

**CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA
November 14, 2023
6:30 p.m.**

- 1. Opening of meeting by Mayor John P. Hutchinson.**
- 2. Invocation by Pastor Kane McKenzie, Sweet Haven Church.**
- 3. Amendments and Changes to Agenda.**
- 4. Consent Agenda:**
 - A. Disposition of Minutes of the October 10, 2023 Regular Meeting.**
 - B. Tax Collector's Report. (See Pages 4-9)**

Informational Items:

- 1.) Monthly Collection Report**
- 2.) Uncollected Taxes as of October 31, 2023**

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 Hearings.**

Set Public Hearing: Set public hearing for an Ordinance adopting *Shaping Our Future: 2033* as the Official Land Use Plan for the City of Rockingham. (See Page 10)
 - B. Hold Public Hearings: (None)**
 - C. Minutes from Various Boards. (None)**

- 6. Consideration of ordinance authorizing the City to impose a solid waste fee on property owners for waste materials left by contractors on the property.
(See Page 11)**
- 7. Recognition of outgoing Councilmember M. Steven Morris.**
- 8. Business by Visitors.**
- 9. Business by City Clerk.**
- 10. Business by City Manager.**
- 11. Items of discussion by City Council Members.**
- 12. Business by Mayor**
 - A. Recognition of Proclamation issued in Observance of Veteran's Day.
(See Page 12)**
 - B. Issue of Proclamation proclaiming November as "Hospice & Palliative Care Month". (See Page 13)**
- 13. Adjournment.**



Rockingham, NC

City Council Agenda

SUPPORT DOCUMENTS

CITY OF ROCKINGHAM

MONTHLY TAX COLLECTION REPORT

MONTH: OCTOBER

YEAR: 2023

YEAR	AD VALOREM TAXES	COST AND INTEREST	TOTAL COLLECTED	PERCENT THIS DATE	YEAR TO DATE COLLECTIONS	SAME MONTH COLLECTIONS	PERCENT OF TOTAL
2024 <small>PREPAID</small>	215.27		215.27		746.73	254.38	
2023	144,381.27	323.87	144,705.14	29.34%	1,087,254.09	154,728.31	30.39%
2022	2,658.57	241.94	2,900.51	99+%	11,890.55	6,127.29	99+%
2021	428.58	52.67	481.25	99+%	666.25	614.51	99+%
2020	156.57	52.70	209.27	99+%	286.17		99+%
2019	129.57	83.02	212.59	99+%	129.57		99+%
2018	17.98	0.39	18.37	99+%	57.55		99+%
2017	-		-	99+%	-		99+%
2016	-	-	-	99+%	-		99+%
2015	-	-	-	99+%	-		99+%
2014	-	-	-	99+%	-		99+%
2013	-	-	-	99+%	-		99+%
	147,987.81	754.59	148,742.40		1,101,030.91	161,724.49	

UNCOLLECTED TAXES

YEAR	AMOUNT	'OCTOBER 2023
2023	2,623,408.82	
2022	49,210.28	
2021	16,787.10	
2020	9,173.17	
2019	6,287.24	
2018	5,095.81	
2017	4,565.91	
2016	4,341.98	
2015	4,727.27	
2014	5,107.53	
2013	7,027.35	
	2,623,408.82	Total Current Year
	112,323.64	Total Past Years
	2,735,732.46	Total All Years

CITY OF ROCKINGHAM
MONTHLY REFUNDS REGISTER
October 2023

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
DATE	ACCOUNT	NAME	EXPLANATION	YEAR	AMOUNT	LATE LIST	TAGS	INTEREST	REFUNDED	CHECK #
1										
2	10/5/23	54731801	Minter, Bonnie	2023	22.67				22.67	85280
3	10/30/23	48308802	BYRD, STEVEN L	2023	45.54				45.54	85406
4	10/30/23	49685934	GRANT, RICHIE W	2023	7.22				7.22	85413
5	10/30/23	31287824	PAYNE, GARY L	2023	12.95				12.95	85419
6	10/30/23	46574043	POSTON, SARA M	2023	52.03				52.03	85422
7	10/30/23	16305016	SHAH, FALGUNI	2023	15.19				15.19	85426
8	10/30/23	73176157	THAKER, PRASHIL R	2023	134.84				134.84	85427
9									0.00	
10									0.00	
11									0.00	
12									0.00	
13									0.00	
14		TOTALS			\$290.44	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$290.44	

