Town of Rutherfordton

Town Council Meeting
Regular Meeting
June 3, 2026
5:30 PM
Town Hall, Council Chambers

AGENDA

1. PRE-MEETING

A. 4p-5p Crestview Park Master Plan

2. CALL TO ORDER

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. CITIZEN'S CONCERNS & COMMENTS

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

6. MAYOR'S REPORT

7. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Town Council- 06 May 2026- Minutes
Town Council - 06 May 2026 - Minutes

B. Resolution 33-26 Board Appointments
Resolution 33-26 Board Appointments

8. PRESENTATIONS

A. Crestview Park Master Plan Update and Presentation - CHA

9. PUBLIC HEARING

A. FY27 Managers Recommended Budget
FY 27 Budget Presentation Slides
FY 27 Manangers Recommended Budget

B. RDO Text Amendments (ZTA 2026-01) - Table to July 1, 2026

10. OLD BUSINESS

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. Cleghorn & 2nd Street Culvert Replacement Project
Request for Town Council Action - Cleghorn and 2nd St
Culvert Replacement – Cleghorn & 2nd Street project bid tabulation

B. Ordinance 21-26 Fund 41 Budget Amendment
Ordinance No. 21-26 Fund 41 Budget Amendment

C. Ordinance 22-26 Fiscal Year 2027 Town Budget
Ordinance No. 22-26 FY 27 Budget

D. Approval of Financing Agreement and Closing Authorization for One New Grapple Truck and One New Ford Police Interceptor Vehicle per the FY 27 Budget
Request for Town Council Action - Approval of Financing Agreement
Proposal for the Town of Rutherfordton, NC 2026

E. Offer to Purchase Agreement - Rutherford Housing Partnership - 251 W. 3rd St
Request for Town Council Action: Property Acquisition 251 W. 3rd St.
Marked Survey 251 W. 3rd St.
OFFER TO PURCHASE - RHP to Town of Rutherfordton 251 W. 3rd St.

F. Approval of Change Order No. 5, Approval of Change Order No. 6, and Increase in Contract Authorization for the Norris Library Waterproofing Project(OSBM Contract No. 11456)- McKinney Construction Management LLC
Request for Town Council Action - Contract Change Norris Library - McKinney Construction Management LLC

G. Approval of Change Order No 1. and Authorization for Contract Adjustment –CRW Land Services LLC. on the 3rd St Culvert Replacement Project - FEMA Project 796561
Request for Town Council Action - Approval of Change Order No. 1 for the West Third Street Culvert Replacement Project
CRW Change Order 1 - Third St - Rutherfordton

H. Special Called Meeting - Wednesday June 17th - 4pm Ruthefordton Town Hall
Request for Town Council Action - Special Called Meeting

12. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

13. DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE REPORTS
(INFORMATION ONLY)

A. May 2026 Operational & Finance Reports
May 2026 Operational Reports
May 2026 Financial Reports

14. CLOSED SESSION

A. Attorney-Client Privilege under- N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a)

15. ADJOURN

RUTHERFORDTON

Town Council

May 6, 2026
Council Chambers

Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Mayor Jimmy Dancy Councilmember Doug Sheets Councilmember Doris Crute	Councilmember Alan Herrick Councilmember Stanley Clements
MEMBERS ABSENT:		
STAFF PRESENT:	Doug Barrick, Town Manager Jeanie Hall, Town Clerk	Clint Ingle, Police Chief Brandon Harrill, Fire Chief Sonya Outling, Finance Director Cory Hall, Public Works Director Jordan Jones, Community Development Director

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

   Mayor Dancy called the meeting to order.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **CITIZEN'S CONCERNS & COMMENTS**

   Mason Rhodes- Hey y'all, so this one is a little unprepared, but I just want to say thank y'all for everything y'all do. I was walking on the trail the other day along the Purple Martin right there on the right beside the bar right there, and I saw the Visual Arts Guild, the little contemporary history art lesson, and I love that. I really appreciate that y'all have given anybody that's out walking the opportunity to learn, to learn about art history, to learn about any type of history, just giving

people the opportunity to educate themselves even outside of like our normal schooling system.

That's a valued thing. I also want to thank three council members specifically. I cannot speak for the other two, but I will want to thank y'all specifically.

I've seen each, Mr. Herrick, Mrs. Crute, and Mr. Dancy at nonprofit meetings all throughout the county, and I want to thank y'all for every single thing that y'all do in strengthening that partnership, because it has been amazing. It's exactly what government should be here for. The ability to just pair our local volunteers into our government at a systemic level, I cannot thank y'all more enough for that.

Thank you for the helmets, thank you for the organizing in the power bills, and thank you for the organizing for the Kiwanis Club. Y'all are valued members and I really appreciate what y'all do there. I just want to see those strengthened and thank y'all for everything, like y'all shirts.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Doug Sheets made a motion to approve the agenda to include the consent agenda. Second was made by Councilmember Doris Crute.

Motion carried unanimously

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

- Just a reminder that Town offices will be closed on Monday May 25th in observance of Memorial Day holiday.
- Rutherfordton Fire & Rescue SPARK Fire Camp will be held July 27th- July 31st. Anyone interested can contact Assistant Fire Chief Robbie Samuel.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Town Council- 01 April 2026- Minutes

Councilmember Doug Sheets made a motion to approve Town Council- 01 April 2026- Minutes. Second was made by Councilmember Doris Crute.

Motion carried unanimously

Town Council- 08 April 2026- Special Meeting Minutes

Councilmember Doug Sheets made a motion to approve Town Council- 08 April 2026- Special Meeting Minutes. Second was made by Councilmember Doris Crute.

Motion carried unanimously

National Police Week Proclamation May 10th- May 16th

Town Manager Barrick and Mayor Dancy recognized Chief Ingle and his Officers for National Police Week Proclamation May 10th- May 16th.

National Public Works Week Proclamation May 17th- May 23rd

Town Manager Barrick and Mayor Dancy recognized Public Works Director Cory Hall and his team for National Public Works Week Proclamation May 17th- May 23rd.

Resolution 29-26 BRWA Board Appointment

Councilmember Doug Sheets made a motion to approve Resolution 29-26 BRWA Board Appointment. Second was made by Councilmember Doris Crute.

Motion carried unanimously

Resolution 30-26 Mi Pueblito Celebrates 30 years

Councilmember Doug Sheets made a motion to approve Resolution 30-26 Mi Pueblito Celebrates 30 years. Second was made by Councilmember Doris Crute.

Motion carried unanimously

Public Hearing – Call for a public hearing on the proposed FY 2027 budget for June 3, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

Councilmember Doug Sheets made a motion to call for a public hearing on the proposed FY 2027 budget for June 3, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. Second was made by Councilmember Doris Crute.

Motion carried unanimously

Public Hearing – Call for a public hearing on proposed RDO Text Amendments (ZTA 2026-01) for June 3, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in accordance with NCGS 160D-601.

Councilmember Doug Sheets made a motion to call for a public hearing on proposed RDO text amendments for June 3, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. Second was made by Councilmember Doris Crute.

Motion carried unanimously

Professional Municipal Clerks Week May 3rd- May 9th

Town Manager Barrick and Mayor Jimmy Dancy recognized Town Clerk, Jeanie Hall for Professional Municipal Clerks Week.

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

8. **PRESENTATIONS**

Fiscal Year 2027 Town Managers' Recommended Budget

Town Manager Barrick presented the Fiscal Year 2027 Town Managers' Recommended Budget. The budget is available online, in the Clerk's office and at Norris Public Library for review. A public hearing will be held on June 3, 2026 at 5:30pm.

Leadership Rutherford - Justin Connor

Mr. Conner was unable to attend and no presentation was given.

9. **PUBLIC HEARING**

Rutherfordton USDA Rural Development Disaster Assistance Fund Application-Replacement Brush Truck

Town Manager Barrick- So welcome to a public meeting. So you are also at the town council meeting but you are now in a public meeting for a USDA Rural Development Disaster Assistance Fund application for a brush truck so everybody here tonight, we talked about that grants take people, it takes time, and it takes match and so whether you know it or not, you are part of our people and so tonight we thank you for being here. If you haven't signed in and you're willing to sign in, we've got a sign in sheet. Mayor and Council, we'll get you before the meeting is over tonight but I do want to walk through a few things really quick before you formally open the public hearing for this.

About two weeks ago I was in a meeting and had the opportunity to kind of hear some things and talk to the right people at the right time we'll just say that and USDA had some funds available through their Rural Development Disaster Assistance Fund, specific to rolling stock items that were damaged or have seen excessive wear during or post-Helene and so I scratched my head for about 30 seconds and I said, I asked them a few clarifying questions and I said, okay, well how much money can we go after here and he gave me his answer and I said, okay, well I think I have something for you and so I called Chief Harrill and got a little bit of information from Chief Harrill and before the meeting was over I said, okay, well I think we've got an application that we can put together. What do we need to do and he said, well you need to have a public meeting before the end of May specifically if you can get one done the first week of May I can get your allocation to you in June because we'd like to get these allocated as fast as possible. Called Jeanie and so happened to be we had about three hours to get our public hearing notice in for the meeting on the daily courier and so the stars aligned here for this project but during Helene, as many of you know, with the vegetation that was down, it was very difficult for a few days for our apparatus to really move about the city. And so Brush Unit 2620 is our brush truck, it handles a lot of our medical calls, it handles most of our woods fires, grass fires and anything that would have to deal with outside fires. It also is a secondary response unit so if all of our apparatus are say operating on a scene, a lot of times it works as transport back and forth for apparatus but right now, that unit was still in our capital improvement plan another two years out or so maybe three years out and slated for around $225,000 in our capital improvement plan but when we looked at the data we knew that there was an opportunity to kind of look at that and listening to Chief Harrill, to listening to our Assistant Chief Samuel and some of the issues that

we've already started to see on accelerated wear we went back because of the grant and looked at some opportunities there to justify that and what we found was actually more shocking than I originally thought. Prior to Helene this truck would run around 30 to 40 brush and wood fires a year. Since Helene we're seeing that between 60 and 90 calls a year. This year we're already on track for over 90 calls a year for brush and woods fires.

A lot of that is related to still the amount of vegetation that is down on the ground, dry periods that we're experiencing now and what that's doing is putting increased wear and tear on our truck. We're starting to see items fail much faster than we would have anticipated. That truck should have lasted us at least 20 years and we're starting to see those things start to fail. We're also in the data seeing those brush and woods fires shift from seasonally, you know usually we would see those in the swing months whether those were in the early spring and the late fall the data is showing that those are occurring all throughout the year post Helene from the amount of vegetation that is down. We're starting to see issues on the drive train, the pump system, the electrical system and so the opportunity for the USDA will allow us for full replacement cost of $223,700 to replace that unit with no local match anticipated. We would have to declare that unit surplus. We estimate that it's value could be as high as $20,000 to $25,000 through what we've seen in gov deals and then those could be leveraged as a match if required. The town has basically gone through and completed all the USDA paperwork. This is the final phase of that that we have to host a public meeting. As a part of that public meeting, we explain what we're asking for and we'll talk through some action items in the new business as well but at this point unless council has any questions before we get to the new business item I would like to open up a public hearing Mayor with your blessing that will allow anybody in the meeting to talk or ask questions about why we would go for this grant. What we're seeing and to help us justify a case to ask USDA for a replacement brush truck.

Mayor Dancy opened the public hearing for the Rutherfordton USDA Rural Development Disaster Assistance Fund Application-Replacement Brush Truck.

Brandon Harrill- I know Doug spoke on most of this, but I made a few reminders for myself. So, 100% fully support this obviously. It is a grant opportunity, and you know that we like to go after grants. I feel like this is good timing for this piece of equipment. Puts us a little bit ahead of the game as Doug mentioned but some things we have recently done over the past few years is the fire pump engine on that truck has been fully rebuilt. We had an issue with it leaking oil and so it had to be fully rebuilt. We've had some just ongoing maintenance issues due to age,

bushings for the suspension, the air bag suspension its almost needing replacement its showing a lot of wear and tear. Obviously, the increased call volume leads to that. Doug spoke on and had the data on the brush and woods fires. Definitely seeing that and I will add that the NC forest service has forecasted for North Carolina a ten year increase in fire danger due to Helene debris and fire weather. We are in a pattern plus having the vegetation on the ground that's leading to more brush fires and woods fires.

Mason Rhodes- I'm going to go ahead and say my piece. Obviously, I think this is going to get approved so I don't think there's really any reason to argue for the purpose of it but I want to say thank y'all for doing this. I want to say thank you for the grant writers. Actually, that's one of the things that I shout out about the town the most is that our grant writers allow us to be able to do these sorts of things. I really think we do need it for all the brush that is on the ground and the current weather with the droughts and stuff the only thing that I would say that we could do is maybe mandate some shade space. That's all. Thank y'all.

Mayor Dancy closed the public hearing.

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

Rutherfordton USDA Rural Development Disaster Assistance Fund Application-Replacement Brush Truck- Resolution 32-26

Councilmember Doug Sheets made a motion to approve Rutherfordton USDA Rural Development Disaster Assistance Fund Application-Replacement Brush Truck- Resolution 32-26. Second was made by Councilmember Stan Clements.

Motion carried unanimously

Approval of Resolution #31-26 – Approval of Bid Tabulations and Tentative Awards for SRP-W-134-0007 Sewer Projects (John Smith Pump Station & St. Gabriel's Extension)

Councilmember Doug Sheets made a motion to approve Approval of Resolution #31-26 – Approval of Bid Tabulations and Tentative Awards for SRP-W-134-0007 Sewer Projects (John Smith Pump Station & St. Gabriel's Extension). Second was made by Councilmember Alan Herrick.

Motion carried unanimously

Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Amendment - Ordinance 20-26

Councilmember Doug Sheets made a motion to approve Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Amendment - Ordinance 20-26. Second was made by Councilmember Doris Crute.

Motion carried unanimously

Authorization of Musco Lighting Contract for Crestview Park Lighting Improvements Funded by OSBM Grant

Councilmember Doris Crute made a motion to authorize Musco Lighting Contract for Crestview Park Lighting Improvements Funded by OSBM Grant. Second was made by Councilmember Stan Clements.

Motion carried unanimously

Task Order 8 Authorization (WithersRavenel) – Expansion of NCDEQ AIA Grant Planning & Asset Management Support

Councilmember Doug Sheets made a motion to approve Task Order 8 (WithersRavenel) – Expansion of NCDEQ AIA Grant Planning & Asset Management Support. Second was made by Councilmember Stan Clements.

Motion carried unanimously

Lease Agreement with Rutherfordton Housing Partnership for Rutherford County Parcel #1201397 -formerly known as 210 East 2nd Street, Rutherfordton

Councilmember Doris Crute made a motion to approve Lease Agreement with Rutherfordton Housing Partnership for Rutherford County Parcel #1201397 -formerly known as 210 East 2nd Street, Rutherfordton. Second was made by Councilmember Alan Herrick.

Motion carried unanimously

BCY LLC Land Donation and Utility Agreement – Fairview Redevelopment Area

Councilmember Doug Sheets made a motion to approve BCY LLC Land Donation and Utility Agreement- Fairview Redevelopment Area. Second was made by Councilmember Doris Crute.

