

# ROCKINGHAM

A CITY LOOKING FORWARD

## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

February 10, 2015  
7:30 p.m.

1. Opening of meeting by Mayor Steve Morris.
2. Invocation by Reverend Allison Farrah, Assistant Pastor of First United Methodist Church (Rockingham).
3. Amendments and Changes to Agenda.
4. Consent Agenda:
  - A. Disposition of Minutes of the January 13, 2015 Regular Meeting.
  - B. Tax Collector's Report. (See Pages 5-8)  
  
Informational Items:
    - 1.) Monthly Collection Report
    - 2.) Uncollected Taxes as of January 31, 2015.Action Items:
    - 1.) Refunds per County Assessor's Office.
    - 2.) Discovery bills added to Tax Scroll.
    - 3.) Releases per County Assessor's Office.
  - C. Authorize Tax Collector to advertise Tax Liens for the 2014 Tax Year in accordance with N.C.G.S. 105-369. (See memo Page 9)
5. Business by Planning Board.
  - A. Set Public Hearing.
    - 1.) Rezoning Request: Set public hearing for an ordinance to rezone approximately .63 acres located at 190 County Home Road and identified as Richmond County PIN # 7472-02-68-8866 from Residential Duplex (R-8) to Neighborhood Business (B-1). (See pages 10-11 & Photo Inserts)

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**February 10, 2015**

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- B. Hold Public Hearing.**
- C. Minutes from Various Boards (included separately)**
  
- 6. Presentation of Rockingham Fire Department's Annual Report for 2014 by Fire Chief Harold Isler. (Report enclosed separately)**
- 7. Introduction of new police officers Chauncy Devonta Saunders and Jan Taylor Owens by Police Chief Billy Kelly.**
- 8. Consideration and discussion of Interlocal Agreement for the Consolidation of Public Safety Dispatch and 911 Service and the Creation of a Joint Agency Pursuant to NCGS §160A-462 to provide Emergency Public Safety Communication Service within Richmond County. (See Manager's Comments & Proposed Agreement 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.**

**MEMO TO: Mayor Steve Morris & City Council**

**FROM: Monty R. Crump, City Manager**

**DATE: February 5, 2015**

**RE: Agenda Items**

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

- 8. Consideration and discussion of Interlocal Agreement for the Consolidation of Public Safety Dispatch and 911 Service and the Creation of a Joint Agency Pursuant to NCGS §160A-462 to provide Emergency Public Safety Communication Service within Richmond County. (See proposed agreement enclosed separately)**

This agenda item is on the current agenda for purposes of discussion and I am not requesting action until the March, 2015 meeting. Consolidation of 911 communications has been discussed for some time. The agreement spells out the details but I will highlight a few key points. Consolidating 911 communications will save taxpayers money and increase efficiency. Currently in downtown Rockingham, the city, county (911) and sheriff's department have three sets of dispatchers and equipment providing emergency communications to their respective agencies all located within about a quarter of a mile from one another. Consolidation would merge all of this into one agency to provide services to all participating agencies. Rockingham Fire Department migrated integrated emergency communications to 911 several years ago and it has worked well. With the construction of a new 911 facility the very latest in communication and technology will be available to handle emergency communications (911). Grants and 911 fees will fund and pay for new construction and ongoing operations which will alleviate the current duplication of personnel by each individual agency as noted above. As noted in the agreement, the county will not charge the city any fees for taking over our call taking and dispatch functions. Rockingham currently employs 4 dispatchers at an approximate total cost of \$161,076.13. As noted in the agreement every effort will be made to reemploy displaced dispatchers at the new 911 center. Many counties have either already migrated to countywide 911 or are in the stages of doing so. Using available grants and 911 fees to fully fund this consolidation provides a significant savings to the taxpayer (city and county), gains efficiency and allows utilization of state of the art technology. I look forward to discussing this matter at the meeting. For your information, this item is also being discussed at the Hamlet Council meeting.

