

**CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA  
March 10, 2020  
6:30 p.m.**

- 1. Opening of meeting by Mayor Steve Morris.**
- 2. Invocation by Reverend Jack Lee, Pastor of First Baptist Church.**
- 3. Amendments and Changes to Agenda.**
- 4. Consent Agenda:**
  - A. Disposition of Minutes of the February 11, 2020 Regular Meeting.**
  - B. Tax Collector's Report. (See Pages 4-8)**

**Informational Items:**

- 1.) Monthly Collection Report**
- 2.) Uncollected Taxes as of February 29, 2020.**

**Action Items:**

- 1.) Refunds per County Assessor's Office.**
- 2.) Discovery bills added to Tax Scroll.**
- 3.) Releases per County Assessor's Office.**

- 5. Business by Planning Board.**
  - A. Set Public Hearing: (none)**
  - B. Hold Public Hearing: (none)**
  - C. Minutes from Various Boards: (none)**

- 6. Consideration of a Demolition Ordinance for the dilapidated dwelling located at 118 Barrett Street and identified as Richmond County PIN#7463-03-34-6956. (See Pages 9-11 & insert)**
- 7. Presentation of Rockingham Police Department's Annual Report for 2019 by Police Chief Billy Kelly. (Enclosed separately)**
- 8. Presentation of Rockingham Fire Department's Annual Report for 2019 by Fire Chief Harold Isler. (Enclosed separately)**
- 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.**

**Rockingham, NC**

**City Council Agenda**

**SUPPORT DOCUMENTS**

CITY OF ROCKINGHAM  
MONTHLY TAX COLLECTION REPORT

MONTH: FEBRUARY

YEAR: 2020

PRIOR YEAR RECORD

YEAR	AD VALOREM TAXES	COST AND INTEREST	TOTAL COLLECTED	PERCENT THIS DATE	YEAR TO DATE COLLECTIONS	SAME MONTH COLLECTIONS	PERCENT OF TOTAL
PREPAID							
2020	1,086.05		1,086.05		3,451.45	13,923.99	
2019	59,673.95		59,673.95	96.40%	2,853,480.80	66,354.78	96.32%
2018	1,385.28		1,385.28	99+%	7,905.09	674.61	99+%
2017	877.07		877.07	99+%	4,518.28	612.62	99+%
2016	371.22		371.22	99+%	1,754.22	122.13	99+%
2015	313.86		313.86	99+%	1,413.02	-	99+%
2014	316.58	-	316.58	99+%	1,013.62	-	99+%
2013	380.38	-	380.38	99+%	1,021.83	-	99+%
2012	308.10	-	308.10	99+%	732.47	-	99+%
2011	308.10	-	308.10	99+%	732.47	-	99+%
2010	308.10	-	308.10	99+%	732.47	-	99+%
2009	308.10	-	308.10	99+%	732.47	-	99+%
	65,636.79	-	65,636.79		2,877,488.19	81,688.13	

**UNCOLLECTED TAXES**

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>Feb-20</b>
2019	106,586.28	
2018	11,121.12	
2017	9,211.87	
2016	7,569.07	
2015	7,538.07	
2014	7,692.79	
2013	8,821.76	
2012	6,621.68	
2011	6,258.94	
2010	5,551.87	
2009	4,907.88	
	106,586.28	Total Current Year
	75,295.05	Total Past Years
	181,881.33	Total All Years









## MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Steve Morris and City Council Members

From: John R. Massey, Jr., Assistant City Manager

Date: March 2, 2020

Re: Demolition Ordinance for Dilapidated Dwelling located at **118 Barrett Street**

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City staff recommends the City Council approve a demolition ordinance for the dilapidated dwelling located at 118 Barrett Street and identified as Richmond County PIN 7463-03-34-6956. A copy of the demolition ordinance and photographs of the property are included in the agenda packet.

As background information, City staff initiated minimum housing proceedings in October of 2019. The property owner, James H. Carpenter and Angela L. Carpenter, and parties of interest were notified of a hearing with the Code Enforcement Officer regarding the condition of the dwelling. The notice was sent via certified and regular mail; published in the Richmond County Daily Journal; and 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 February 11, 2020. Again, the notice was sent via certified and regular mail; published in the Richmond County Daily Journal; and posted on the subject property. No action has been taken by anyone to date regarding the condition of the subject property.