Motion carried unanimously

11. **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

Ladder 26 Replacement Update – OSBM Grant Project (Grant ID: 11454)

America 250 NC Project: Overmountain Men Monument – Rutherfordton

Update on Deposit Account - Truist Bank

Main Street Coordinator Position

12. **DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

(INFORMATION ONLY)

April 2026 Operational & Finance Reports

13. **CLOSED SESSION**

Councilmember Stan Clements made a motion to enter closed session under Attorney-Client Privilege under NCGS 143-318.11(a) for the purpose of personnel. Second was made by Councilmember Alan Herrick.

Motion carried unanimously

Councilmember Doug Sheets made a motion to return to open session. Second was made by Councilmember Doris Crute.

Motion carried unanimously

14. **ADJOURN**

Councilmember Stan Clements made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second was made by Councilmember Alan Herrick.

Motion carried unanimously

Jimmy Dancy, Mayor

Jeanie Hall, Town Clerk

TOWN OF RUTHERFORDTON
NORTH CAROLINA

RESOLUTION # 33-26

A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT RUTHERFORDTON BOARD & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

WHEREAS, there is/are vacant seats on various boards and committees, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that members of the public have expressed a desire to serve, and

WHEREAS, Tricia Wheat, Kim Freeman, Kenneth Hines, Ricky Gilbert , Pete Dickerson, and Sonya Outling are willing to serve our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORDTON TOWN COUNCIL:

The Rutherfordton Town Council reappoints Tricia Wheat to the Rutherfordton Redevelopment Commission. For a term that shall expire on 6-30-2029.

The Rutherfordton Town Council reappoints Kim Freeman to the Rutherfordton Redevelopment Commission. For a term that shall expire on 6-30-2029.

The Rutherfordton Town Council reappoints Kenneth Hines to the Rutherfordton Redevelopment Commission. For a term that shall expire on 6-30-2029.

The Rutherfordton Town Council reappoints Sonya Outling to the ABC Board. For a term that shall expire on 6-30-2029.

The Rutherfordton Town Council reappoints Ricky Gilbert to the ABC Board. For a term that shall expire on 6-30-2029.

The Rutherfordton Town Council reappoints Pete Dickerson to the Planning & Zoning & Board of Adjustment. For a term that shall expire on 6-30-2029.

Adopted this 3rd day of June 2026.

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Jimmy Dancy, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jeanie Hall, Town Clerk

FISCAL YEAR 27

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET



FY 27 AT A GLANCE

We are committed to moving Rutherfordton forward through thoughtful planning and responsible investment. This budget reflects our 2025 Action Plan, maintains financial stability, and includes measured adjustments to keep pace with rising costs.

It invests in public safety, infrastructure, and quality of life, ensuring Rutherfordton remains strong today and prepared for tomorrow.

Tax Rate

Tax Rate: 55¢
4¢ increase from FY26 to maintain core services & meet growing demands.

Service Fees

Curbside Collection Rate increased to $17.22 per month

Sewer Use Fees

3% rate increase to offset rising energy and operational costs, as well as depreciation.

#1Town1Team

KEY BUDGET GOALS



INVEST IN INFRASTRUCTURE & GROWTH



STRENGTHEN WORKFORCE, STABILITY & PUBLIC SAFETY



MAINTAIN CORE SERVICE DELIVERY

TOWN TRENDS



RISING COSTS OF OPERATIONS, EQUIPMENT, AND STAYING COMPETITIVE IN STAFFING



STRONG GROWTH SUPPORTING COMMUNITY INVESTMENT- IN HOUSING AND DEVLEOPMENT



GREATER RELIANCE ON GRANTS AND PARTNERSHIPS

KEY BUDGET INITIATIVES FOR FY 2027

Public Safety

Improved staffing, equipment, and response coverage

Major Projects

Fleet Modernization
Purple Martin
Town Hall -Police Station

Housing Work

Continuing the Work of the Redevelopment Commission

Service Quality

Maintaining strong and reliable public services

Funding our Future

Sewer upgrades, public works equipment & resilient operations

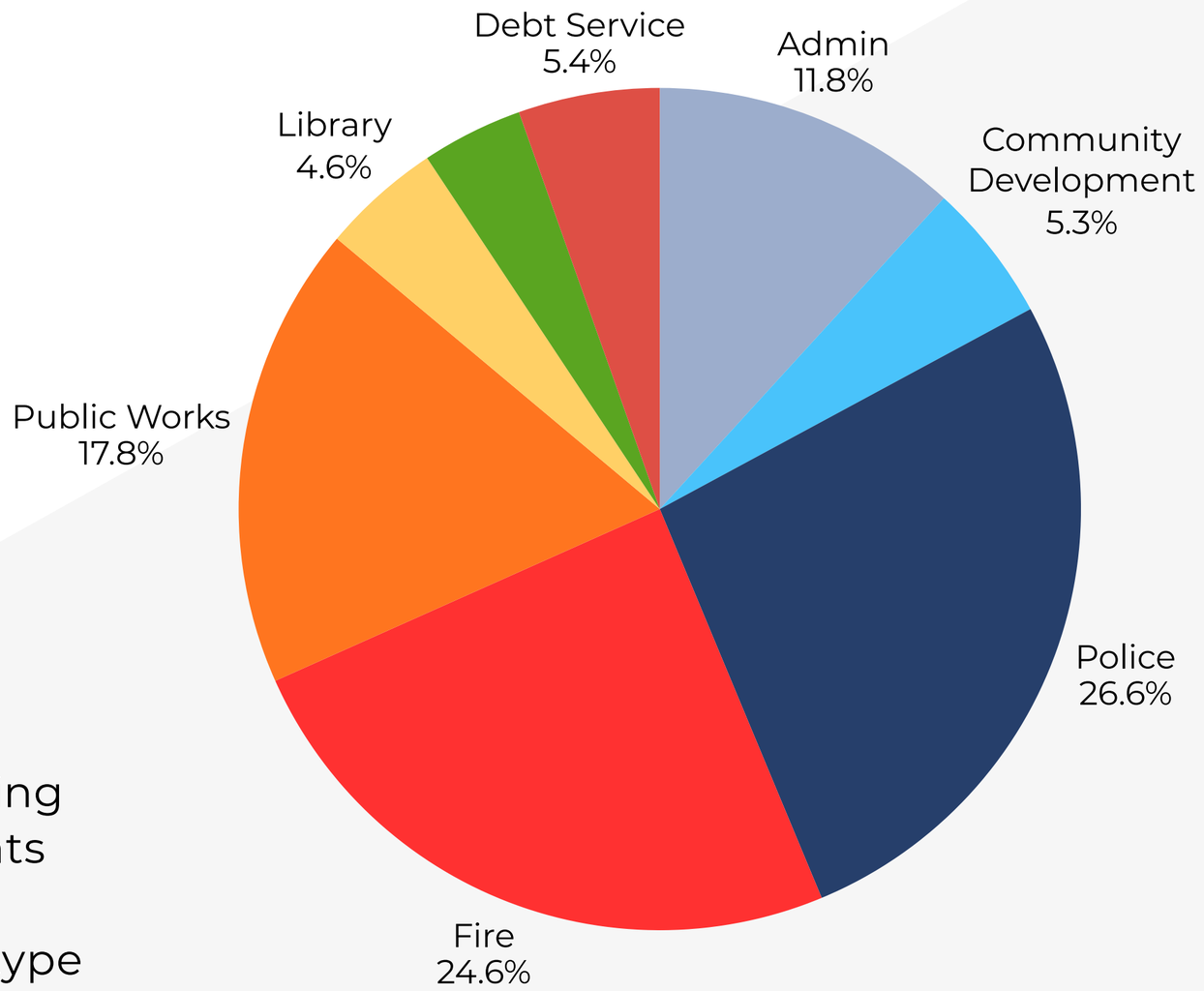
GENERAL FUND OPERATIONS

Increase of 8.02% from the Prior Year

- 14.49% increase in personnel
- 5.87% increase in operations
- 83.38% decrease in capital spending

Key Drivers:

- Increases in fuel, utilities, and general operating costs - inculding state mandated costs
- Significant reduction in capital spending compared to prior year- offset by grants
- Adjustments in user fees and pass-through costs supporting enterprise-type services (curbside collection)



Rutherfordton
NORTH CAROLINA

FISCAL YEAR 2027

MANAGERS RECOMMENDED BUDGET









PRESENTED TO THE TOWN COUNCIL
ON MAY 6, 2026

FY 2027 Rutherfordton Budget Citizen Executive Summary

The Fiscal Year 2027 budget reflects a financially stable Town of Rutherfordton that is investing in services, infrastructure, and long-term community growth. It is guided by the Town's 2025 Action Plan and community input and is focused on maintaining core services while preparing for future needs.

What is Changing

Property tax rate increases from $0.51 to $0.55 per $100 of value. Even with this adjustment, Rutherfordton remains in line with or below comparable communities.
Solid waste service increases to $17.22/month, still below the regional average of $21.
Increases are driven by rising costs in health insurance, fuel, energy, equipment, and construction affecting all local governments.

What This Budget Provides

Public Safety: Increased fire staffing, improved rural coverage, new ladder truck and incoming engine, 3 Police officers per shift with supervision along with a transitioning fleet utilizing hybrid and EV technology for future resiliency.

Community: Expanded parks and recreation, library investment, Crestview Park progress, and Purple Martin Greenway expansion.

Economic Growth: Downtown revitalization, Main Street support, and planning for US 221 Bypass development.

Infrastructure: Sewer and utility upgrades, public works equipment modernization, and improved operations.

Financial Approach

Rutherfordton continues disciplined budgeting while leveraging over $6 million in grants to complete major projects without overburdening taxpayers. Local indicators show faster-than-estimated growth in housing and service demand, increasing pressure on public services. Even so, the Town's tax rate remains competitive with or below peer municipalities.

Bottom Line

This budget maintains essential services while investing in the Town's future. It supports safer neighborhoods, a stronger economy, improved quality of life, and reliable infrastructure. The modest increase helps avoid larger future increases and ensures service levels keep pace with growth.

This budget reflects responsible stewardship and a commitment to keeping Rutherfordton strong, safe, and prepared for the future.

Town of Rutherfordton

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Town Council of the Town of Rutherfordton

Rutherford County, North Carolina

Ordinance No. ___-26

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF RUTHERFORDTON ADOPTING THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Rutherfordton, does ordain as follows:

Section 1: It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the General Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027.

Ad Valorem Taxes	$4,192,214
Sales Tax	$1,200,000
Grants & Investments	$154,100
Utility Franchise Fees	$380,000
Sales & Services	$550,362
Fund Balance	$257,000
State Shared Revenues	$51,800
Miscellaneous	$60,200
Total	**$6,845,677**

Section 2: The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the General Fund for the operation of the Town government and its activities for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore established for the Town.

Administration	$792,656
Police	$1,810,865
Fire	$1,750,886
Public Works	$1,444,192
Recreation	$379,013
Community Development	$359,509
Library	$308,556
Total	**$6,845,677**

Section 3: It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Sewer Fund for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

Charges for Utilities	$1,426,128
Other Charges	$40,200
Fund Balance	$375,000
Total	**$1,841,328**

Section 4: The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Sewer Fund for the operation of the sewer utilities for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore established for this Town.

Operations	$1,137,111
Capital Investment	$247,901
Personnel	$351,336
Debt Service	$104,980
Total	**$1,841,328**

Section 5: It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Powell Bill Fund for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

Powell Bill Distribution	$153,000
Investments	$8,750
Powell Bill Fund Balance	$45,000
Total	**$206,750**

Section 6: The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Powell Bill Fund for the maintenance of Town streets for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore established for this Town.

Powell Bill Operations	$206,750
Total	**$206,750**

Section 6: The operating funds encumbered on the financial records of June 30, 2026 are hereby re-appropriated into this budget.

Section 7: There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of fifty-five cents ($0.55) per one hundred ($100) valuation of property as listed for taxes as of January 1st 2026, for the purpose of raising the revenue listed as "Ad Valorem Taxes" in the General Fund in Section 1 of this ordinance. There is hereby further levied an additional tax at the rate of thirteen cents ($0.13) per one hundred dollars ($100) of valuation of property as listed for

taxes as of January 1, 2026 within the boundaries of the Rutherfordton Municipal Service District. (Boundaries are kept on File in the Office of the Town Clerk)

Section 8: The corresponding FY 2026-2027-Schedule of Fees is approved with the adoption of this Annual Budget Ordinance. The FY2027 Schedule of Fees is attached as Attachment A to this Ordinance.
Section 9: The corresponding FY 2027-2031 Capital Improvement Plan for the General Fund & Sewer Fund is approved with the adoption of this Annual Budget Ordinance. The FY 2027 Capital Improvement Plan is attached as Attachment B to this Ordinance.
Section 10: The corresponding FY 2026-2027 Employee Salary and Classification Report is approved with the adoption of this Annual Budget Ordinance. The FY 2027 Employee Salary and Classification Report is attached as Attachment C to this Ordinance

Section 11: The Town Manager is hereby authorized to transfer appropriations as contained herein under the following conditions:

A. He may transfer amounts between line-item expenditures and between departments without limitation as believed to be necessary and prudent. He must make an official report on such transfers at the next regular meeting of the governing board
B. He may transfer amounts up to $5,000 between functional areas including contingency appropriations, within the same fund. He must make an official report on such transfers at the next regular meeting of the governing board
C. He may not transfer any amounts between funds, except as approved by the Governing Board in the Annual Budget Ordinance as amended.

Section 12: Copies of the Annual Budget ordinance shall be furnished to the Town Clerk, to the Governing Board and to the Town Manager and Finance Director to be kept on file by them for the direction in the disbursement of funds.

INTRODUCED at the regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Rutherfordton on May 6, 2026**.**

ADOPTED this 3rd day of June 2026 by the Town Council of the Town of Rutherfordton, North Carolina.

_____,
MAYOR Jimmy Dancy

ATTEST:

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Jeanie Hall, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Elizabeth T. Miller, Town Attorney

To: **The Honorable Mayor Dancy**
Members of the Rutherfordton Town Council
Citizens of Rutherfordton

From: **Doug Barrick, Town Manager**
Re: **Transmittal of the FY 2027 Rutherfordton Manager's Recommended Budget**

Date: **May 6, 2026**

Through continued financial discipline, strategic investment, and a strong focus on leveraging partnerships and grant funding, the Town of Rutherfordton enters Fiscal Year 2027 in a stable financial position while navigating a rapidly changing economic environment. This budget is intentionally aligned with the Town's 2025 Action Plan, which was developed through extensive community input and Council review and establishes four long-term priorities: Gold Standard Workforce, Opportunity Minted Here Economic Growth, Vibrant Growth, and Smart Infrastructure & Digital Connectivity.

This year's recommended budget proposes a property tax increase from $0.51 to $0.55 per $100 of assessed value. Even with this adjustment, Rutherfordton remains competitive with and below many peer communities across the region. This increase is necessary to maintain current service levels, address rising costs largely outside of the Town's control, and continue investing in the infrastructure and services that support our growing community.

In addition, the curbside solid waste collection fee will increase from $16.40 to $17.22 per month. This adjustment continues the Town's five-year plan toward full cost recovery and still places Rutherfordton below the regional average of approximately $21 per month for similar services.