CITY OF ROCKINGHAM
 PAYMENT REVERSAL REGISTER
 OCTOBER 2023

DATE	ACCOUNT	NAME	EXPLANATION	YEAR	REVERSE PAYMENT	REVERSE INTEREST PMT	REVERSE LATE LIST	REVERSE ADVERTISING	REVERSE SPECIAL ASMT PMT	TOTAL REVERSAL
10/19/2023	52979306	REFUEL OPERATING COMPANY LLC	INCORRECT FEE APPLYING	2023	1					1.00
										0.00
										0.00
										0.00
										0.00
										0.00
										0.00
										0.00
		TOTALS			\$1.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1.00

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor John P. Hutchinson and City Council Members

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

Date: November 8, 2023

Re: City of Rockingham Land Use Plan - *Shaping Our Future: 2033*

The Planning Board and City staff have completed a final draft of the City's updated land use plan – *Shaping Our Future: 2033*. The plan is the culmination of extensive research and documentation of existing conditions in the community; a thorough effort to collect input from citizens; and the formulation of goals and objectives regarding priorities for growth and development over the next decade. NCGS 160D-501 requires local governments to adopt and reasonably maintain a comprehensive plan as a condition of adopting and applying zoning regulations; and *Shaping Our Future: 2033* satisfies this requirement.

The Planning Board was scheduled to formally recommend the City Council adopt *Shaping Our Future: 2033* as the City's official land use plan at their November regular meeting; however, a quorum was not present. The Board will provide a formal recommendation at their December meeting prior to the public hearing for the document. City staff recommends the City Council review the final draft and set a public hearing for their December regular meeting date.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO IMPOSE A SOLID WASTE FEE ON PROPERTY OWNERS FOR SOLID WASTE MATERIAL, WOODY DEBRIS, CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS AND SIMILAR MATERIALS LEFT BY CONTACTORS ON PROPERTY

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statutes 160A-314.1 authorizes municipalities to impose a fee for the collection of solid waste; and

WHEREAS, municipalities are further authorized to bill for such fees in the same manner as property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the City is incurring significant costs in labor, equipment, and landfill fees associated with contractors not properly disposing of solid waste materials;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Rockingham, North Carolina that Chapter 50: Garbage, Trash, and Refuse of the Rockingham City Code be amended as follows:

Insert new § 50.40 "Fees for Solid Waste Left by Commercial Contractors" to read as follows:

A solid waste fee shall be charged to the owner of any property where a contractor leaves behind solid waste material, woody debris, construction debris, or similar materials on such property for collection by the City Sanitation Department. All such solid waste fees shall be billed to the property owner in the same manner as property taxes, and, in case of nonpayment, shall be collected in any manner by which delinquent personal or real property taxes can be collected. The amount billed for such solid waste fees shall be equal to the landfill fees charged to the City at the time of disposal.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the City Council that the effective date of the ordinance shall be December 1, 2023.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Signed: _____
John P. Hutchinson
Mayor

Sabrina Y. McDonald, CMC, City Clerk

**PROCLAMATION
Honoring Veterans
and
Supporting Veterans Day Activities**

WHEREAS, in 1919 President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11th as Armistice Day; and

WHEREAS, in 1938 it became a national holiday and in 1954 Congress changed the name of the holiday to Veterans Day; and

WHEREAS, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the bill into law for this day "to honor veterans...a day dedicated to world peace"; and

WHEREAS, observances are held throughout the Country to salute and honor our Nation's heroes; and

WHEREAS, various organizations exist to help veterans and their families in time of need, to support measures to promote the welfare and security of the Country, and to support patriotic and moral values through special school, hospital, and civic programs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rockingham is proud of all our veterans and wholeheartedly supports the men, women, and their families who have served our Nation in past wars as well as those serving today; and

WHEREAS, the slogan "All gave some, some gave all" brings to our hearts the importance of never under estimating freedom's price.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John P. Hutchinson, Mayor and Members of Rockingham City Council do hereby proclaim Saturday, November 11, 2023 as a day to express honor and support for all veterans; and,

FURTHERMORE, encourage our citizens to take time to honor veterans by participating in local ceremonies to include a memorial service on Saturday, November 11, 2023 in the Veteran's Memorial Park beginning at 11:00 a.m. with Colonel G. Bret Batdorff, Chief Circuit Judge at Fort Liberty, NC as the guest speaker; and, followed by a parade in Downtown Rockingham beginning at 2:00 p.m.

This the 1st day of November, 2023.