**Rockingham, NC**

**City Council Agenda**

**SUPPORT DOCUMENTS**

**CITY OF ROCKINGHAM  
MONTHLY TAX COLLECTION REPORT**

MONTH: January

YEAR: 2015

YEAR							PRIOR YEAR RECORD	
	AD VALOREM TAXES	COST AND INTEREST	TOTAL COLLECTED	PERCENT THIS DATE	YEAR TO DATE COLLECTIONS	SAME MONTH COLLECTIONS	PERCENT OF TOTAL	
PREPAID								
2015	718.06		718.06		1,044.67	347.49		
2014	487,232.88	1,638.40	488,871.28	91.78%	2,562,418.31	508,836.67	90.62%	
2013	1,699.20	244.12	1,943.32	98.72%	19,738.21	1,328.06	98.55%	
2012	307.86	66.18	374.04	99+%	5,888.89	594.63	98.91%	
2011	295.78	77.07	372.85	99+%	4,084.41	1,073.29	99+%	
2010	343.40	72.80	416.20	99+%	2,131.88	611.37	99+%	
2009	75.24	394.23	469.47	99+%	1,958.45	503.10	99+%	
2008	501.04	98.29	599.33	99+%	2,365.05	407.07	99+%	
2007	89.29	63.21	152.50	99+%	1,819.93	406.62	99+%	
2006	177.55	68.80	246.35	99+%	1,130.65	315.47	99+%	
2005	154.79	209.93	364.72	99+%	433.32	225.03	99+%	
2004	168.84	114.65	283.49	99+%	299.66	-	99+%	
	491,763.93	3,047.68	494,811.61		2,603,313.43	514,648.80		

**UNCOLLECTED TAXES**

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>January 2015</b>
2014	229,669.17	
2013	35,994.04	
2012	25,791.85	
2011	21,482.75	
2010	16,739.48	
2009	13,154.34	
2008	10,030.51	
2007	6,149.47	
2006	4,666.91	
2005	4,199.26	
2004	3,112.25	
	229,669.17	Total Current Year
	141,320.86	Total Past Years
	370,990.03	Total All Years

CITY OF ROCKINGHAM  
MONTHLY REFUNDS REGISTER  
January 30, 2015

DATE	ACCOUNT	NAME	EXPLANATION	YEAR	AMOUNT	CITY LATE	INTEREST	REFUNDED	CHECK #
1/7/15	5518301	Broadnax, L M & Grace	Overpayment	2014	5.91			5.91	60840
1/7/15	42066101	Fleury, Dr. Robert	Overpayment	2014	600.00			600.00	60841
1/7/15	7743303	Haywood, J E	Overpayment	2014	221.82			221.82	60842
1/7/15	8454305	Leak, Thomas & Nancy Barbee	Overpayment	2014	101.53			101.53	60843
1/7/15	7339309	Robinette, Claudia	Overpayment	2014	1,997.95			1,997.95	60845
1/7/15	25058309	Quality Oil Co.	Overpayment	2014	335.04			335.04	60844
1/16/15	10587235	Gomez, Eustacio Guijosa	Vehicle Sold	2014	19.04			19.04	60928
1/16/15	16298500	Edwards, Joyce Jones	Vehicle Totalled	2014	2.04			2.04	60927
1/16/15	6291679	Aycoth, Ted W.	Vehicle Totalled	2014	10.39			10.39	60915
1/23/15	13395301	Richmond County Tax Collector	for: Betty Benoist - pmt should have been sent to county	2014	24.02			24.02	60948
1/23/15	102562303	Corelogic Refund Dept.	for: Leonard & Kim Haltiwanger - mortgage company paid in error	2014	291.43			291.43	60947
			TOTALS		\$3,609.17	0.00	0.00	\$3,609.17	

CITY OF ROCKINGHAM  
 MONTHLY RELEASES REGISTER  
 January 30, 2015

DATE	ACCOUNT	NAME	EXPLANATION	YEAR	BILL #	VALUE	CITY TAX	CITY LATE	INTEREST	RELEASED
1/20/15	463101	STERLING PAYPHONES	Business moved after 2009	2010	14	820	3.94	0.39	1.53	5.86
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TOTALS						820	3.94	0.39	1.53	\$5.86



To: Mayor & Rockingham City Council Members  
From: Lauren Turner, Tax Collector  
Date: February 3, 2015  
Re: Request to Advertise Tax Liens

The Tax Collector for the City of Rockingham requests approval of the Council to advertise Tax Liens for the 2014 tax year in accordance with NC G.S. 105-369.

**Staff Report to Planning and Zoning Board**  
**Agenda Item: IV.A**  
**February 3, 2015**

**Issue:**

Rezoning Request: Henry R. Seals has submitted a request to rezone approximately .63 acres located at 190 County Home Road and identified as Richmond County PIN # 7472-02-68-8866 from Residential Duplex (R-8) to Neighborhood Business (B-1).