The proposed FY 2027 budget reflects a key reality: the cost of providing services is increasing faster than traditional revenue sources in a rural community like Rutherfordton. While official population estimates show only modest growth, local data, including utility accounts, housing activity, and service demand, indicate that Rutherfordton is growing at a much faster pace. This growth places additional demand on public safety, infrastructure, and daily service delivery.

At the same time, broader economic conditions continue to impact the Town. Equipment, fuel, energy, and construction costs remain significantly elevated compared to just a few years ago. In addition, the Town is facing a substantial increase in the cost of the North Carolina State Health Plan, resulting in an estimated $204,000 increase in employer costs this year. These pressures are compounded by rapidly rising operating costs, with personnel expenses representing the largest increase, followed closely by escalating energy and fuel costs. Volatile gasoline prices continue to impact fleet operations across all departments, even as the Town continues transitioning portions of its fleet toward more efficient hybrid and electric vehicles to help moderate long-term fuel exposure. In addition, Duke Energy rate increases now approaching nearly 15% over the past three years have significantly raised the cost of utilities, facilities, and street lighting.

Goals for Fiscal Year 2027

To align Town operations with Town Council priorities, the Town Manager and Department Heads have identified key goals for the upcoming year. These goals reflect the Town's commitment to delivering high-quality, cost-effective services while responding to growth and evolving community needs.

Key initiatives funded in the FY 2027 Manager's Recommended Budget include:

- ✓ Supporting continued housing development and redevelopment efforts through the Redevelopment Commission
- ✓ Expanding Parks and Recreation programming and services
- ✓ Continuing progress on the new Town Hall and Police Department project
- ✓ Maintaining and replacing critical public safety and public works equipment
- ✓ Enhancing citizen communication and engagement
- ✓ Supporting infrastructure improvements tied to growth along Highway 221 and Charlotte Road
- ✓ Continuing public art, downtown development, and community initiatives

General Fund Revenue Highlights

The FY 2027 Manager's Recommended Budget proposes a property tax rate of $0.55 per $100 of assessed valuation, an increase of $0.04 from the current rate. Ad valorem taxes remain the Town's largest and most stable revenue source and are essential to funding core services such as police, fire, public works, and administration. This year's revenue adjustments are driven largely by external factors. Approximately $204,000 in increased costs are tied directly to state mandates and economic pressures, while only a small portion is associated with local service enhancements. One cent on the tax rate generates approximately $60,000, illustrating the limited ability for the town to absorb large cost increases without adjustments.

Even with the proposed increase, the impact to residents remains modest. For a home valued at $100,000, the increase amounts to approximately $40 per year; for a $300,000 home, about $120 per year; and for a $400,000 home, roughly $160 per year.

Encouragingly, Rutherfordton continues to experience positive development trends. Housing growth, new residential units, and investment along key corridors are strengthening the Town's tax base and positioning the community for long-term success.

General Fund Expenditure Highlights

The FY 2027 budget reflects a continued commitment to maintaining high-quality services while managing rising costs. Personnel expenses increase by 14.49%, driven by a 3% cost-of-living adjustment, market-based salary adjustments, and increased benefit costs, particularly the State Health Plan. These investments are essential to retaining qualified employees and maintaining service levels. Operating expenses increase by 5.87%, reflecting inflation in fuel, energy, materials, and contracted services.

Capital expenditures in the General Fund decrease by more than 80% in FY 2027; however, this does not reflect a reduction in investment. Instead, it reflects a deliberate strategy to better time capital purchases, maximize external funding opportunities, and align projects with appropriate resources. The Town has successfully secured more than $6 million in state, federal, and private grant funding, which is actively supporting major infrastructure, public safety, and community initiatives. This level of funding is not typical for a community of Rutherfordton's size and reflects the Town's strong partnerships, strategic planning, and proven ability to responsibly manage and deliver grant-funded projects.

Every grant dollar secured reduces the need for local tax dollars, allowing Rutherfordton to deliver projects and services that would otherwise not be possible at the local level alone.

These resources allow the Town to advance critical improvements while minimizing the burden on local taxpayers. At the same time, local funding remains essential, as it provides the match requirements, operational support, and long-term sustainability needed to fully realize the benefits of these investments. Rutherfordton remains committed to pursuing additional funding opportunities and building on these partnerships to continue delivering meaningful projects for the community.

Department highlights include:

Police Department: Continued investment in equipment and technology, salary structure adjustments to remain competitive, and temporary staffing adjustments to maintain service levels during extended employee leave.
Fire Department: Continued support for staffing and operations, along with coordination on rural fire district service levels and staffing needs at Station 2.
Public Works: Replacement of critical equipment, including a grapple truck essential to yard waste and storm response operations following heavy utilization during recent storm events.
Parks, Recreation, and Library: Continued expansion of programming, facility improvements, and technology upgrades to better serve the community.

The Town will continue utilizing its structured, rolling five-year debt strategy to manage large equipment purchases in a fiscally responsible manner.

Utility Fund

The Town's utility system continues to make significant progress, supported by more than $4.8 million in state and federal grant-funded projects underway now and an additional $5 million in state funding that is in the early stages of engineering now with construction planned for the winter months of 2026 and the spring of 2027. These investments include wastewater treatment upgrades, pump station improvements, and system expansion to support both existing residents and future growth.To address rising operational costs, the FY 2027 budget includes a 3% sewer rate increase, driven by increases in power, fuel, chemicals, and ongoing system maintenance.

Additional investments include:

- ✓ Replacement of aging equipment with a new excavator to improve efficiency
- ✓ Replacement of a service truck to support field operations
- ✓ Continued planning for long-term capital replacement and depreciation

These actions ensure the utility system remains reliable, financially stable, and capable of supporting continued growth.

Financial Strategy and Future Pressures

Rutherfordton has historically taken a disciplined approach to budgeting by fully funding the cost of departmental operations each year. This approach has allowed the Town to maintain a competitive municipal tax rate while avoiding the need for large, sudden increases or the deferral of critical maintenance and capital needs. It has also ensured that any additional needs arising during the year are addressed transparently through Town Council–approved budget amendments, rather than through large discretionary allocations built into the base budget. That strategy continues in FY 2027.

Within the broader context of North Carolina municipalities, Rutherfordton's municipal rate of approximately .51–.55 remains consistent with peer communities providing full municipal services. In the provided 2025–2026 statewide data, comparable or higher municipal rates are common among familiar jurisdictions, including Spindale (.6420), Forest City (.5900), Marion (.5950), Morganton (.5000), Salisbury (.6650), Kings Mountain (.5500), Bessemer City (.5500), Columbus (.5150), Hendersonville (.5200), Waynesville (.4790), Sylva (.4500), and Lincolnton (.5000). This pattern demonstrates that Rutherfordton's rate is not an outlier, but rather aligned with the prevailing range for communities that maintain police, fire, infrastructure, and administrative services at the municipal level.

However, the financial environment for local governments is changing. At the state level, ongoing policy discussions and legislative proposals, including potential limitations on property tax growth and changes to local land use authority, may reduce the flexibility municipalities have to respond to rising costs and community needs. While the full impact of these measures is still evolving, the direction is clear: local governments are likely to face increased pressure with fewer tools to respond.

For Rutherfordton, this makes it especially important that today's budget reflects the true cost of providing services. Delaying necessary adjustments or underfunding operations in the short term would create greater financial strain in future years, particularly as the Town approaches the next property revaluation cycle.

The FY 2027 budget takes a proactive approach, and it directly reflects the priorities established in the Town's 2025 Action Plan. Investments in staffing and compensation strengthen the Town's Gold Standard Workforce goal by ensuring the ability to recruit and retain qualified employees needed to maintain service levels. Funding for public safety, infrastructure maintenance, and equipment replacement supports continued service reliability while addressing increasing operational demand. Economic development initiatives, including downtown revitalization and corridor development along the US 221 Bypass, advance the Opportunity Minted Here strategy by supporting long-term growth and investment. Additional resources for parks, recreation, housing support, and community programming reinforce Vibrant Growth priorities by enhancing quality of life and community engagement. Investments in utilities, sewer systems, digital infrastructure, and communications technology align with Smart Infrastructure & Digital Connectivity by ensuring the Town can efficiently deliver services now and into the future.

Taken together, these investments position the Town to remain financially stable, maintain service levels, and adapt to a more constrained and uncertain policy environment.

What This Budget Delivers

The Town of Rutherfordton remains in a strong financial position and is committed to responsible stewardship of public resources. This budget reflects a balanced and forward-looking approach, maintaining service levels, supporting employees, and continuing strategic investments while addressing rising costs. It avoids deferring critical needs that would otherwise compound future financial challenges.

Rutherfordton continues to move in a positive direction. Growth is occurring, investment is happening, and the Town is building on its strengths as a rural Western North Carolina community with a high quality of life and a full-service municipal structure consistent with peer communities across the region. This budget ensures that progress continues in a responsible and sustainable way.

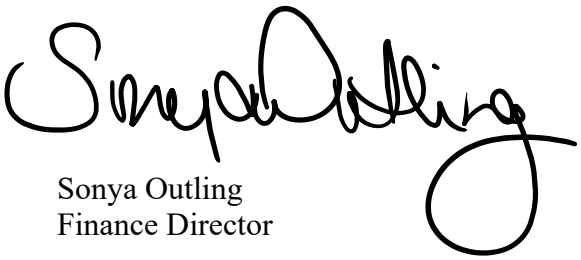
This budget also reflects tangible, everyday investments in the services our residents rely on. Public safety is being strengthened through increased fire staffing and improved station coverage, allowing for more consistent response with personnel assigned across both stations, supported by modern apparatus including a new ladder truck and a front-line engine arriving this fall. Police staffing enhancements ensure a minimum of three officers per shift, including supervisory leadership, improving safety and response. At the same time, the Town continues to invest in quality-of-life initiatives, including expanded parks and recreation programming, a highly utilized library, downtown business support through a largely grant-funded Main Street program, and continued planning for Crestview Park and the next phase of the Purple Martin Greenway connecting to the Thermal Belt Rail Trail. Investments in public works equipment,

infrastructure, and a transition toward hybrid and electric fleet vehicles are improving efficiency, resiliency, and long-term cost control.

The FY 2027 budget serves not only as a financial roadmap for the coming year, but as a living document,regularly reviewed, actively managed, and adjusted as needed to respond to emerging challenges and opportunities. Together, these investments ensure that Rutherfordton continues to move forward in a way that is responsible, sustainable, and aligned with the needs of its residents.

Respectfully submitted,

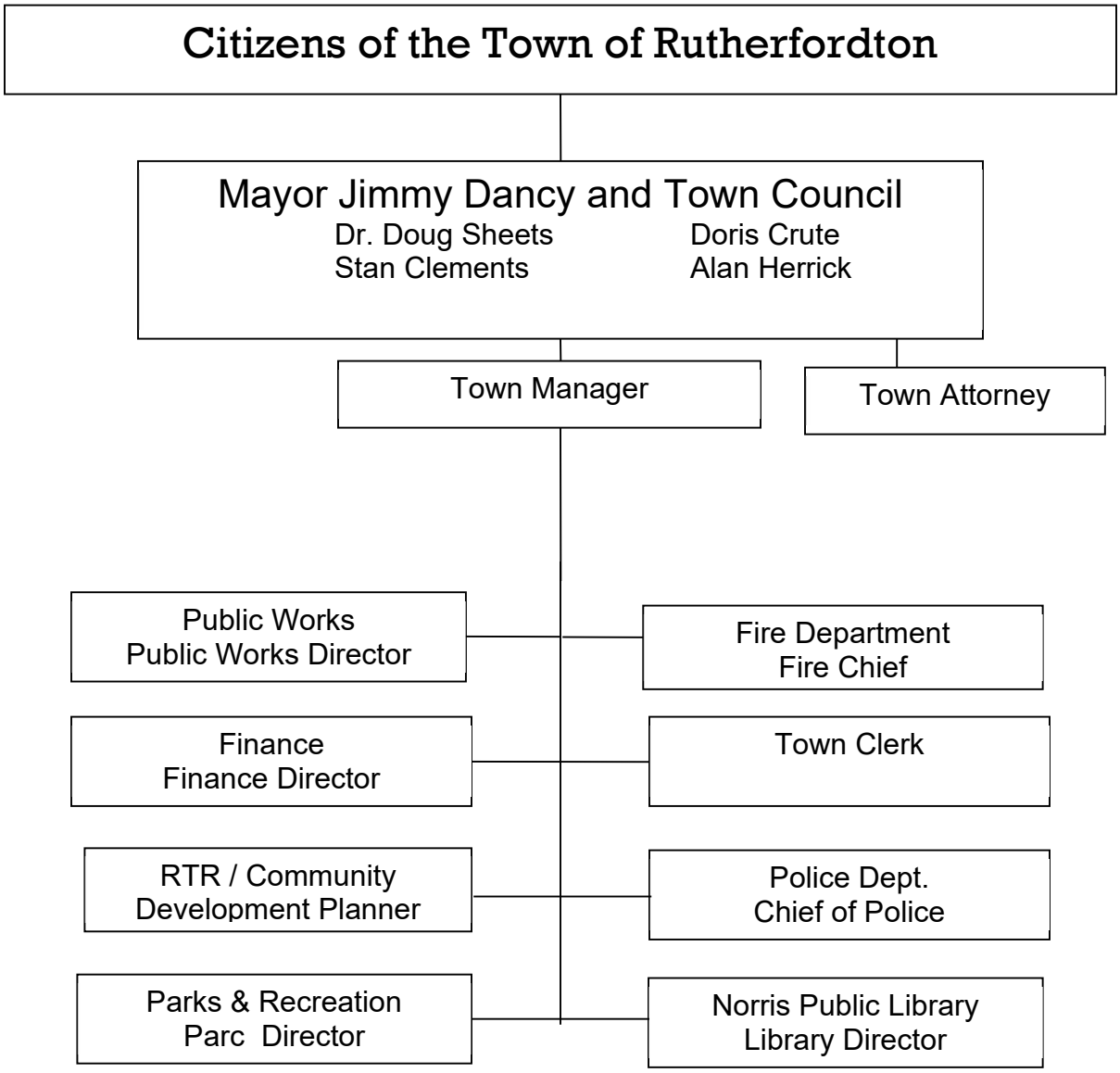




Doug Barrick
Town Manager

Sonya Outling
Finance Director

Town of Rutherfordton Organizational Chart



Citizen's Budget Guide

State law defines an annual budget as "a proposed *plan* for raising and spending money for specified programs, functions, activities or objectives during a fiscal year."

While this definition may seem simple, budgets usually contain a considerable amount of detailed information. The fact remains, however, that a budget exists as the single most comprehensive annually updated financial guide for the services provided to the citizens of a community.

Understanding how a budget is created and adopted and recognizing the key components of the budget document itself is paramount to a citizen's understanding of the local government's goals and objectives. The purpose of this guide is to provide you, the citizen, with that information.

MUNICIPAL BUDGETS IN NORTH CAROLINA

The Town of Rutherfordton, like all local governments throughout North Carolina, prepares, adopts, and administers its budget in accordance with the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act (LGBFCA).

This Act establishes responsibilities in the adoption of the budget and most importantly, requires that the budget be *balanced*. In other words, the estimated revenues must equal the proposed spending.

North Carolina local governments operate under a July 1 - June 30 fiscal year. A budget must be adopted by June 30th of each year, or interim provisions must occur.