Signed:

**John P. Hutchinson
Mayor**

National Hospice and Palliative Care Month – November 2023

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, for more than 40 years, hospice has helped provide comfort and dignity to millions of people, allowing them to spend their final months at home, surrounded by their loved ones;

WHEREAS, the hospice model involves an interdisciplinary, team-oriented approach to treatment, including expert medical care, quality symptom control, and comprehensive pain management as a foundation of care;

WHEREAS, beyond providing physical treatment, hospice attends to the patient’s emotional, spiritual and family needs, and provides family services such as respite care and bereavement counseling;

WHEREAS, since its conception, the hospice benefit’s holistic approach has helped patients prepare for and face death, and their loved ones carry on supported in the wake of it;

WHEREAS, palliative care improves quality of life and offers relief from pain, can be provided at any time during an illness, and hospices are some of the best providers of community-based palliative care;

WHEREAS, in an increasingly fragmented and broken healthcare system, hospice is one of the few sectors that demonstrates how healthcare can – and should – work at its best for its patients;

WHEREAS, 1.72 million Medicare beneficiaries living with life-limiting illness and their families received care from the nation’s hospice programs in communities throughout the United States in 2020;

WHEREAS, hospice and palliative care organizations are advocates and educators about advance care planning that helps individuals make decisions about the care they want;

WHEREAS, the central philosophy of hospice care puts patients first, ensuring a coordinated and person-centered approach to care, protecting patient choice and access to individualized services based on a patient’s unique care needs and wishes.

WHEREAS, given our universal mortality, hospice is a valuable benefit for *all* Americans and their loved ones.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, John P Hutchinson; Mayor by virtue of the authority vested in me by City of Rockingham, do hereby proclaim November 2023 as **National Hospice and Palliative Care Month** and encourage citizens to increase their understanding and awareness of care at the end of life, discuss their end of life wishes with their families, and observe this month with appropriate activities and programs.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 1st day of November, 2023 and caused this seal to be affixed.

Signed: _____

John P. Hutchinson

Mayor

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



George C. Gillenwater

Chief of Police

To: Monty Crump

From: G.C. Gillenwater
Chief of Police

Date: November 2, 2023
Ref: October 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: 1415
Public Service Calls 321

Charges Generating Arrest:
Felonies: 30
Misdemeanors: 59
Drug Violations: 04
Juvenile: 04
Citations: 95

Accidents Reported/Investigated:

Property Damage only: 45
Personal Injury: 02

Officer Hours Spent in Court: 25
Officer Training Hours Logged 160



FIRE CHIEF
HAROLD ISLER
ADMIN. ASST.
KRISTY PLAYER

October

We are pleased to submit the monthly fire report on the activities undertaken by the Rockingham Fire Department during the month of October 2023.

Total Alarms:	<u>38</u>	In Town:	<u>38</u>	Out of Town:	<u>0</u>
Turn In Alarms:	<u>1</u>	Silent Alarms:	<u>37</u>	Structure fire:	<u>1</u>
Wrecks:	<u>16</u>	Alarm Malf:	<u>6</u>	Good Intent:	<u>4</u>
Service Call:	<u>1</u>	Assist Police:	<u>0</u>	Trash/outside fire:	<u>2</u>
Power line down:	<u>0</u>	Assist Ems:	<u>2</u>	Unauthorized burn:	<u>1</u>
Smoke scare:	<u>2</u>	Cooking fire:	<u>0</u>	Vehicle fire:	<u>0</u>
Electrical:	<u>1</u>	Bomb Threat:	<u>0</u>	Spill/Leak:	<u>2</u>

Hours Spent on Calls: 11 hours 15minutes

Total Property Exposed to Fire:	<u>\$190,500.00</u>
Total Property Damaged by Fire:	<u>\$68,500.00</u>
Total Property Saved:	<u>\$122,000.00</u>

During the month of October members of the fire department averaged 42 training hours per person; part-paid members averaged 9 hours per person for the month.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harold Isler
Fire Chief

To: Monty Crump, City Manager
From: Dave Davis, Parks and Recreation Director
Date: November 6, 2023
Subject: Activity Report

The following are activities that are or will be involving our department this month.

Flag Football – Our second season of Flag Football “Kicked Off” on Wednesday, November 1st with 105 participants in three different age groups. The Leagues are playing games at Civitan Park due to the lighting situation at Browder Park. Weather permitting we should conclude regular season and tournament play around December 2nd.

Girls’ Volleyball – This program began its tenth season Wednesday, November 1st with one hundred and forty-five young ladies participating in three different age groups. This program continues to grow as that number represents an approximate 10% increase from last year’s enrollment. All games are played at Browder Park.

Youth Basketball – Registration for this program began Wednesday, November 1st.

Election Day – Browder Park will once again be a polling precinct on Tuesday, November 7th.