**Background:**

On January 20, 2015, Henry R. Seals submitted a request to rezone approximately .63 acres located at 190 County Home Road from Residential Duplex (R-8) to Neighborhood Business (B-1). An upholstery shop is operated by the applicant on the subject property, which is a nonconforming use in the R-8 zone. The applicant is concerned with the potential future limitations created by the legal nonconforming status of his business as currently zoned if the building were to be substantially damaged and/or ceased operations for a period of time in excess of 180 days.

As stated in Section 3.01 of the UDO, the R-8 zone is intended to provide for the orderly growth of single-family detached, semi-detached, and two-family development (excluding manufactured housing) with a moderately dense character in order to create quiet, livable neighborhoods. The B-1 zone is intended to accommodate and provide for the development of small, neighborhood-oriented commercial activities strategically located to offer goods and services to the surrounding residential areas that are typically considered non-offensive in nature and compatible with residential uses in close proximity.

**Staff Comments:**

1. A copy of a zoning map and aerial map illustrating the location of the subject property is included in the agenda packet for the Board's review.
2. The subject property is currently zoned Residential Duplex (R-8). Upholstery shops and/or similar uses are not allowed in the R-8 zone. Thus, the upholstery shop is considered a legal nonconforming use and subject to regulations set forth in Article 6 of the UDO concerning nonconforming situations. Such regulations place limits on re-establishing nonconforming uses if damaged or destroyed; re-establishing the use if discontinued for 180 days; or using the existing building for a different commercial use.
3. In addition to the upholstery shop, two single-wide manufactured homes are located on the subject property. Both manufactured homes are also legal nonconforming uses in the R-8 zone. The requested rezoning to B-1 will not affect their nonconforming status – both manufactured homes would remain legal nonconforming uses under the B-1 zoning.
4. The approval of the rezoning request will undoubtedly constitute spot zoning. As discussed in previous rezoning cases, spot zoning is not illegal if determined to be reasonable and in the public interest. Legal precedent has established the following factors for determining if a particular spot zoning is reasonable: the size of the tract; compatibility with an existing comprehensive plan; the impact of the zoning decision on the landowner, the immediate neighbors, and the surrounding community; and the relationship between the newly allowed uses in a spot rezoning and the previously allowed uses.
5. *Shaping Our Future: 2023*, the City's land use plan, mentions the importance of neighborhood-oriented commercial developments at key intersections for the purpose of providing goods and

services to the surrounding residential areas. While the subject property was not specifically identified and may not necessarily constitute a "key intersection", it is an existing commercial building in a residential area that could serve the same purpose. From this perspective, the request is consistent with the City's future land use plan.

6. The B-1 zone has been previously used in multiple instances around the City's jurisdiction to address a single commercial use located in a residential area. So, this particular rezoning request is not without precedent.

**Staff Recommendation:**

City staff recommends the Board review the request and recommend the City Council rezone the subject property from R-8 to B-1 as requested by the applicant.

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**Planning Board Recommendation:**

The Planning Board reviewed the request on February 3, 2015 and recommended unanimously the City Council rezone the subject property from Residential Duplex (R-8) to Neighborhood Business (B-1).

# Seals Rezoning Request (R-8 to B-1)



Scale:  
 1" = 150'

- Subject Property
- Property Lines (2014)
- AE (Floodplain)
- ▨ SHADED X (Floodplain)
- ▭ AEFW (Floodway)
- Street Names
- Address Data
- City Limits
- \*\*\* ETJ
- Historic District
- Watershed Critical Area
- Watershed Balance
- TNCO
- THCO