The spending for the coming year is authorized through the Town Council adoption of a *budget ordinance*. This action authorizes the spending, assures that the budget is balanced, levies the property tax for that budget year, and formally authorizes an annual fee schedule. Under North Carolina law, local property taxes may not be changed at any point in the year once adopted without input from the State government.

By law, each year, a public hearing is held by the Town Council to receive comments from citizens and taxpayers on the recommended budget. That hearing is usually held after the Town Manager formally presents his recommended budget to the governing body. Throughout the budget review period, copies of the recommended budget are kept on file for public review in the Town Finance Officer's office and with the Town Clerk as well as made available on the Town's website.

This document contains a wealth of information regarding the Town and its fiscal priorities for the year. The Manager's Budget Message outlines in narrative form the Town's mission for the year and how necessary funding levels have changed from the previous year. The remaining sections outline in detail the amounts of revenues and expenditures anticipated for the following year.

Town staff also maintains a five-year capital plan, which expresses a long-term vision of the Town's priorities and funding requirements necessitated by those needs as outlined by the Town Council.

We urge you to take the time to review this budget.

If you have questions, please call:

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BUDGET FORMAT

The accounts of the Town of Rutherfordton are organized on the basis of funds of which each is considered a separate accounting entity. Government resources are allocated in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. This segregation of revenues and costs allows close monitoring of attributable accounts to provide insurability that certain funds are self-supporting and that revenues which are required by law for specific purposes are identifiable. The Town of Rutherfordton's Operating Budget consists of three primary funds: General Fund, Utility Enterprise (Sewer) Fund and a Powell Bill Fund.

Fund Type	Fund Description & Functional Areas
General Fund	Town Council, Administration, Library, Police, Fire, Public Works, Parks and Recreation, Community Development, Transfers, and Debt Service, are all funded through the General Fund.
Sewer Fund	All waste water operations, maintenance, and capital improvements are funded through this fund which is also known as an "Enterprise Fund". The Fund is under a contract with Veolia for collections and treatment operations, and a contract with Broad River Water Authority for billing, while the Town of Rutherfordton handles all maintenance and system expansion.
Powell Bill Fund	By NC Statute, the Town uses a separate annually budgeted special revenue fund to account for state distributions of the gasoline tax and any expenses deemed eligible by the State to be paid from such revenues.

REVENUES

Revenues are shown by sources and by funds. Revenue projections can be made more accurately when revenues are segregated by source and controlled accordingly.

The major revenues by source are as follows:

- **Ad Valorem Taxes** Also known as property taxes, these include the collection of current year as well as prior year levies and potentially interest and penalties on delinquent taxes. Property subject to ad valorem taxes include real property, vehicles, business personal property (equipment, lease upgrades, and fixtures), and certain personal property such as watercraft (boats and jet skis). Property owners are required to list property annually with the Rutherford County Tax Assessor's Office. Some nonprofit organizations, such as religious groups may not be subject to such property taxes; additional information regarding exemptions may be obtained from the Rutherford County Tax Assessor's Office.

- **Sales Tax** NC General Statutes allow the Town to receive revenue from additional Federal, state, and local agencies which may be used for any general fund expenditure. Included in this are the Sales Tax Refunds the Town of Rutherfordton receives annually. Due to the fact that Local Governments are exempt from paying sales tax on products, this revenue category also includes all sales tax refunds the Town receives to reimburse for sales tax paid by the Town.

- **Grants & Investments** This revenue type consists of interest earned on Town held investments as well as all grant proceeds from state, federal, or other organizations that are disbursed to Rutherfordton. Examples include federal public safety grants, PARTF state parks and recreation grants, and interest earned on investments.

- **Utility Franchise Fees** Much like Sales Tax, this revenue is a distribution from the state that is received quarterly and is allowed to be expended for any general fund expenditure.

- **Sales & Services** Revenue received from the sale of property or other merchandise, as well as monies received from the Town's administering of services comprises this category of revenue. Examples include sale of surplus equipment, curbside collection monthly fees and parking ticket fees.

- **Appropriated Fund Balance** — Fund balance is the amount available to appropriate from the previous year-end revenues exceeding budgeted expenditures or prior year revenues exceeding expenditures. As with investment earnings, certain restricted revenues are indicated separately from the overall general fund appropriated fund balance.

- **State Shared Revenues** — As stated with Sales Tax, and true for Utility Franchise Fees, NC General Statutes allow the Town to receive revenue from additional Federal, state, and local agencies which may be used for any general fund expenditure. This revenue category includes other distributions the Town of Rutherfordton receives including the Beer and Wine Tax.

- **Miscellaneous** — Miscellaneous revenues include nonrecurring and minor revenue sources.

EXPENDITURES

Expenditures are shown in the budget classified by funds from which they are paid, by departments spending the money, by the functions for which the expenditures are made and by the object of expenditures which provides greater detail for controlling expenditures. Funds are appropriated at adequate levels in order to maintain or improve the quality and the level of service that has been provided historically.

The major expenditures by function are shown as follows:

- Administration
- Police
- Fire
- Public Works
- Recreation
- Community Development
- Library
- Debt Service

- The Town's Enterprise operation of the Sewer Utility Enterprise Fund is maintained in its own fund and department.

- The Town also uses a separate annually budgeted special revenue fund to account for state distributions of gasoline tax called the Powell Bill Fund.

The major expenditure functions are summarized below:

- **Administration** — This function includes expenditures associated with the Town Council, Town Manager,

	Finance, Human Resources as well as other Administrative Tasks.
• **Police**	This function includes all expenditures associated with the Police Department and its employees including payroll and supplies.
• **Fire**	This function includes all expenditures associated with the Fire Department and its employees including payroll and supplies.
• **Public Works**	This function includes all expenditures associated with the Public Works Department and its employees including payroll, supplies and costs associated with the collection of trash and recycle materials.
• **Recreation**	This function includes expenditures associated with the maintenance and operation of all Town owned parks and rental facilities.
• **Community Development**	This function includes expenditures associated with the Town of Rutherfordton's community planning, economic development, as well as the managing and implementation of town festivals.
• **Library**	This function includes expenditures associated with the maintenance and operation of the Town Library.
• **Debt Service**	This function includes the payment of both principal and debt of all town issued general fund debt.

FY 27 GENERAL FUND SUMMARY

Administration Expenses 10-4100

	Budget FY26	Mgr. Recommended FY27	Percent Change from FY26 to FY27
Personnel	$385,979	$409,585	6.12%
Operating	$370,667	$383,072	3.35%
Capital	$0	$0	#DIV/0!
Debt Service	$0	$0	0.00%
Total:	**$756,646**	**$792,656**	**4.76%**

Public Works Expenses 10-5600

	Budget FY26	Mgr. Recommended FY27	Percent Change from FY26 to FY27
Personnel	$697,732	$727,975	4.33%
Operating	$437,449	$468,600	7.12%
Capital	$0	$0	0.00%
Debt Service	$247,151	$247,617	0.19%
Total:	**$1,382,332**	**$1,444,192**	**4.48%**

Community Development Expenses 10-4300

	Budget FY26	Mgr. Recommended FY27	Percent Change from FY26 to FY27
Personnel	$125,039	$195,724	56.53%
Operating	$187,450	$163,785	-12.62%
Capital	$0	$0	0.00%
Debt Service	$0	$0	0.00%
Total:	**$312,489**	**$359,509**	**15.05%**

Library Expenses 10-6100

	Budget FY26	Mgr. Recommended FY27	Percent Change from FY26 to FY27
Personnel	$232,794	$236,625	1.65%
Operating	$57,000	$62,930	10.40%
Capital	$0	$9,000	#DIV/0!
Debt Service	$0	$0	0.00%
Total:	**$289,794**	**$308,555**	**6.47%**

Police Expenses 10-5100

	Budget FY26	Mgr. Recommended FY27	Percent Change from FY26 to FY27
Personnel	$1,388,047	$1,510,310	8.81%
Operating	$237,218	$255,111	7.54%
Capital	$133,500	$24,000	100.00%
Debt Service	$24,692	$21,444	-13.15%
Total:	**$1,783,457**	**$1,810,865**	**1.54%**

Recreation Expenses 10-6200

	Budget FY26	Mgr. Recommended FY27	Percent Change from FY26 to FY27
Personnel	$60,093	$117,463	100.00%
Operating	$209,040	$261,550	25.12%
Capital	$0	$0	0.00%
Debt Service	$0	$0	0.00%
Total:	**$269,133**	**$379,013**	**40.83%**

Fire Expenses 10-5300

	Budget FY26	Mgr. Recommended FY27	Percent Change from FY26 to FY27
Personnel	$1,029,565	$1,289,546	25.25%
Operating	$352,600	$365,100	3.55%
Capital	$65,000	$0	100.00%
Debt Service	$96,240	$96,240	0.00%
Total:	**$1,543,405**	**$1,750,886**	**13.44%**

General Fund Expense Totals

	Budget FY26	Mgr. Recommended FY27	Percent Change from FY26 to FY27
Personnel	$3,919,249	$4,487,228	14.49%
Operating	$1,851,424	$1,960,148	5.87%
Capital	$198,500	$33,000	-83.38%
Debt Service	$368,083	$365,301	-0.76%
Total:	**$6,337,256**	**$6,845,676**	**8.02%**

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General Fund Revenues
Fund 10

Account Code	FY 24 Budget	FY 24 Actual	FY 25 Budget	FY 25 Actual	FY 26 Budget	**FY 27 Dept Recommendation**	FY27 vs. FY26	Budget Change
10-3100-1100 Taxes - Current Year	$2,529,444	$2,339,448	$2,552,667	$2,360,692	$2,822,463	**$3,034,785**	$212,322	8%
10-3100-1110 Prior Years Taxes	$30,000	$17,413	$30,000	$25,681	$30,000	**$30,000**	$0	0%
10-3100-1120 Vehicle Tax	$198,000	$198,095	$201,500	$196,807	$201,500	**$241,269**	$39,769	20%
10-3100-1130 Municipal Tax District	$14,300	$14,890	$14,500	$14,462	$14,500	**$14,835**	$335	2%
10-3100-1140 Gross Receipts	$1,000	$1,107	$1,000	$159	$1,000	**$1,000**	$0	0%
10-3100-1200 Fire District Taxes	$558,227	$558,227	$691,655	$691,665	$716,463	**$854,325**	$137,862	19%
10-3100-1600 Tax Refunds	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
10-3100-1800 Tax Penalties & Interest	$12,000	$18,522	$12,000	$26,887	$16,500	**$17,000**	$500	3%
10-3100-1900 Tax Discounts	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
10-3231-0000 Sale And Use Tax	$1,050,000	$1,220,416	$1,100,000	$1,205,925	$1,175,000	**$1,200,000**	$25,000	2%
10-3260-0000 Privilege License Tax	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
10-3312-0000 Alcoholic Beverage Tax	$18,000	$17,574	$18,000	$14,613	$18,000	**$18,000**	$0	0%
10-3324-0000 Electricity & Natural Gas Tax	$370,000	$383,551	$370,000	$413,906	$378,000	**$380,000**	$2,000	1%
10-3329-0000 Solid Waste Tax Disbursement	$3,000	$2,862	$3,000	$2,826	$3,000	**$3,000**	$0	0%
10-3416-0000 Court Fees	$2,500	$1,850	$2,500	$2,138	$2,500	**$3,000**	$500	20%
10-3430-0000 Zoning Fees	$1,200	$460	$1,200	$920	$1,250	**$1,250**	$0	0%
10-3431-0000 Fire Protection - Ruth	$49,000	$51,375	$49,300	$60,190	$71,613	**$78,068**	$6,455	9%
10-3431-3300 Police-Illegal Substance Tax	$500	$2,447	$1,500	$330	$1,500	**$1,500**	$0	0%
10-3432-0000 Police Reports	$100	$56	$100	$102	$50	**$50**	$0	0%
10-3433-0000 Recycling Revenue	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
10-3434-0000 Staff - Contracted Services	$3,500	$8,085	$3,500	$2,300	$11,000	**$11,000**	$0	0%
10-3471-0000 Solid Waste User Fee	$216,000	$251,846	$265,000	$296,965	$311,000	**$330,626**	$19,626	6%
10-3472-0000 Residential Bulk Collection Fee	$1,500	$1,790	$1,750	$1,608	$1,750	**$1,800**	$50	3%
10-3474-0000 Cemetery Revenue	$2,000	$3,862	$2,250	$1,256	$2,250	**$2,850**	$600	27%
10-3480-0000 Parking Violation Fees	$1,000	$150	$100	$680	$100	**$100**	$0	0%
10-3830-0000 Installment Purchase Proceeds	$0	$0	$0	$355,264	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
10-3830-1000 Lease Proceeds	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
10-3830-2000 Subscription Proceeds	$0	$23,419	$0	$0	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
10-3831-0000 Interest Earned - Investments	$37,000	$112,166	$72,800	$86,175	$80,000	**$78,000**	-$2,000	-3%
10-3831-1000 Interest Earned - Taxes	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
10-3832-0000 Cable TV Franchise	$12,500	$7,531	$12,500	$8,716	$12,500	**$12,500**	$0	0%
10-3833-0000 Capital Donations	$0	$25,600	$0	$0	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
10-3835-0000 Sales Tax Refund	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
10-3836-0000 Gas Tax Refund	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
10-3837-0000 ABC Revenue	$38,000	$0	$38,000	$0	$0	**$16,800**	$16,800	#DIV/0!
10-3837-0000 ABC Education Revenue	$3,000	$0	$8,000	$0	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
10-3838-0000 ABC Officer Revenue	$19,520	$19,518	$19,518	$19,518	$19,518	**$19,518**	$0	0%
10-3839-0000 Misc Revenue	$17,000	$60,773	$17,000	$476,813	$45,000	**$45,000**	$0	0%
10-3840-1000 Hilltop Fall Festival Revenue	$4,000	$10,612	$5,000	$12,891	$5,000	**$7,000**	$2,000	40%
10-3840-2000 Community Garden Revenue	$1,000	$14,186	$3,000	$19,298	$3,000	**$3,000**	$0	0%
10-3841-0000 Library Revenue	$0	$1,484	$4,500	$7,024	$5,200	**$5,200**	$0	0%
10-3842-0000 Grants	$16,111	$581,382	$5,000	$259,344	$15,000	**$76,100**	$61,100	407%
10-3983-0000 W Jones Bldg Rent	$17,050	$21,970	$20,000	$23,600	$20,000	**$22,000**	$2,000	10%
10-3984-0000 Sale Of Fixed Assets	$15,000	$109,915	$18,000	$54,985	$58,000	**$40,000**	-$18,000	-31%
10-3985-0000 Trash/Recycling Bins	$250	$195	$250	$195	$250	**$250**	$0	0%
10-3987-0000 Clubhouse Revenue	$17,000	$23,775	$22,000	$23,835	$22,500	**$23,000**	$500	2%
10-3988-0000 Transfer from Other Fund	$0	$333,710	$0	$13,000	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
10-3989-0000 Crestview Park Rental	$1,800	$3,305	$2,500	$3,665	$2,600	**$2,600**	$0	0%
10-3989-1000 Merchandise	$5,000	$6,568	$5,500	$1,877	$5,500	**$5,500**	$0	0%
10-3989-2000 Bechtler House Revenue	$1,000	$1,008	$250	$0	$250	**$250**	$0	0%
10-3989-3000 Kiwanis Park Rental	$0	$0	$3,000	$1,250	$5,000	**$5,000**	$0	0%
10-3989-4000 Fairview Park Rental	$0	$735	$1,500	$345	$1,500	**$1,500**	$0	0%
10-3989-5000 PARC Revenue						**$1,000**	$1,000	#DIV/0!
10-3991-0000 Fund Balance Appropriated	$60,780	$0	$80,000	$0	$257,000	**$257,000**	$0	0%
Total General Fund Revenues:	**$5,327,282**	**$6,451,875**	$5,659,840	$6,687,908	$6,337,257	**$6,845,677**	$508,420	8%

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Administration

The FY 2027 Budget for the Administration Department covers the operational areas of the Town Council, Town Attorney, and Town Administration. The department is staffed by three full-time positions: the Town Manager, Town Clerk, and Finance Director.