**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, James H. Carpenter and Angela L. Carpenter, 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 November 13, 2019 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 118 Barrett Street and identified by Richmond County PIN# 7463-03-34-6956.
- 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 November 13, 2019 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2020**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

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

NORTH CAROLINA

RICHMOND COUNTY

I, a Notary Public of the County and State aforesaid, certify that Sabrina Y. McDonald 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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Notary Public

My Commission expires:

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118 Barrett Street



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





FIRE CHIEF  
 HAROLD ISLER  
 ADMIN. ASST.  
 KRISTY PLAYER

**February-20**

We are pleased to submit the monthly fire report on the activities undertaken by the Rockingham Fire Department during the month of February 2019.

Total Alarms:	<u>33</u>	In Town:	<u>33</u>	Out of Town:	<u>0</u>
Turn In Alarms:	<u>0</u>	Silent Alarms:	<u>33</u>	Structure fire:	<u>1</u>
Wrecks:	<u>11</u>	Alarm Malf:	<u>7</u>	Good Intent:	<u>1</u>
Service Call:	<u>4</u>	Assist Police:	<u>1</u>	Trash/outside fire:	<u>0</u>
Power line down:	<u>1</u>	Assist Ems:	<u>0</u>	Unauthorized burn:	<u>1</u>
Smoke scare:	<u>1</u>	Water rescue:	<u>0</u>	Vehicle fire:	<u>1</u>
Electrical:	<u>2</u>	Cooking:	<u>1</u>	Gas Leak:	<u>0</u>

**Hours Spent on Calls: 7 hours42 minutes**

Total Property Exposed to Fire:	<u>\$38,000.00</u>
Total Property Damaged by Fire:	<u>\$1,800.00</u>
Total Property Saved:	<u>\$36,200.00</u>

During the month of November members of the fire department averaged 59 training hours per person; part-paid members averaged 13 hours per person for the month.

**Public Life & Safety:**  
 ~Installed 3 car seats

**Respectfully Submitted,**

  
 Harold Isler  
 Fire Chief

**To:** Monty Crump, City Manager  
**From:** Dave Davis, Recreation Director  
**Date:** March 2, 2020  
**Subject:** Activity Report

With spring right around the corner the following are just a few activities involving our department this month.

Youth Basketball – Our 2020 season came to a conclusion last week with championship games on Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>.

Indoor Soccer – We had 165 children register to participate in this new program. Pre-season clinics has been completed with practices beginning March 3<sup>rd</sup> and regular season play starting March 12<sup>th</sup>.

Spring Soccer – Registration is underway for this well established program. (Deadline is March 16<sup>th</sup> )

Youth Baseball/Softball – Registration for these two programs begins on Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> and concludes Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.


Hinson Lake – As the spring and summer months approach activities and reservations for this facility increase substantially. Hinson Lake has, and will continue, to offer a nice diversification to our recreational offerings.

March is always a transitional month for our department. Weather will remain a variable, but through the years, our maintenance staff has employed various maintenance strategies to make the process as seamless as possible. We look forward to the months ahead.



W.D. Kelly, Chief of Police

To: Monty Crump

 From: W. D. Kelly  
Chief of Police

Date: March 2, 2020

Ref: February 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:** 1446  
**Public Service Calls - INCLUDES** 435  
*Alarms, Unlocks and Battery Boosts)*

**Charges Generating Arrest:**

<b>Felonies:</b>	<u>38</u>
<b>Misdemeanors:</b>	<u>66</u>
<b>Drug Violations:</b>	<u>4</u>
<b>Juvenile:</b>	<u>10</u>
<b>Warrants Served:</b>	<u>121</u>
<b>Citations:</b>	<u>122</u>

**Accidents Reported/Investigated:**

<b>Property Damage only:</b>	<u>40</u>
<b>Personal Injury:</b>	<u>3</u>

<b>Officer Hours Spent in Court:</b>	<u>43</u>
<b>Officer Training Hours Logged</b>	<u>207</u>

**Items of Interest**

We are looking forward to Spring and hopefully some beautiful weather.

