLaurin and City Council Members

From: John Massey, Planning Director

Date: August 1, 2011

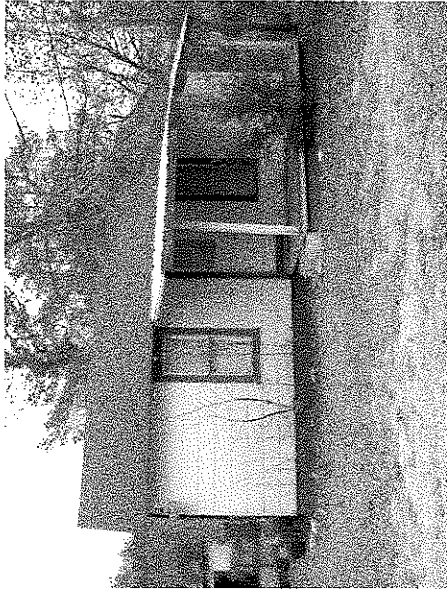
Re: Demolition Ordinance for Dilapidated Dwelling located at 867 Rockingham Road

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City staff recommends the City Council approve a demolition ordinance for the dilapidated dwelling located at 867 Rockingham Road and identified as Richmond County PIN 7473-17-21-1135. A copy of the demolition ordinance and photographs of the property are included in the agenda packet.

As background information, City staff initiated abandoned structure proceedings in March of 2011. The property owners and parties of interest were notified of a hearing with the Code Enforcement Officer regarding the condition of the dwelling via certified and regular mail, and notice was also posted on the subject property. No one attended the hearing. The Code Enforcement Officer issued his findings of fact and directed the property owners to either repair or demolish the dwelling by June 28, 2011. Notice of the findings of fact was provided via certified mail and regular mail, and notice was posted on the subject property. The property owner has taken no action to date.

867 Rockingham Rd.



**AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE BUILDING INSPECTOR TO REMOVE OR DEMOLISH THE  
PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED AS UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION AND DIRECTING THAT A  
NOTICE BE PLACED THEREON THAT THE SAME MAY NOT BE OCCUPIED.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Rockingham finds that the dwelling described herein is unfit for human habitation under the City Housing Code, and that all the procedures of the Housing Code have been complied with; and

**WHEREAS**, this dwelling should be removed or demolished, as directed by the Building Inspector, and should be placarded by placing thereon a notice prohibiting use for human habitation; and

**WHEREAS**, the owner of this dwelling, William and Margaret Tyler have been given a reasonable opportunity to bring the dwelling up to the standards of the Housing Code in accordance with G.S. 160A-443 (5) pursuant to an order issued by the Building Inspector on March 30, 2011, and the owner has failed to comply with the order;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Rockingham, that:

- Section 1. The Building Inspector is hereby authorized and directed to place a placard containing the legend "*This building is unfit for human habitation; the use or occupation of this building for human habitation is prohibited and unlawful.*" on the building located at 867 Rockingham Road and identified by Richmond County PIN# 7473-17-21-1135.
- Section 2. The Building Inspector is hereby authorized and directed to proceed to remove or demolish the above described dwelling in accordance with his order to the owner thereof dated March 30, 2011, and in accordance with the Housing Code and G.S. 160A-443.
- Section 3. (a) The cost of removal or demolition shall constitute a lien against the real property upon which the cost was incurred. The lien shall be filed in the office of the City Tax Collector and City Clerk, and shall have the same priority and be collected in the same manner as the lien for special assessments in Article 10 of G.S. Chapter 160A
- (b) Upon completion of the required removal or demolition, the Building Inspector shall sell the materials of the dwelling and credit the proceeds against the cost of removal or demolition. The Building Inspector shall certify the remaining balance to the Tax Collector. If a surplus remains after sale of the materials and satisfaction of the cost of removal or demolition, the Building Inspector shall deposit the surplus in the Superior Court where it shall be secured and disbursed in the manner provided by G.S 160A-446.
- Section 4. It shall be unlawful for any person to remove or cause to be removed the placard from any building to which it is affixed. It shall likewise be unlawful for any person to occupy or to permit the occupancy of any building therein declared to be unfit for human habitation.

Section 5. This ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption.

**Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

NORTH CAROLINA

RICHMOND COUNTY

I, a Notary Public of the County and State aforesaid, certify that Gwendolyn F. Swinney personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged that she is City Clerk of the City of Rockingham, a North Carolina municipal corporation, and that by authority duly given and as an act of the corporation, the foregoing instrument was signed in its name by its Mayor, sealed with its municipal seal and attested by herself as its City Clerk.