Rutherfordton Town Council

The Town Council serves as the governing board for the Town of Rutherfordton, adopting ordinances, rules, and regulations as necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the community. Council responsibilities include promoting comfort, convenience, security, economic development, and general well-being for residents and businesses.

Town Council Core Values:

- ✓ Effective local, regional and state partnerships
- ✓ Excellent and cost effective services
- ✓ Long term financial stability
- ✓ Planned growth and economic development
- ✓ Fiscal accountability
- ✓ Environmentally sensible practices
- ✓ Citizen Involvement
- ✓ Leisure and cultural activities

Town Mission Statement:

"Service Forged at the Highest Standard"

Town Administration Description

The Town Manager serves as the Chief Administrative Officer, overseeing all administrative operations and directing the implementation of policies established by the Town Council. Administration functions include budgeting and finance, tax collections, sewer billing, contract administration, information technology, project management, legal services, human resources, and customer service. The department ensures long-term financial stability while fostering professionalism, efficiency, and a strong commitment to serving the public.

FY 2027 Goals and Objectives

1. **Launch a New Town Website** – Introduce an integrated platform with streamlined online services to improve accessibility and communication.

2. **Town Hall/Police Department Project** – Advance the Maple Street project from planning to construction.

3. **Policy Review and Updates** – Evaluate and revise Town ordinances and policies to ensure effectiveness and alignment with community needs.

Administration Expenditures

Account	FY 24 Budget	FY 24 Actual	FY 25 Budget	FY 25 Actual	FY 26 Budget	**FY 27 Dept Recommendation**	FY27 vs. FY26	Budget Change
10-4100-1010 Council Member Services	$12,320	$13,939	$12,500	$13,439	$13,850	**$14,266**	$416	3%
10-4100-1020 Council Expense	$6,000	$6,241	$6,000	$5,629	$6,000	**$6,000**	$0	0%
10-4100-1150 Professional Services	$70,500	$73,702	$71,810	$74,138	$79,010	**$81,300**	$2,290	3%
10-4100-1160 Legal Services	$30,000	$47,699	$32,000	$65,836	$40,100	**$45,000**	$4,900	12%
10-4100-1210 Salaries	$242,867	$258,946	$269,489	$277,118	$280,805	**$285,271**	$4,466	2%
10-4100-1235 401k	$12,143	$13,280	$13,474	$13,828	$14,040	**$14,851**	$811	6%
10-4100-1240 NC Retire	$31,208	$32,632	$36,758	$35,239	$40,408	**$52,066**	$11,658	29%
10-4100-1250 FICA	$18,822	$21,606	$20,885	$21,758	$21,762	**$23,390**	$1,628	7%
10-4100-1260 Dental & Vision	$1,080	$1,080	$1,080	$1,170	$1,154	**$1,192**	$38	3%
10-4100-1270 Life	$475	$462	$475	$475	$475	**$475**	$0	0%
10-4100-1280 Medical	$23,991	$24,471	$26,542	$25,880	$26,633	**$31,597**	$4,964	19%
10-4100-1290 Unemployment Insurance	$607	$0	$674	$250	$702	**$743**	$41	6%
10-4100-1800 Fringe Benefits	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
10-4100-1810 Med Benefits Claims	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
10-4100-2000 Election Expense	$3,500	$2,893	$3,500	$324	$0	**$3,500**	$3,500	#DIV/0!
10-4100-2990 Department Supplies	$7,000	$7,277	$7,250	$7,896	$7,500	**$8,050**	$550	7%
10-4100-3000 Wellness	$14,000	$13,152	$15,000	$14,213	$15,000	**$15,000**	$0	0%
10-4100-3110 Travel & Training	$4,000	$3,848	$4,000	$2,433	$4,000	**$4,000**	$0	0%
10-4100-3200 Maple Street Complex	$0	$0	$0	$0	$31,100	**$20,000**	-$11,100	-36%
10-4100-3250 Postage	$500	$1,040	$750	$302	$750	**$750**	$0	0%
10-4100-3310 Utilities	$12,250	$14,020	$14,000	$42,008	$16,000	**$20,000**	$4,000	25%
10-4100-3510 Building & Grounds	$5,250	$4,603	$5,000	$9,429	$5,500	**$6,000**	$500	9%
10-4100-3520 Equipment Service & Maint	$7,000	$8,908	$7,000	$8,643	$7,000	**$7,200**	$200	3%
10-4100-3540 Equipment Repair/ Replacement	$1,500	$2,405	$2,200	$1,226	$2,500	**$3,000**	$500	20%
10-4100-4400 Notices & Ads	$1,000	$1,386	$1,250	$1,220	$1,300	**$1,400**	$100	8%
10-4100-4500 Insurance & Bonds	$80,000	$94,245	$100,000	$125,238	$15,000	**$20,000**	$5,000	33%
10-4100-4570 Special Events	$1,100	$370	$1,000	$1,342	$1,000	**$1,000**	$0	0%
10-4100-4640 Grants & Incentives	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
10-4100-4700 Tax Expenses	$8,500	$9,255	$9,000	$9,090	$9,150	**$9,150**	$0	0%
10-4100-4910 Dues & Subscriptions	$5,500	$4,967	$3,000	$4,935	$4,500	**$5,000**	$500	11%
10-4100-4950 Zoning/Ordinance Updates	$2,000	$344	$2,000	$1,545	$2,000	**$2,200**	$200	10%
10-4100-4990 Miscellaneous	$5,259	$20,388	$5,276	$4,247	$5,407	**$6,256**	$849	16%
10-4100-5000 Zoning Expense	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
10-4100-5500 Capital Outlay	$0	$73,919	$13,000	$9,978	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
10-4100-5560 Installment Purchase	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
10-4100-5570 Principal Lease Payments	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
10-4100-5575 Principal Subscription Payments	$0	$7,805	$0	$0	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
10-4100-5580 Interest Lease Payments	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
10-4100-5585 Interest Subscription Payments	$0	$195	$0	$0	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
10-4100-6000 Disaster Recovery Response	$0	$0	$0	$156,235	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
10-4100-9990 Capital Reserve	$104,000	$70,523	$104,000	$41,464	$104,000	**$104,000**	$0	0%
4100 ADMINISTRATION TOTALS	**$712,372**	**$835,602**	**$788,913**	**$976,526**	**$756,646**	**$792,656**	$36,010	5%

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Community Development Department

Mission Statement

The mission of the Community Development Department is to preserve the unique character of the Town of Rutherfordton while advancing development and redevelopment efforts that promote economic vitality, strong neighborhoods, and a high quality of life.

The FY2027 Budget continues to support strategic planning, redevelopment, housing initiatives, and economic vitality through the Community Development Department. This department plays a central role in guiding growth, supporting downtown investment, and ensuring development aligns with the Town's long-term vision and quality-of-life goals.

Community Development is responsible for preparing and administering plans and programs related to residential and commercial development, housing, neighborhood quality, sustainability, and the efficient use of land and public facilities. This work is carried out in partnership with Rutherford Town Rising (RTR) and the North Carolina Main Street Program.

The Community Development Department includes two positions reporting to the Town Manager:

Community Services Director (CSD)	Main Street Coordinator (MSC)
The CSD provides staff support to the Redevelopment Commission, Planning Board, and development review process, including land use and Development Ordinance administration, and project management.	The MSC oversees downtown economic development efforts through the NC Main Street Program, including business support, promotion, and partnerships that strengthen economic activity and enhance community character in partnership with RTR.

FY 2027 Goals and Objectives

1. Strengthen relationships with housing developers and community partners to expand and improve housing options for current and future residents of Rutherfordton.
2. Advance redevelopment efforts, including site planning and construction, to deliver new affordable housing units.
3. Support the 2026 rewrite of the Rutherfordton Development Ordinance (RDO) by incorporating flexible development tools that attract both public and private investment.
4. Manage internal initiatives that improve organizational effectiveness while overseeing external projects that enhance community amenities and overall quality of life for residents and visitors.

Community Development Expenditures

Account	FY24 Budget	FY 24 Actual	FY 25 Budget	FY 25 Actual	FY 26 Budget	**FY 27 Dept Recommendation**	FY27 vs. FY26	Budget Change
10-4300-1150 Professional Services	$5,000	$3,229	$2,500	$28,380	$3,000	**$3,000**	$0	0%
10-4300-1151 Contracted Services	$0	$0	$0	$0	$24,000	**$5,000**	-$19,000	-79%
10-4300-1210 Salaries	$77,758	$88,896	$107,268	$85,591	$91,813	**$133,529**	$41,716	45%
10-4300-1235 401K	$2,602	$2,966	$3,046	$3,191	$3,313	**$6,676**	$3,363	102%
10-4300-1240 NC Retire	$9,992	$10,207	$11,843	$8,343	$13,212	**$23,408**	$10,196	77%
10-4300-1250 FICA	$6,026	$5,790	$8,313	$6,596	$7,116	**$10,349**	$3,233	45%
10-4300-1260 Dental & Vision	$360	$360	$360	$390	$685	**$795**	$110	16%
10-4300-1270 Life	$158	$158	$158	$158	$158	**$317**	$159	101%
10-4300-1280 Medical	$7,997	$7,997	$8,847	$8,631	$8,878	**$20,316**	$11,438	129%
10-4300-1290 Unemployment Insurance	$130	$0	$152	$0	$166	**$334**	$168	101%
10-4300-1800 Fringe Benefits	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
10-4300-2990 Department Supplies	$1,500	$1,531	$2,000	$1,240	$1,800	**$1,500**	-$300	-17%
10-4300-3000 Wellness	$0	$36	$0	$0	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
10-4300-3110 Travel & Training	$3,250	$3,103	$3,750	$4,151	$2,000	**$2,000**	$0	0%
10-4300-3250 Postage	$100	$297	$100	$0	$100	**$150**	$50	50%
10-4300-3310 Utilities	$12,000	$12,636	$12,000	$13,012	$12,000	**$12,000**	$0	0%
10-4300-3520 Equipment Service & Maintenance	$250	$250	$250	$0	$250	**$250**	$0	0%
10-4300-3540 Equipment Repair/Replacement	$2,500	$2,434	$2,500	$1,080	$2,000	**$1,000**	-$1,000	-50%
10-4300-3595 Main Street Business District						**$2,500**	$2,500	#DIV/0!
10-4300-3900 Historical Preservation	$1,000	$581	$750	$19,481	$14,800	**$1,100**	-$13,700	-93%
10-4300-4000 Bechtler House Expense	$5,600	$8,020	$7,000	$6,953	$6,000		-$6,000	-100%
10-4300-4260 Woodrow Jones Bldg. Expenses	$4,500	$23,942	$5,000	$6,429	$5,000	**$6,000**	$1,000	20%
10-4300-4500 Insurance	$0	$0	$0	$0	$15,000	**$17,000**	$2,000	13%
10-4300-4900 Christmas Decorations	$0	$40	$0	$955	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
10-4300-4910 Dues & Subscriptions	$0	$36	$0	$0	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
10-4300-4920 Christmas Lights Expense	$12,000	$25,978	$20,000	$26,686	$14,000	**$12,000**	-$2,000	-14%
10-4300-4990 Misc	$10,000	$15,531	$7,500	$8,546	$7,500	**$7,500**	$0	0%
10-4300-5000 Zoning	$3,000	$1,210	$4,000	$8,802	$7,000	**$10,000**	$3,000	43%
10-4300-5100 Neighborhood Stabalization	$10,000	$9,897	$8,000	$19,179	$10,000	**$12,500**	$2,500	25%
10-4300-5200 Urban Redevelopment Area	$0	$81,266	$0	$0	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
10-4300-5210 Dogwood URA	$0	$172,098	$0	$183,367	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
10-4300-5220 Dogwood URA Innovation	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
10-4300-5500 Capital Outlay	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
10-4300-5560 Installment Purchase Pymt	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
10-4300-5800 Capital-W. Jones Bldg.	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
10-4300-5990 Master Plan Capital & Improvement	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
10-4300-6010 Promotions	$3,500	$3,500	$3,500	$3,479	$2,500	**$2,500**	$0	0%
10-4300-6020 Hilltop	$8,500	$15,046	$8,500	$9,290	$9,000	**$8,000**	-$1,000	-11%
10-4300-6030 FABfest	$6,000	$11,694	$6,000	$8,000	$8,000	**$8,500**	$500	6%
10-4300-6040 Community Grants	$0	$29,172	$0	$620	$9,000	**$12,500**	$3,500	39%
10-4300-6050 Parade & Events	$22,000	$22,028	$15,000	$16,134	$16,500	**$14,300**	-$2,200	-13%
10-4300-6200 Design	$4,000	$2,828	$4,000	$3,056	$4,000	**$2,500**	-$1,500	-38%
10-4300-6300 Merchandise	$6,000	$5,553	$6,000	$3,689	$5,000	**$4,000**	-$1,000	-20%
10-4300-6400 Economic Development	$4,000	$3,803	$4,000	$3,514	$4,000	**$2,000**	-$2,000	-50%
10-4300-6410 Community Garden Expense	$16,416	$28,707	$5,000	$23,872	$5,000		-$5,000	-100%
10-4300-6500 ARC Travel Costs					$2,480	**$4,156**	$1,676	68%
10-4300-6510 ARC Supplies					$1,900	**$3,125**	$1,225	64%
10-4300-6520 ARC Contractual					$3,100	**$5,157**	$2,057	66%
10-4300-6530 ARC Misc					$2,208	**$3,547**	$1,339	61%
4300 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TOTAL	**$246,139**	**$600,822**	**$267,337**	**$512,816**	**$322,479**	**$359,509**	$37,030	11%

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Police Department

The FY2027 Budget continues investment in public safety through staffing stability, targeted technology upgrades, regional collaboration, and continued advancement of the Town Hall/Police Department facility project. These efforts support effective law enforcement services, officer safety, and accountability while strengthening crime prevention and community partnerships.

The Rutherfordton Police Department is staffed with sixteen (16) full-time sworn officers, five (5) reserve sworn officers, and one (1) part-time clerical position supporting both police and non-police functions. Officers receive broad general and specialized training, allowing the Department to respond effectively to a wide range of calls for service without reliance on outside agencies.

Recent federal funding supporting the Tri-City Law Enforcement Task Force has strengthened collaboration among Rutherfordton, Forest City, and Spindale, enhancing officer safety, investigative capacity, and coordinated enforcement. FY27 also includes initial deployment of electric patrol vehicles through a public safety carbon reduction pilot, supporting fleet modernization and long-term sustainability.