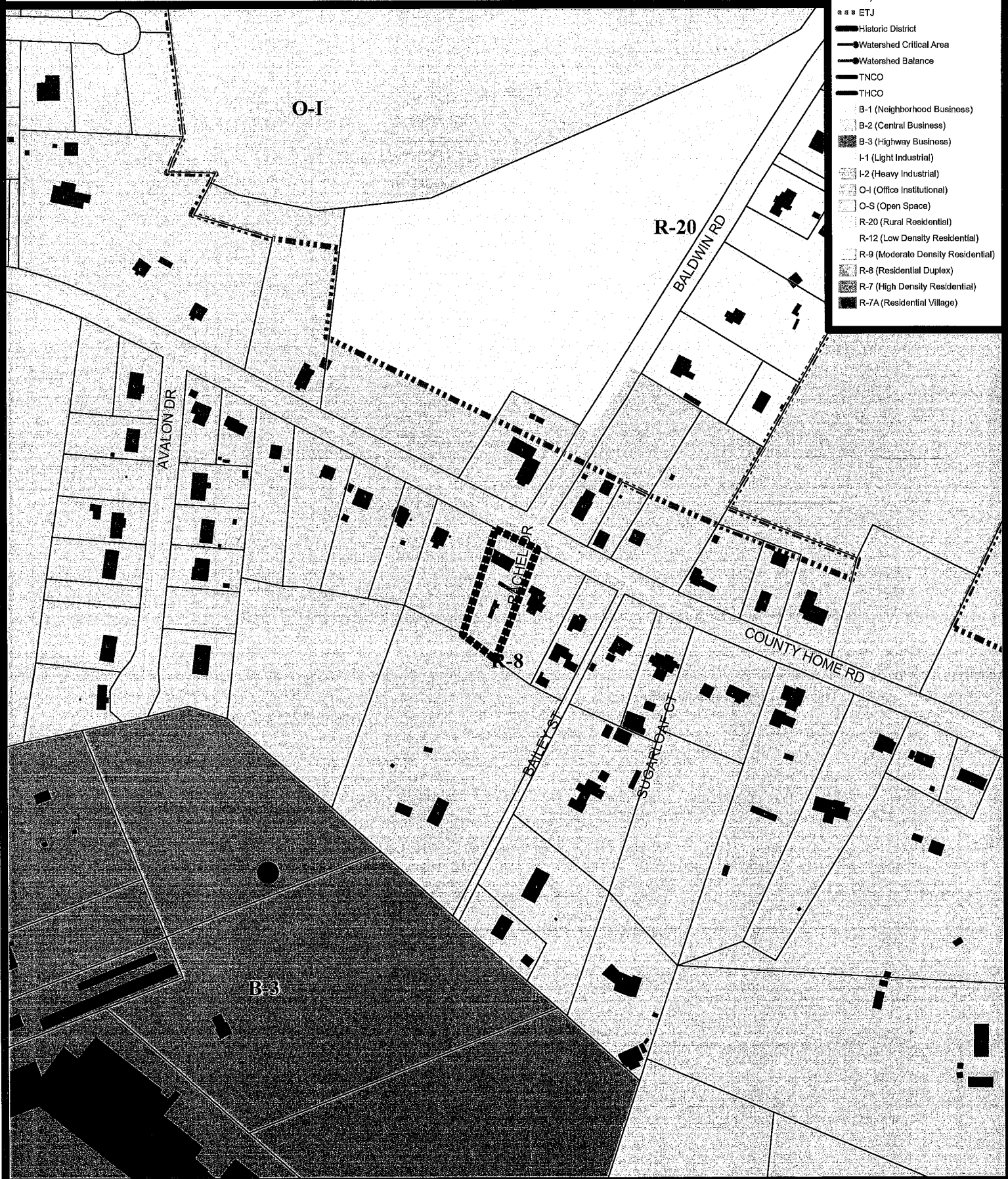


# Seals Rezoning Request (R-8 to B-1)



Scale:  
 1" = 300'

- Subject Property
- Property Lines (2014)
- AE (Floodplain)
- SHADED X (Floodplain)
- AEFW (Floodway)
- Street Names
- Address Data
- City Limits
- \*\*\* ETJ
- Historic District
- Watershed Critical Area
- Watershed Balance
- TNCO
- THCO
- B-1 (Neighborhood Business)
- B-2 (Central Business)
- B-3 (Highway Business)
- I-1 (Light Industrial)
- I-2 (Heavy Industrial)
- O-1 (Office Institutional)
- O-S (Open Space)
- R-20 (Rural Residential)
- R-12 (Low Density Residential)
- R-9 (Moderate Density Residential)
- R-8 (Residential Duplex)
- R-7 (High Density Residential)
- R-7A (Residential Village)



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

REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES  
PERIOD ENDING JANUARY 31, 2015