Witness my hand and official stamp or seal, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

My Commission expires:

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**DEPARTMENTAL  
ACTIVITY REPORTS  
for  
COUNCIL'S INFORMATION**

To: Monty Crump, City Manager  
From: Dave Davis, Recreation Director  
Date: August 1, 2011  
Subj.: Activity Report

The following is a short list of activities either ending or beginning for this and coming months.

- August 12<sup>th</sup> - Summer programs (day camp and swimming lessons) come to an end
- August 13<sup>th</sup> - Browder Park Pool closes
- August 15<sup>th</sup> - Youth soccer registration ends
- August 24<sup>th</sup> - Pre-season youth soccer coaches meeting
- August 29<sup>th</sup> - Youth soccer practice begins

Note: Hinson Lake remains busy with every week-end for the next two months already under reservation.

July-11

We are pleased to submit the monthly fire report on the activities undertaken by the Rockingham Fire Department during the month of July 2011.

|                 |           |                |           |                |          |
|-----------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|----------------|----------|
| Total Alarms:   | <u>62</u> | In Town:       | <u>62</u> | Out of Town:   | <u>0</u> |
| Turn In Alarms: | <u>3</u>  | Silent Alarms: | <u>59</u> | Structure:     | <u>2</u> |
| Wrecks:         | <u>19</u> | Alarm Malf:    | <u>22</u> | Good Intent:   | <u>6</u> |
| Smoke/Odor:     | <u>1</u>  | Vehicle:       | <u>0</u>  | Grass/Brush:   | <u>2</u> |
| Trash:          | <u>0</u>  | Spill/Leak:    | <u>2</u>  | Electrical:    | <u>2</u> |
| CO Detec:       | <u>0</u>  | Assist Ems:    | <u>3</u>  | Mutual Aid:    | <u>0</u> |
| Lines Down:     | <u>1</u>  | Search/Rescue: | <u>2</u>  | Assist Police: | <u>0</u> |

Hours Spent on Calls: 22 hours and 7 minutes

|                                 |                    |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Total Property Exposed to Fire: | <u>\$74,000.00</u> |
| Total Property Damaged by Fire: | <u>\$21,000.00</u> |
| Total Property Save:            | <u>\$53,000.00</u> |

Inspections: 43

During the month of July full time members of the fire department averaged 68 training hours per person; part-paid members averaged 11 hours per person for the month.

Public Life & Safety:

- ~Installed 13 car seats sold 10 car seats
- ~Attended a fun day with Sparky at Big Lots
- ~Summer enrichment program from Mt. Sinai Baptist Church toured the station and learned about careers
- ~4 adults and 14 kids toured the station
- ~ATV-TR1 has been purchased and placed in service, we have already used the atv to search for a victim

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Charles C. Gardner  
Fire Chief



# Rockingham Police Department



R.J. Voorhees, Chief of Police

To: Monty Crump

From: R. J. Voorhees  
Chief of Police

Date: August 2, 2011  
Ref: July Activity Report

On behalf of the Rockingham Police Department, I am pleased to submit this report for your consideration. The following activities have been undertaken by officers of the Rockingham Police Department.

**Total Calls for the Month: 1215**

|                              |                   |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Animal Control Calls:</b> | <b><u>46</u></b>  |
| <b>Alarm Calls:</b>          | <b><u>175</u></b> |
| <b>Escorts:</b>              | <b><u>89</u></b>  |
| <b>Unlock Vehicles:</b>      | <b><u>77</u></b>  |

**Charges Generating Arrest:**

|                         |                   |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Felonies:</b>        | <b><u>29</u></b>  |
| <b>Misdemeanors:</b>    | <b><u>98</u></b>  |
| <b>Drug Violations:</b> | <b><u>15</u></b>  |
| <b>Juvenile:</b>        | <b><u>9</u></b>   |
| <b>Warrants Served:</b> | <b><u>117</u></b> |
| <b>Citations:</b>       | <b><u>113</u></b> |

**Accidents Reported/Investigated:**

|                              |                  |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Property Damage only:</b> | <b><u>31</u></b> |
| <b>Personal Injury:</b>      | <b><u>3</u></b>  |

|                                      |                   |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Officer Hours Spent in Court:</b> | <b><u>55</u></b>  |
| <b>Officer Training Hours Logged</b> | <b><u>252</u></b> |

**Items of Interest:**

We are pleased with our largest turnout ever for Junior Police Academy. It was a great week, with great children. Everyone had fun and learned. We are also looking forward to National Night Out and are hoping for great weather and a fun filled evening.