Planning for the Town Hall and Police Department renovation remains a key FY27 priority, with continued coordination to ensure the facility meets operational needs, enhances officer safety, and supports future growth.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Rutherfordton Police department is to be a community-oriented Law Enforcement Agency that enables and empowers its Police Officers to function as community workers. Organizing and working alongside residents to help them Prevent, Resist and Eliminate criminal and other disorder in their neighborhoods. Furthermore, to be a Law Enforcement Agency with Officers adhering always to our Constitution and the Rules of Law.

FY 2027 Goals and Objectives

1. **Improve Operational Efficiency and Accountability** through data-driven policing, clear policies, and performance evaluation to ensure effective resource use and high service standards.

2. **Advance Public Safety Through Prevention and Partnerships** by emphasizing crime prevention, problem-oriented policing, and collaboration with regional and local partners.

3. **Advance Police Facility Planning** to support officer safety, operational effectiveness, and long-term departmental needs.

Police Expenditures

Account	FY24 Budget	FY 24 Actual	FY 25 Budget	FY 25 Actual	FY 26 Budget	**FY 27 Dept Recommendation**	FY27 vs. FY26	Budget Change
10-5100-1210 Salaries	$837,781	$878,950	$910,568	$899,961	$947,326	**$992,532**	$45,206	5%
10-5100-1220 Overtime	$7,500	$11,948	$7,500	$13,812	$15,000	**$15,000**	$0	0%
10-5100-1235 401k	$41,004	$43,203	$44,613	$46,429	$46,421	**$48,648**	$2,227	5%
10-5100-1240 NC Retire	$117,625	$118,853	$136,949	$134,394	$152,330	**$193,544**	$41,214	27%
10-5100-1250 FICA	$64,928	$69,216	$70,569	$70,310	$73,418	**$76,921**	$3,503	5%
10-5100-1260 Dental & Vision	$5,400	$5,400	$5,760	$6,030	$6,154	**$6,756**	$602	10%
10-5100-1270 Life	$2,376	$2,388	$2,534	$2,376	$2,534	**$2,693**	$159	6%
10-5100-1280 Medical	$119,954	$125,397	$141,556	$134,159	$142,044	**$171,282**	$29,238	21%
10-5100-1290 Unemployment Insurance	$2,050	$0	$2,231	$250	$2,321	**$2,432**	$111	5%
10-5100-1310 Special Separation Allowance	$21,218	$21,222	$21,218	$21,222	$21,218	**$10,611**	-$10,607	-50%
10-5100-1800 Fringe Benefits	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
10-5100-1810 Medical Claims	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
10-5100-2120 Uniforms	$9,500	$10,629	$11,000	$7,968	$11,000	**$11,500**	$500	5%
10-5100-2510 Gas	$35,000	$43,735	$40,000	$42,532	$40,000	**$43,000**	$3,000	8%
10-5100-2520 Tires	$4,500	$3,736	$4,500	$4,831	$4,500	**$5,000**	$500	11%
10-5100-2990 Department Supplies	$5,250	$4,360	$5,250	$5,220	$5,250	**$5,250**	$0	0%
10-5100-3000 Wellness	$6,500	$5,312	$8,000	$3,695	$8,000	**$8,000**	$0	0%
10-5100-3110 Travel & Training	$7,000	$5,296	$7,000	$8,102	$7,000	**$7,000**	$0	0%
10-5100-3220 Community Policing	$3,000	$14,459	$3,000	$11,663	$3,000	**$3,000**	$0	0%
10-5100-3230 ABC Education	$3,000	$0	$3,000	$349	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
10-5100-3250 Postage	$350	$42	$450	$61	$450	**$450**	$0	0%
10-5100-3310 Utilities	$11,500	$12,213	$11,500	$11,879	$12,500	**$13,000**	$500	4%
10-5100-3510 Firing Range Expense	$3,500	$1,767	$3,500	$3,302	$4,000	**$4,500**	$500	13%
10-5100-3520 Equipment Service & Maintenanc	$10,500	$7,720	$11,000	$7,687	$11,000	**$11,000**	$0	0%
10-5100-3530 Vehicle Service, Repair & Oil	$16,000	$17,742	$16,000	$19,366	$20,000	**$22,000**	$2,000	10%
10-5100-3540 Equipment Repair/Replacement	$20,000	$9,452	$18,500	$19,483	$22,500	**$22,500**	$0	0%
10-5100-4400 Notices & Ads	$200	$0	$200	$0	$200	**$200**	$0	0%
10-5100-4500 Insurance	$0	$0	$0	$0	$30,000	**$34,000**	$4,000	13%
10-5100-4510 Task Force	$0	$0	$0	$669	$500	**$500**	$0	0%
10-5100-4520 Reserve Compensation	$1,000	$1,230	$500	$90	$500	**$500**	$0	0%
10-5100-4600 Reserve Equipment	$1,500	$2,278	$500	$0	$500	**$500**	$0	0%
10-5100-4640 Grants	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
10-5100-4650 K-9 Unit	$0	$20,647	$2,500	$1,797	$3,100	**$7,500**	$4,400	142%
10-5100-4750 Animal Control	$750	$0	$750	$0	$750	**$750**	$0	0%
10-5100-4800 Confidential Funds	$800	$0	$800	$400	$2,500	**$2,500**	$0	0%
10-5100-4910 Dues & Subscriptions	$950	$404	$950	$604	$950	**$950**	$0	0%
10-5100-5500 Capital Outlay	$64,140	$210,739	$0	$17,556	$133,500	**$24,000**	-$109,500	-82%
10-5100-5560 Installment Payment	$24,692	$24,794	$24,692	$24,794	$24,692	**$21,444**	-$3,248	-13%
10-5100-5570 Principal Lease Payment	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
10-5100-5580 Interest Lease Payment	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
10-5100-7020 Cameras	$0	$0	$0	$0	$28,300	**$41,400**	$13,100	46%
5100 POLICE TOTALS	**$1,449,468**	**$1,673,132**	**$1,517,090**	**$1,520,991**	**$1,783,458**	**$1,810,865**	$27,407	2%

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Fire Department

The FY2027 Budget continues investment in public safety, including staffing enhancements at Fire Station 2 and planned front-line apparatus upgrades to maintain safe, effective emergency response across the Town and its 37-square-mile rural fire district.

Staffing: Current staffing includes 1 Chief, 1 Assistant Chief, 1 Deputy Chief (Enforcement & Prevention), 3 Captains, and 2 firefighters per shift.

FY27 proposes a $0.03 Fire District tax increase to fully fund an additional firefighter per shift at Station 2, increasing total staffing to 4 per shift (2 per station). This ensures minimum safe staffing, compliance with OSHA Two-In / Two-Out, and NFPA standards.

Apparatus Modernization:

- Ladder 1: New 107’ rear-mount aerial (2025 Smeal), delivery May 2026; current 78’ unit transferring to Spindale FD via state grant.
- Engine 2611: 2026 Smeal Pumper on Spartan Metro Star chassis, 450 HP, 1,000-gallon tank, 1,500 GPM, replacing 2000 Pierce Pumper.
- Engine 2615: 2007 model, planned replacement to maintain a modern, compliant fleet.

These investments give Rutherfordton Fire & Rescue the most modern front-line fleet in the county, supporting rapid, safe response, mutual aid, and full operational readiness

Mission Statement

The mission of the Rutherfordton Fire and Rescue Department is to serve by protecting lives and property from fire, accident, natural and manmade disasters. Through service, incident response, training, public education and code enforcement, our mission is accomplished.

FY 2027 Goals and Objectives

1. Achieve full 2-per-shift staffing at Station 2 by hiring additional firefighters, improving safety, OSHA/NFPA compliance, and operational readiness.
2. Initiate planning and budgeting for a Connex training box and other training props at Station 2 to enhance ongoing firefighter preparedness.
3. Plan and spec the replacement of Engine 2615 to maintain a modern, compliant front-line fleet.

Fire Expenditures

Account	FY24 Budget	FY 24 Actual	FY 25 Budget	FY 25 Actual	FY 26 Budget	**FY 27 Dept Recommendation**	FY27 vs. FY26	Budget Change
10-5300-1150 Contractual Services	$9,500	$10,121	$10,000	$8,930	$10,000	**$10,000**	$0	0%
10-5300-1210 Salaries	$596,562	$578,937	$660,878	$665,717	$692,767	**$842,396**	$149,629	22%
10-5300-1220 Overtime	$6,000	$4,373	$6,000	$14,519	$6,000	**$10,000**	$4,000	67%
10-5300-1235 401k	$29,828	$30,396	$33,044	$34,486	$34,638	**$42,120**	$7,482	22%
10-5300-1240 NC Retire	$76,658	$74,313	$90,144	$94,480	$99,689	**$147,672**	$47,983	48%
10-5300-1250 FICA	$46,234	$48,065	$51,218	$54,778	$53,689	**$65,286**	$11,597	22%
10-5300-1260 Dental & Vision	$4,320	$3,900	$4,320	$4,680	$4,615	**$5,962**	$1,347	29%
10-5300-1270 Life	$1,901	$1,716	$1,901	$1,954	$1,901	**$2,376**	$475	25%
10-5300-1280 Medical	$90,685	$90,685	$106,167	$109,770	$106,533	**$143,629**	$37,096	35%
10-5300-1290 Unemployment Insurance	$1,491	$0	$1,652	$200	$1,732	**$2,106**	$374	22%
10-5300-1800 Fringe Benefit	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
10-5300-1810 Med Benefit Claims	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
10-5300-2000 Zoning Expense	$4,000	$2,589	$3,000	$1,981	$2,500	**$2,500**	$0	0%
10-5300-2120 Uniforms	$7,500	$6,898	$7,500	$7,831	$7,500	**$7,250**	-$250	-3%
10-5300-2510 Gas, Oil	$15,000	$17,920	$15,000	$17,735	$15,000	**$19,000**	$4,000	27%
10-5300-2520 Tires	$3,000	$3,293	$4,000	$2,909	$5,000	**$5,000**	$0	0%
10-5300-2990 Department Supplies	$12,000	$12,876	$12,500	$13,407	$12,500	**$13,000**	$500	4%
10-5300-3000 Wellness	$9,000	$7,586	$9,000	$7,298	$8,750	**$10,000**	$1,250	14%
10-5300-3110 Travel & Training	$9,000	$8,390	$9,000	$6,097	$9,000	**$8,500**	-$500	-6%
10-5300-3111 Explorer Program	$3,000	$8,606	$3,000	$11,826	$5,000	**$5,000**	$0	0%
10-5300-3112 Fire Prevention	$6,000	$6,481	$6,000	$5,724	$6,000	**$6,000**	$0	0%
10-5300-3250 Postage	$150	$222	$150	$128	$150	**$150**	$0	0%
10-5300-3310 Utilities Station 1	$17,500	$18,998	$17,500	$19,746	$17,500	**$19,500**	$2,000	11%
10-5300-3315 Utilities Station 2	$3,500	$6,447	$5,000	$7,989	$6,500	**$8,000**	$1,500	23%
10-5300-3510 Building & Grounds Station 1	$6,000	$6,477	$6,000	$14,573	$6,000	**$5,750**	-$250	-4%
10-5300-3515 Building & Grounds Station 2	$4,000	$4,100	$4,000	$1,470	$4,000	**$3,750**	-$250	-6%
10-5300-3530 Vehicle Service & Repair	$15,000	$14,334	$15,000	$39,486	$15,000	**$15,000**	$0	0%
10-5300-3540 Equipment Repair/Replacement	$36,000	$44,557	$44,000	$41,480	$45,000	**$45,000**	$0	0%
10-5300-4500 VFIS Insurance	$42,500	$40,402	$44,880	$45,432	$47,000	**$52,000**	$5,000	11%
10-5300-4520 Volunteer Stipend	$20,000	$19,999	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000	**$20,000**	$0	0%
10-5300-4530 Part-Time Compensation	$15,000	$24,591	$20,000	$23,065	$28,000	**$28,000**	$0	0%
10-5300-4550 Volunteer Insurance & Retire	$6,600	$2,937	$6,500	$4,513	$5,000	**$5,000**	$0	0%
10-5300-4570 Disaster Response Meals	$2,500	$2,487	$2,500	$2,400	$3,000	**$2,500**	-$500	-17%
10-5300-4910 Dues & Subscriptions	$2,000	$3,179	$2,500	$3,259	$3,200	**$3,200**	$0	0%
10-5300-5500 Capital Outlay	$14,571	$121,787	$0	$33,553	$65,000	**$0**	-$65,000	-100%
10-5300-5560 Installment Purchase	$195,019	$194,925	$96,240	$96,146	$96,240	**$96,240**	$0	0%
10-5300-9990 Capital Reserve	$0	$0	$99,000	$0	$99,000	**$99,000**	$0	0%
5300 FIRE TOTALS	**$1,312,019**	**$1,422,590**	**$1,417,594**	**$1,417,562**	**$1,543,404**	**$1,750,886**	$207,482	13%

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Public Works Department

The FY2027 Budget continues to support the Town's core service delivery through investment in staffing, equipment readiness, and improved communication. The Public Works Department plays a critical role in maintaining public infrastructure, supporting emergency response, and ensuring day-to-day services are delivered efficiently and reliably across the Town.

Public Works is staffed with ten (10) full-time employees and two (2) part-time employee. Under the supervision of the Public Works Director, the Sewer Enterprise Fund includes an additional four (4) full-time employees and one (1) seasonal employee, reflecting the integrated operational relationship between Public Works and the Town's utility services.

The Department is responsible for refuse collection, recycling, yard debris, grass clippings, and leaf pickup within the Town limits. Public Works staff also maintain street signs, sidewalks, curbs, rights-of-way, parks, facilities, Town buildings, the Clubhouse, wastewater treatment plant, sewer lines, pump stations, manholes, storm drainage infrastructure, and the Rutherfordton Cemetery. In addition, the Department maintains the Town's vehicle and equipment fleet and functions as the maintenance arm of the Sewer Fund.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Public Works Department is to maintain the Town's public property, rights-of-way, easements, vehicles, and equipment in a manner that is safe, functional, and visually appealing for residents and visitors. The Department is committed to reliable service delivery, proactive infrastructure maintenance, and operational readiness in support of all Town departments.

FY 2027 Goals and Objectives

1. **Strengthen Emergency and Storm Response**
   Enhance preparedness for severe weather and unplanned events through updated response procedures, improved crew coordination, and proactive equipment readiness.
2. **Advance Asset and Infrastructure Management**
   Prioritize preventive maintenance, lifecycle planning, and timely replacement of vehicles, equipment, and infrastructure to maintain reliable service delivery and reduce long-term costs.
3. **Enhance Communication with Residents**
   Improve clarity and consistency of service-related communication by expanding use of tools such as Recycle Coach, standardizing service notices, and coordinating messaging across print, social media, and the Town website.