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>CURRENT YTD</u>	<u>PRIOR YTD</u>	<u>JANUARY 2015</u>	<u>JANUARY 2014</u>	<u>DECEMBER 2014</u>
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<u>TOTAL REVENUES:</u>	6,384,863.95	6,036,298.83	756,205.85	761,593.16	2,181,226.98
<u>EXPENSES:</u>					
Govern. Body	122,751.41	123,511.13	10,551.34	15,265.10	23,580.51
Administration	231,904.08	210,608.33	33,507.22	26,740.63	35,422.27
Finance	168,547.54	155,096.08	21,433.69	19,865.78	18,164.21
Planning & Inspections	183,993.41	188,903.57	21,722.64	20,908.27	22,303.33
Public Buildings	286,859.94	217,937.54	36,179.45	27,886.00	39,249.49
Police	1,637,730.65	1,587,387.04	218,519.69	193,330.05	202,319.54
Fire	960,105.90	678,396.70	140,755.47	67,546.84	75,309.50
Maint. Shop	70,025.02	63,224.38	9,358.45	8,028.26	9,570.49
Street	141,124.77	148,135.06	20,552.28	17,594.29	17,692.61
Powell Bill	142,979.96	151,722.12	29,248.81	21,291.86	12,880.45
Sanitation	629,097.03	642,365.40	92,853.57	86,021.37	91,514.29
Recreation	314,692.56	299,488.65	35,684.29	35,876.39	24,778.95
Cultural & Library	39,150.89	41,400.33	6,006.27	4,695.78	4,501.16
Cemetery	63,969.36	72,066.47	8,703.15	4,130.60	8,216.79
General & Admin.	237,864.77	230,663.70	39,415.74	19,869.79	19,793.45
Debt Service	408,292.90	374,153.78	242,900.38	191,290.63	0.00
Total	\$ 5,639,090.19	\$ 5,185,060.28	\$ 967,392.44	\$ 760,341.64	\$ 605,297.04
<u>ENTERPRISE FUND</u>					
<u>TOTAL REVENUES:</u>	\$ 3,646,447.00	\$ 3,501,594.30	\$ 528,458.48	\$ 522,342.10	\$ 463,555.73
<u>EXPENSES:</u>					
Administration	1,709,131.96	1,534,913.92	27,572.38	26,515.63	1,492,988.92
W/S Maintenance	645,154.60	595,941.62	61,146.12	63,488.97	157,409.59
Water Plant	517,712.29	474,450.62	79,154.08	106,833.75	50,456.59
Waste Treatment	1,515,730.97	1,086,548.49	212,523.51	155,056.62	127,300.77
Debt Service	0.00	68,283.44	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	\$ 4,387,729.82	\$ 3,760,138.09	\$ 380,396.09	\$ 351,894.97	\$ 1,828,155.87

FUEL CONSUMPTION AND EXPENDITURES  
PERIOD ENDING JANUARY 31, 2015

FUEL CONSUMPTION	CURRENT YTD		PRIOR YTD		JANUARY 2015		JANUARY 2014		DECEMBER 2014	
	Usage	Dollar Amts.	Usage	Dollar Amts.	Usage	Dollar Amts.	Usage	Dollar Amts.	Usage	Dollar Amts.
Administration	0.0	\$ 0.00	0.0	\$ 0.00	0.0	\$ 0.00	0.0	\$ 0.00	0.0	\$ 0.00
Planning & Inspections	330.3	756.97	290.3	787.07	45.7	67.64	41.5	109.98	43.1	76.29
Public Buildings	1,599.4	3,703.63	1,472.8	3,997.53	209.2	309.62	188.2	498.73	212.1	375.42
Police	18,193.4	41,426.65	16,032.4	43,367.70	2,508.4	3,712.43	2,477.9	6,566.44	2,457.9	4,350.48
Fire	3,277.5	8,058.08	2,418.0	7,053.12	405.9	672.83	359.0	1,033.86	384.7	741.59
Maint. Shop	320.7	748.41	279.7	756.99	30.5	45.14	62.4	165.36	30.4	53.81
Street	3,530.8	8,688.39	3,196.8	9,163.20	451.0	723.93	512.0	1,446.70	430.7	812.71
Powell Bill	1,400.7	3,624.67	1,663.4	5,205.42	156.5	281.70	210.0	648.90	181.7	374.30
Sanitation	13,549.0	34,041.75	13,083.1	40,582.52	1,810.2	3,236.95	2,032.1	6,254.16	2,465.7	5,053.82
Fleet & Rec.	1,653.0	3,946.76	1,586.5	4,348.06	179.5	268.44	202.8	539.32	166.1	294.00
City	650.4	1,578.22	695.6	1,902.91	45.5	67.34	57.7	152.91	76.7	135.76
City & Admin.	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00
Fleet Adm.	925.9	2,117.44	843.1	2,284.40	149.9	221.85	166.9	442.29	95.4	168.86
W/S Maint.	5,960.5	14,343.24	6,291.7	18,262.53	815.6	1,281.33	852.7	2,378.99	657.9	1,219.20
Water Plant	209.3	460.53	298.3	802.94	50.2	74.30	33.2	87.98	16.3	28.85
Waste Treatment	5,912.7	14,505.96	5,161.8	15,451.22	931.3	1,618.71	942.1	2,818.69	914.9	1,824.93
Total	57,513.6	\$ 138,000.70	53,313.5	\$ 153,965.61	7,789.4	\$ 12,582.21	8,138.5	\$ 23,144.31	8,133.6	\$ 15,510.02



To: Monty Crump, City Manager  
From: Dave Davis, Parks and Recreation Director  
Date: February 2, 2015  
Subject: Activity Report

The following is an update on Parks and Recreation Activities.