Public Works Expenditures

Account	FY24 Budget	FY 24 Actual	FY 25 Budget	FY 25 Actual	FY 26 Budget	**FY 27 Dept Recommendation**	FY27 vs. FY26	Budget Change
10-5600-1210 Salaries	$432,335	$434,875	$441,746	$474,688	$472,758	**$478,582**	$5,824	1%
10-5600-1220 Overtime	$4,500	$1,991	$4,500	$10,164	$4,500	**$4,500**	$0	0%
10-5600-1230 Trustee Expense	$0	$413	$0	$0	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
10-5600-1235 401k	$20,290	$21,388	$20,789	$21,796	$22,818	**$22,751**	-$67	0%
10-5600-1240 NC retire	$52,147	$52,645	$56,713	$60,161	$65,670	**$79,766**	$14,096	21%
10-5600-1250 FICA	$33,506	$33,068	$34,235	$33,377	$36,639	**$37,090**	$451	1%
10-5600-1260 Dental & Vision	$3,240	$3,090	$3,240	$3,450	$3,846	**$3,974**	$128	3%
10-5600-1270 Life	$1,426	$1,412	$1,426	$1,505	$1,584	**$1,584**	$0	0%
10-5600-1280 Medical	$71,972	$71,808	$79,625	$80,099	$88,777	**$98,589**	$9,812	11%
10-5600-1290 Unemployment Insurance	$1,015	$0	$1,039	$200	$1,141	**$1,138**	-$3	0%
10-5600-1800 Fringe Benefits	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
10-5600-1810 Med Benefit Claims	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
10-5600-2120 Uniforms	$4,500	$4,299	$5,800	$4,806	$5,500	**$6,500**	$1,000	18%
10-5600-2510 Gas, Oil	$55,000	$58,280	$55,000	$59,196	$57,500	**$60,500**	$3,000	5%
10-5600-2520 Tires	$10,000	$6,733	$10,000	$4,111	$10,000	**$13,200**	$3,200	32%
10-5600-2700 Trash Cans / Recycle Bins	$5,000	$5,080	$5,000	$4,538	$5,000	**$6,000**	$1,000	20%
10-5600-2990 Department Supplies	$8,500	$8,868	$9,500	$8,104	$9,500	**$9,000**	-$500	-5%
10-5600-3000 Wellness	$0	$377	$0	$308	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
10-5600-3110 Travel & Training	$1,500	$1,454	$1,500	$1,220	$1,500	**$1,500**	$0	0%
10-5600-3250 Postage	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
10-5600-3310 Utilities	$16,500	$15,583	$16,500	$16,858	$17,500	**$17,500**	$0	0%
10-5600-3510 Building & Grounds	$8,000	$8,739	$8,500	$6,464	$9,000	**$9,000**	$0	0%
10-5600-3520 Equipment Service & Repair	$21,000	$19,714	$22,500	$20,828	$27,500	**$29,500**	$2,000	7%
10-5600-3530 Vehicle Service & Repair	$21,600	$20,781	$23,000	$21,701	$29,000	**$31,000**	$2,000	7%
10-5600-3540 Equipment Repair/Replacement	$9,000	$8,590	$11,000	$10,134	$11,000	**$13,000**	$2,000	18%
10-5600-3550 Safety Equipment	$4,000	$3,778	$4,000	$2,919	$4,000	**$4,000**	$0	0%
10-5600-3600 Street Lights	$65,000	$63,604	$68,000	$81,932	$75,299	**$85,500**	$10,201	14%
10-5600-3970 Engineering	$5,000	$3,112	$5,000	$2,010	$5,250	**$5,250**	$0	0%
10-5600-3980 Signage	$5,500	$4,865	$5,500	$8,486	$5,500	**$6,500**	$1,000	18%
10-5600-3990 Parking Lot Maintenance	$3,000	$1,668	$3,000	$1,649	$3,000	**$3,000**	$0	0%
10-5600-4400 Notices & Ads	$50	$0	$50	$0	$50	**$50**	$0	0%
10-5600-4500 Insurance	$0	$0	$0	$0	$30,000	**$33,500**	$3,500	12%
10-5600-4570 Disaster Response Meals	$1,650	$264	$1,650	$1,859	$1,850	**$2,000**	$150	8%
10-5600-5500 Capital Outlay	$26,572	$286,562	$0	$390,943	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
10-5600-5560 Installment Payment	$170,306	$170,651	$168,953	$169,297	$247,151	**$247,617**	$466	0%
10-5600-6000 Cemetery Maintenance	$12,500	$11,810	$2,000	$567	$2,000	**$2,600**	$600	30%
10-5600-8000 Landfill Fees	$112,500	$122,378	$118,000	$126,004	$123,500	**$125,500**	$2,000	2%
10-5600-8500 Recycle Education	$5,500	$2,513	$5,000	$2,192	$4,000	**$4,000**	$0	0%
5600 PUBLIC WORKS TOTALS	**$1,192,609**	**$1,450,393**	**$1,192,766**	**$1,631,566**	**$1,382,333**	**$1,444,192**	$61,859	4%

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Library

- The FY 2027 Budget supports the Rutherfordton Norris Library, which employs three full-time and three part-time staff members. The library is operated and funded by the Town of Rutherfordton, with additional support from the Norris Library Foundation

- Norris Library maintains a diverse collection of reading, reference, and audio-visual materials for use by the general public. Patrons receive assistance with research, access to federal and state income tax forms, and basic training in the use of the Internet. Children's programs are a core strength, including weekly storytimes, summer reading programs, and visits from day care and school groups for story reading and library orientation. The library also provides resources for students completing school assignments, including access to materials and wireless connectivity for MacBooks provided by Rutherford County Schools. In addition to traditional materials, the library continues to expand collections for emergent readers, Spanish-speaking families, hands-on learners, and non-traditional formats such as STEM kits and learning tablets, ensuring the library meets the evolving educational and recreational needs of the community.

Description

The Norris Library provides residents and visitors with a safe and welcoming environment for research, learning, and exploration. Collections include reading, reference, and audio-visual materials, with an emphasis on diverse and inclusive resources for children, teens, and adults. Programming remains a core strength, including story hours, summer reading programs, and school visits, with an emphasis on expanding opportunities for all ages. Staff are supported with continuing education, professional development, and effective communication to ensure high-quality service.

FY 2027 Goals and Objectives

1. **Collections** – Maintain and expand a diverse and inclusive collection that meets community needs.
2. **Programming** – Continue strong children's programs and expand offerings for teens and adults.
3. **Staff Development** – Support staff through training, professional development, and effective communication.

Library Expenditures

Account	FY24 Budget	FY 24 Actual	FY 25 Budget	FY 25 Actual	FY 26 Budget	**FY 27 Dept Recommendation**	FY27 vs. FY26	Budget Change
10-6100-1150 Professional Services (Master Plan	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
10-6100-1210 Salaries	$146,863	$146,217	$154,814	$150,763	$163,372	**$160,605**	-$2,767	-2%
10-6100-1235 401k	$6,459	$6,740	$6,837	$6,727	$7,255	**$7,087**	-$168	-2%
10-6100-1240 NC Retire	$16,600	$16,560	$18,650	$19,199	$20,881	**$24,847**	$3,966	19%
10-6100-1250 FICA	$11,382	$11,224	$11,998	$14,502	$12,661	**$12,447**	-$214	-2%
10-6100-1260 Dental & Vision	$1,080	$1,080	$1,080	$1,170	$1,154	**$1,192**	$38	3%
10-6100-1270 Life	$475	$475	$475	$475	$475	**$475**	$0	0%
10-6100-1280 Medical	$23,991	$24,471	$26,542	$26,588	$26,633	**$29,617**	$2,984	11%
10-6100-1290 Unemployment Insurance	$323	$0	$342	$100	$363	**$354**	-$9	-2%
10-6100-1800 Fringe Benefits	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
10-6100-2990 Department Supplies	$3,500	$3,264	$4,000	$3,581	$4,000	**$4,500**	$500	13%
10-6100-3000 Wellness	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$480**	$480	#DIV/0!
10-6100-3010 Book Expense	$12,000	$13,313	$14,600	$20,982	$14,850	**$15,000**	$150	1%
10-6100-3020 Electronic Circulation	$2,000	$1,500	$2,500	$3,997	$2,500	**$3,200**	$700	28%
10-6100-3110 Travel & Training	$500	$550	$500	$523	$750	**$750**	$0	0%
10-6100-3310 Utilities	$7,500	$7,463	$7,500	$7,428	$7,500	**$7,500**	$0	0%
10-6100-3510 Building & Grounds	$3,000	$3,349	$3,500	$3,276	$4,000	**$4,000**	$0	0%
10-6100-3520 Equipment Service & Maintenanc	$4,800	$4,454	$4,800	$5,156	$6,400	**$8,000**	$1,600	25%
10-6100-3530 Programming	$3,000	$2,356	$4,000	$3,343	$4,000	**$4,500**	$500	13%
10-6100-3540 Equipment Repair/Replacement	$2,000	$1,417	$2,000	$3,421	$2,000	**$2,000**	$0	0%
10-6100-3550 Special Projects	$0	$7,678	$0	$3,692	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
10-6100-4500 Insurance	$0	$0	$0	$0	$10,000	**$11,500**	$1,500	15%
10-6100-4570 Outreach	$1,000	$385	$2,000	$1,323	$1,000	**$1,500**	$500	50%
10-6100-5500 Capital Outlay	$0	$0	$28,000	$27,608	$0	**$9,000**	$9,000	#DIV/0!
10-6100-5560 Installment Purchase	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
6100 LIBRARY TOTALS	**$246,473**	**$252,495**	**$294,138**	**$303,858**	**$289,794**	**$308,555**	$18,761	6%

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PARC (Parks, Arts, Recreation & Culture) Department

The FY2027 Budget represents the first full budget year of the Town's PARC Department, including one (1) full-time Director and two (2) part-time employees. This expanded department reflects the Town's commitment to integrated parks, arts, recreation, and cultural services. As this is the first full operational year of the PARC Department, several line items have shifted from other functional areas into the PARC budget, along with new line items to support programming, facility maintenance, safety, and departmental operations.

- Facilities will continue to be supported through a combination of PARC staff, coordination with the Public Works Department, and partnerships with community organizations and volunteer groups.
- The Recreation Committee and related advisory partners remain engaged in long-term planning efforts, including implementation of the Parks & Recreation Master Plan and expanded arts and culture initiatives.
- Facilities include Norris Park, Fairview Park, Main Street Park, Rutherfordton Clubhouse, Bechtler House, Crestview Park, Purple Martin Greenway, Overmountain Victory Trail segments, and Kiwanis Park. Included in the PARC budget are the Community Garden, Dog Park, and Town entrances.

Mission

The PARC Department's mission is to enrich community well-being, support sustainable economic growth, and protect the Town's natural and historic assets by delivering exceptional parks, natural areas, arts, culture, and recreation experiences.

FY 2027 Goals and Objectives

1. Build a modern, high-performing, and safe PARC Department
    a. Establish clear and efficient operational protocols, proactive safety standards,& performance measures to support staff, facilities & public.

2. Execute key priorities from the Parks & Recreation Master Plan
    a. Advance the Crestview Master Plan, Purple Martin Greenway North Extension, and identify opportunities to improve park access, connectivity, and facility conditions across the system.

3. Strengthen partnerships across community organizations with an emphasis on arts and culture
    a. Formalize collaborations, shared-use agreements, and co-sponsored programming that integrate parks, arts, recreation, and cultural experiences throughout the Town.

PARC Expenditures

Account	FY24 Budget	FY 24 Actual	FY 25 Budget	FY 25 Actual	FY 26 Budget	**FY 27 Dept Recommendation**	FY27 vs. FY26	Budget Change
10-6200-1150 Professional Services						**$0**		
10-6200-1210 Salaries	$0	$0	$0	$0	$41,659	**$86,722**	$45,063	108%
10-6200-1235 401k	$0	$0	$0	$0	$2,083	**$2,921**	$838	40%
10-6200-1240 NC Retire	$0	$0	$0	$0	$5,995	**$10,240**	$4,245	71%
10-6200-1250 FICA	$0	$0	$0	$0	$3,229	**$6,721**	$3,492	108%
10-6200-1260 Dental & Vision	$0	$0	$0	$0	$270	**$397**	$127	47%
10-6200-1270 Life	$0	$0	$0	$0	$119	**$158**	$39	33%
10-6200-1280 Medical	$0	$0	$0	$0	$6,635	**$10,158**	$3,523	53%
10-6200-1290 Unemployment Insurance	$0	$0	$0	$0	$104	**$146**	$42	40%
10-6100-1800 Fringe Benefits	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
10-6200-2510 Gas, Oil						**$2,000**	$2,000	#DIV/0!
10-6200-2520 Tires						**$400**	$400	#DIV/0!
10-6200-2990 Department Supplies	$4,000	$3,799	$5,100	$4,957	$5,250	**$5,600**	$350	7%
10-6200-3110 Travel & Training	$500	$80	$500	$987	$550	**$2,200**	$1,650	300%
10-6200-3310 Utilities	$33,000	$39,685	$39,600	$39,070	$43,500	**$48,000**	$4,500	10%
10-6200-3510 Building & Grounds	$4,000	$4,219	$5,000	$1,554	$6,000	**$6,500**	$500	8%
10-6200-3530 Programming						**$6,100**	$6,100	#DIV/0!
10-6200-3560 Crestview Maintenance	$12,500	$14,334	$12,500	$18,072	$15,500	**$17,000**	$1,500	10%
10-6200-3580 Fairview Park	$4,000	$5,395	$4,000	$1,167	$4,000	**$4,250**	$250	6%
10-6200-3585 Kiwanis Park Maintenance	$30,000	$34,680	$38,000	$44,466	$34,000	**$36,000**	$2,000	6%
10-6200-3590 Town Entrances	$7,500	$16,318	$7,500	$7,932	$8,000	**$8,000**	$0	0%
10-6200-3595 Main Street Park	$4,000	$4,668	$4,000	$1,994	$4,000	**$4,000**	$0	0%
10-6200-3600 Dog Park	$5,000	$3,928	$5,000	$5,369	$5,000	**$5,000**	$0	0%
10-6200-4000 Becthler House	$5,600	$8,020	$7,000	$6,953	$6,000	**$7,500**	$1,500	25%
10-6200-4500 Insurance	$0	$0	$0	$0	$20,000	**$24,000**	$4,000	20%
10-6200-4640 Grants	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
10-6200-4990 Miscellaneous	$500	$473	$500	$12,952	$500	**$2,000**	$1,500	300%
10-6200-5000 Clubhouse Utilities & Cleaning	$20,000	$21,932	$21,600	$25,511	$22,540	**$24,000**	$1,460	6%
10-6200-5100 Clubhouse Maintenance	$6,000	$6,749	$6,200	$4,015	$6,200	**$6,500**	$300	5%
10-6200-5500 Capital Outlay	$0	$193,779	$0	$38,664	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
10-6200-5600 Golf Course Capital Imrproveme	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
10-6200-6410 Community Garden	$16,416	$28,707	$5,000	$23,872	$5,000	**$5,000**	$0	0%
10-6200-6420 Arts & Culture						**$5,000**	$5,000	#DIV/0!
10-6200-6950 Appearance Commission	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
10-6200-6970 Little League Field	$3,000	$6,319	$8,000	$13,089	$6,500	**$9,000**	$2,500	38%
10-6200-6990 Norris Recreation Complex	$18,000	$17,729	$10,000	$3,679	$11,000	**$13,000**	$2,000	18%
10-6200-7010 Greenways & Trails	$15,000	$20,041	$12,500	$18,001	$12,000	**$16,000**	$4,000	33%
10-6200-7020 Cameras	$0	$0	$0	$0	$3,000	**$3,000**	$0	0%
10-6200-9930 Clubhouse Reserve	$1,200	$1,950	$2,000	$0	$1,500	**$1,500**	$0	0%
6200 RECREATION TOTALS	**$190,216**	**$432,804**	**$194,000**	**$272,304**	**$280,134**	**$379,013**	$98,879	35%

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Debt Service

The Town uses a structured, rolling 5-year installment purchase (lease) strategy to finance CIP vehicles and equipment, spreading capital costs over time to stabilize General Fund expenditures and align debt with asset life cycles. Rather than one-time cash purchases, financing is staggered into overlapping short-term debt packages so that as each matures it frees capacity for new acquisitions while maintaining consistent annual debt service. This approach provides predictable payments, matches debt terms to asset life (primarily 5–10 years), supports a continuous replacement cycle for public safety and public works equipment, and allows financing capacity to roll forward as prior debt retires.