Youth Basketball – All schedules are current with post season tournaments beginning Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup> and concluding Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup>.

Youth Soccer- Registration deadline is Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. Enrollment has been strong and final numbers will be available in the March report.

Youth Baseball/Softball – We will begin the registration process for these two programs on Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup> and conclude Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Late registration will be from March 3<sup>rd</sup> until March 5<sup>th</sup>.

Hinson Lake – Reservations are consistent and will increase as we approach the warmer months.



FIRE CHIEF  
HAROLD ISLER  
ADMIN. ASST.  
KRISTY PLAYER

ASST. CHIEF  
DAVID MULLIS  
CAPTAIN  
VIC MCCASKILL

January-15

We are pleased to submit the monthly fire report on the activities undertaken by the Rockingham Fire Department during the month of January 2015.

Total Alarms:	<u>50</u>	In Town:	<u>50</u>	Out of Town:	<u>0</u>
Turn In Alarms:	<u>0</u>	Silent Alarms:	<u>50</u>	Structure:	<u>0</u>
Wrecks:	<u>21</u>	Alarm Malfunction:	<u>13</u>	Good Intent:	<u>9</u>
Smoke Scare:	<u>0</u>	Vehicle fire :	<u>1</u>	Grass/Brush:	<u>0</u>
Power line down:	<u>0</u>	Bomb Threat:	<u>0</u>	Gas Leak/Spill:	<u>0</u>
Illegal Burn:	<u>0</u>	Co detector:	<u>3</u>	Assist Police:	<u>1</u>
Electrical:	<u>1</u>	Assist EMS:	<u>1</u>	Mutual Aid:	<u>0</u>

**Hours Spent on Calls: 20 hours 05 minutes**

Total Property Exposed to Fire:	<u>\$5,200.00</u>
Total Property Damaged by Fire:	<u><u>\$4,200.00</u></u>
Total Property Saved:	<u><u>\$1,000.00</u></u>

During the month of January full time members of the fire department averaged 54 training hours per person; part-paid members averaged 10 hours per person for the month.

**Public Life & Safety:**

- ~Installed 4 car seats
- ~Inspections: 71
- ~Station tour: 2 kids 1 adult
- ~All full time employees participated in a mandatory 21 Hour Rapid Intervention Team class
- ~Participated in the Martin Luther King parade
- ~All department personnel who have EMT certification completed their required 24 hours of Co-Ed training for the year

Respectfully Submitted,

*Harold Isler*  
Fire Chief  
Harold Isler



# Rockingham Police Department



W.D. Kelly, Chief of Police

To: Monty Crump

*W.D.K.*

From: W. D. Kelly  
Chief of Police

Date: February 3, 2015  
Ref: January 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.

<b>Total Calls for the Month:</b>	<b><u>1115</u></b>
<b>Animal Control Calls:</b>	<b><u>40</u></b>
<b>Alarm Calls</b>	<b><u>130</u></b>
<b>Escorts:</b>	<b><u>72</u></b>
<b>Unlock Vehicles:</b>	<b><u>131</u></b>

**Charges Generating Arrest:**

<b>Felonies:</b>	<b><u>29</u></b>
<b>Misdemeanors:</b>	<b><u>127</u></b>
<b>Drug Violations:</b>	<b><u>34</u></b>
<b>Juvenile:</b>	<b><u>2</u></b>
<b>Warrants Served:</b>	<b><u>132</u></b>
<b>Citations:</b>	<b><u>311</u></b>

**Accidents Reported/Investigated:**

<b>Property Damage only:</b>	<b><u>53</u></b>
<b>Personal Injury:</b>	<b><u>01</u></b>

<b>Officer Hours Spent in Court:</b>	<b><u>43</u></b>
<b>Officer Training Hours Logged</b>	<b><u>111</u></b>

**Items of Interest:**

We would like to congratulate Lt. Det. Donovan Young on his recent promotion. He will now be in charge of the Detective Division.