Short-Term Rolling Stock Debt Packages (General Fund)

Package	Date Issued	Amount	Rate	Term	Annual Payment	Status / Purpose
#1	9/7/2023	$545,000	2.19%	5 yrs	$115,672	Investigations, mini pumper, leaf truck (matures FY28)
#2	5/7/2025	$355,264	4.46%	5 yrs	$79,103	Refuse truck replacement (matures FY30)
#3(Proposed)	2026	$571,381*	4.25%*	5 yrs	$127,044*	2611 Fire Engine (matures FY32)
#4(Proposed)	2026	$300,000	4.25%*	5 yrs	$67,234*	Refuse Truck & Hybrid PD K9 (matures FY32)

**estimated*

FY27 CIP Financing Capacity

With Debt Package #1 retiring in FY26, about $68,000 in annual capacity is freed and redirected to FY27 capital needs, including a grapple truck and police vehicle replacement. This rollover capacity is a key feature of the financing strategy, enabling ongoing reinvestment without increasing tax-supported debt service. This is now reflected above as the new package #4. Package 3 has been funded with Fire Dept capital resources from FY 24, 25, & 26 since ordering this replacement Fire Engine.

Long-Term Facility Debt (General Fund Supported)

- **Fire Station #2 (Debt Package – 2022)** In September 2022, the Town executed a $400,000 installment purchase agreement for the construction of Fire Station #2. The agreement bears interest at 3.51% and is structured with annual principal and interest payments of approximately $48,121 beginning in FY23, with final maturity in September 2032 (FY33).
- **Public Works Facility (Debt Package – 2018)** In June 2018, the Town executed a $1.6 million installment purchase agreement for the Public Works Facility at an interest rate of 3.45%. The debt is structured with semi-annual payments of approximately $128,368 and is allocated between the General and Sewer Funds due to shared service functions. Final maturity occurs in June 2038 (FY38).

Sewer Fund Debt (Enterprise Fund – Self-Supporting)

- **Charlotte Road Sewer Project (Debt Package – 2018)** In June 2018, the Town executed a $146,807 promissory note at 0% interest for the Charlotte Road Pump Station removal project. The loan is repaid through annual payments of $7,340 beginning in May 2019 and maturing in May 2038 (FY38).
- **RS Middle School Sewer Extension (Debt Package – 2023)** In May 2023, the Town executed a $549,316 loan through the State of North Carolina Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund for the RS Middle School sewer expansion project. This 0% interest loan is repaid through annual payments of $27,466 beginning in May 2023 and maturing in May 2042 (FY42).

Town Debt Payments

Department	Loan Description	Loan Total Principal Amount	Loan Total Interest Amount	Loan Total	FY 25 Payments
Admin					
				$0	
				$0	
	Department Total:	$0	$0	$0	$0
Community Development				$0	
				$0	
				$0	
	Department Total:	$0	$0	$0	$0
Police	Investigations Vehicle - $545,000 - Sept 2023 - 5yr - 2.19% (4%)	$22,000		$22,000	$4,627
	K9 Truck debt package				$16,817
	6	$22,000	$0	$22,000	$21,444
Fire	Mini Pumper - $545,000 - Sept 2023 - 5yr - 2.19% (41.6%)	$226,475			$48,119
	Station #2 - $400,000 - Sept 2022 - 10yr - 3.51%	$400,000	$81,208	$481,208	$48,121
	Department Total:	$226,475	$0	$0	$96,240
Public Works	Public Works Relocation - $1.6mil - Jun 2018 3.45% - 20yr (44%)	$706,186	$226,453	$932,639	$55,136
	Leaf Truck - $545,000 - Sept 2023 - 5yr - 2.19% (54.4%)	$296,525			$62,925
	2024 Trash Truck - $355,264 - May 2025 - 5yr - 4.46%	$355,265	$40,699	$395,964	$79,103
	Grapple Truck debt package				$50,452
	Department Total:	$706,186	$226,453	$932,639	$247,617
Library				$0	
				$0	
				$0	
	Department Total:	$0	$0	$0	$0
Parks & Rec.				$0	
				$0	
				$0	
	Department Total:	$0	$0	$0	$0
Sewer	Charlotte Road Gravity Sewer	$146,807	$0	$146,807	$7,341
	Public Works Relocation - $1.6mil - Jun 2018 3.458% - 20yr (56%)	$898,782	$288,212	$1,186,995	$70,174
	RS Middle Sewer Project - Feb 2023 - 0% for 20 years	$549,550	$0	$549,550	$27,466
	Department Total:	$1,045,589	$288,212	$1,333,802	$104,980

Town Total: **$470,282**

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Powell Bill Fund

- This fund has no employees and is solely for the purpose of tracking the revenues and expenditures of monies used for street and sidewalk construction, maintenance and repair as allocated by the State of North Carolina derived from gasoline tax.

Description

Street and sidewalk improvements in the Town of Rutherfordton are funded primarily through Powell Bill revenues. These funds support the Town's ongoing street resurfacing program, construction of new streets and sidewalks, repair of existing infrastructure, and broader efforts to improve safety, connectivity, and walkability.

FY 2027 Work Program

- ✓ Replace aged and damaged sidewalks throughout Town limits
- ✓ Proactively monitor and maintain the Town street system
- ✓ Continue implementation of the Pedestrian Plan to expand sidewalks and improve walkability
- ✓ Support coordination with NCDOT on key roadway and pedestrian improvement projects

Major Capital

- Acquisition of a 10-ft plow and 1,200-gallon brine tank with sprayer to initiate the Town's first brine-based pretreatment program for winter weather events
- $32,000 allocated toward Greenway development to advance the next and final phases of the Purple Martin Greenway, extending connectivity from Kiwanis Park north to the Thermal Belt Rail Trail

NCDOT Partnership Projects

- **HL-0065**: Charlotte Road corridor improvements focused on safety, drainage, and roadway upgrades; scheduled through NCDOT in 2027.
- **HL-0019**: Roundabout at N. Washington St. and Mountain St. to improve traffic flow and pedestrian safety; construction Fall 2026–early 2027
- **Downtown Pedestrian Improvements** (N. Main St at 1st & 2nd): Safer crossings, ADA upgrades, and traffic calming downtown; advancing with NCDOT.
- **HN-0043**: EV vehicles and charging stations for police, fire, and public works; implementation planned for FY27.
- **R-2233BB**: US 221 widening and new alignment North of Town to improve traffic flow and safety; under construction, expected completion early 2027.
- **R-2233BA**: Extension of US 221 improvements south to US 74; construction anticipated late 2027.

Powell Bill Revenues

Account Code	Account Name	FY24 Budget	FY 24 Actual	FY 25 Budget	FY 25 Actual	FY 26 Budget	FY 27 Dept Recommendation
90-3451-0000	Powell Bill Revenue	$130,000	$143,093	$130,000	$158,100	$150,500	**$153,000**
90-3831-0000	Powell Bill Interest-Investments	$3,500	$10,803	$7,000	$10,707	$8,500	**$8,750**
90-3991-0000	Powell Bill Fund Balance	$30,000	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$45,000**
Total Powell Bill Revenues:		**$163,500**	**$153,896**	**$137,000**	**$168,807**	**$159,000**	**$206,750**

Powell Bill Expenditures

Account Code		FY24 Budget	FY 24 Actual	FY 25 Budget	FY 25 Actual	FY 26 Budget	FY 27 Dept Recommendation
90-5000-3970	Street Maintenance	$95,250	$69,354	$100,000	$52,147	$73,000	**$103,000**
90-5000-3971	Sidewalk Maintenance	$22,250	$22,845	$27,000	$27,680	$35,000	**$37,000**
90-5000-3972	Greenways	$6,500	$7,008	$10,000	$11,128	$35,000	**$32,800**
90-5000-3973	Traffic Control	$0	$0	$0	$8,842	$16,000	**$10,000**
90-5000-5500	Capital Outlay	$39,500	$104,350	$0	$0	$0	**$23,950**
90-5000 Powell Bill Totals:		**$163,500**	**$203,557**	**$137,000**	**$99,797**	**$159,000**	**$206,750**

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Sewer Enterprise Fund

The FY 2027 Budget continues to support the Town of Rutherfordton's Sewer Enterprise Fund, which provides comprehensive collection, maintenance, and treatment of wastewater for the community. The Sewer Fund employs five staff members, four full-time employees and one seasonal employee supplemented by two contracted personnel who assist with system operations and maintenance. This staffing structure ensures efficient operation of the Town's collection system and wastewater treatment facilities.

Description

The Town operates and maintains a Sewer Enterprise Fund that serves the residents and businesses of Rutherford County. The system includes:

- **Collection System:** 39.6 miles of gravity sewer lines and 12.3 miles of force mains, with six duplex pump stations supporting wastewater transport.
- **Treatment Facility:** Rutherfordton Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP), a 3.0 MGD facility operating at a permitted flow of 1.0 MGD, located at 1021 South Main Street, Rutherfordton.

The Sewer Fund has secured several sources of funding to support important upgrades and improvements to the Town's wastewater system. USDA provided $1,313,000, and the State contributed $3,575,550, for a total of $4,888,550. These funds are being used to upgrade the Wastewater Treatment Plant, replace the John Smith Road Pump Station, and extend sewer service to the New Hope community.

In addition, the Town received a $150,000 AIA grant and another $150,000 to study resiliency improvements after Hurricane Helene. A larger $5,000,000 Sewer Resiliency Grant is being used for system-wide improvements, including relocating the Waterworks Road Pump Station and strengthening other parts of the sewer system.

Mission

The Sewer Fund is dedicated to maintaining a reliable, safe, and resilient wastewater collection and treatment system that protects public health, supports environmental sustainability, and ensures compliance with state and federal regulations.

FY 2027 Goals and Objectives

1. Complete GIS Mapping Updates of the Sewer Collection System
2. Complete the WWTP Rehabilitation Projects and John Smith Road Pump Station Replacement
3. Improve Sewer System Preventative Maintenance
    - Perform smoke testing in targeted areas to locate sources of inflow and infiltration
    - Use camera inspections to assess pipe conditions and identify needed repairs
    - Prioritize maintenance and repairs based on inspection results

Sewer Fund Revenues

Account	FY 24 Budget	FY 24 Actual	FY 25 Budget	FY 25 Actual	FY 26 Budget	FY 27 Dept Recommendation	FY27 vs. FY26	Budget Change
60-3380-0000 Violation Fines	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
60-3710-5200 Taps & Connections Fees	$2,000	$800	$2,000	$1,600	$2,000	**$2,200**	$200	10%
60-3713-5100 Sewer Use Fees	$1,286,722	$1,315,065	$1,342,173	$1,392,233	$1,384,590	**$1,426,128**	$41,538	3%
60-3713-5120 Late Payment Fees	$6,500	$9,762	$6,500	$15,195	$8,000	**$8,000**	$0	0%
60-3830-0000 Installment Purchase Proceeds	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
60-3830-1000 Lease Proceeds	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
60-3831-0000 Interest Income	$6,000	$40,590	$16,000	$38,309	$25,000	**$25,000**	$0	0%
60-3839-0000 Miscellaneous Revenue	$5,000	$0	$25,000	$281,979	$5,000	**$5,000**	$0	0%
60-3842-0000 Grant Revenue	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
60-3984-0000 Transfer In Sewer Cap Reserv	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
60-3991-0000 Fund Balance Appropriated	$238,700	$226,960	$444,000	$0	$375,000	**$375,000**	$0	0%
60 SEWER FUND TOTALS	**$1,544,922**	**$1,593,177**	**$1,835,673**	**$1,729,316**	**$1,799,590**	**$1,841,328**	$41,738	2%

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FY 27 SEWER FUND SUMMARY

Sewer Expenses 60-7135

	Budget FY26	Mgr. Recommended FY27	Percent Change from FY26 to FY27
Personnel	$298,544	$351,335	17.68%
Operating	$787,568	$767,111	-2.60%
Depreciation	$370,000	$370,000	0.00%
Capital	$222,500	$247,901	11.42%
Debt Service	$120,978	$104,980	-13.22%
Total:	**$1,799,590**	**$1,841,328**	**2.32%**

Overall Sewer Summary

FY 27 Revenues	$1,841,328
FY 27 Expenses	$1,841,328
Difference	$0

Sewer Fund Expenditures

Account	FY24 Budget	FY 24 Actual	FY 25 Budget	FY 25 Actual	FY 26 Budget	**FY 27 Dept Recommendation**	FY27 vs. FY26	Budget Change
60-7135-1150 Professional Services	$35,000	$57,473	$35,000	$39,068	$85,200	**$40,000**	-$45,200	-53%
60-7135-1210 Salaries	$167,660	$173,689	$193,524	$190,901	$204,457	**$241,164**	$36,707	18%
60-7135-1220 Overtime	$2,500	$828	$2,500	$3,069	$2,500	**$2,500**	$0	0%
60-7135-1235 401k	$8,383	$3,918	$9,171	$4,770	$9,686	**$10,479**	$793	8%
60-7135-1240 NC Retire	$21,544	$27,654	$25,020	$26,118	$27,877	**$36,740**	$8,863	32%
60-7135-1250 FICA	$12,994	$14,050	$14,998	$14,681	$15,846	**$17,408**	$1,562	10%
60-7135-1251 Reim General Fund Salaries	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
60-7135-1260 Dental & Vision	$1,440	$1,230	$1,440	$1,620	$1,538	**$1,590**	$52	3%
60-7135-1270 Life	$634	$581	$634	$634	$634	**$634**	$0	0%
60-7135-1280 Medical	$31,988	$29,893	$35,389	$31,077	$35,511	**$40,297**	$4,786	13%
60-7135-1290 Unemployment Insurance	$419	$0	$459	$200	$484	**$524**	$40	8%
60-7135-2510 Gas, Oil, Tires	$10,500	$11,134	$12,600	$14,526	$12,700	**$14,700**	$2,000	16%
60-7135-2990 Department Supplies	$5,000	$5,071	$5,000	$4,962	$5,000	**$5,000**	$0	0%
60-7135-3100 Plant Chemicals	$25,000	$21,842	$25,000	$23,788	$25,000	**$25,000**	$0	0%
60-7135-3110 Travel & Training	$3,000	$2,726	$3,000	$2,785	$3,000	**$3,000**	$0	0%
60-7135-3310 Utilities	$95,000	$107,607	$99,750	$105,951	$100,000	**$100,000**	$0	0%
60-7135-3350 Billing & Collection Costs	$17,000	$20,137	$18,000	$20,732	$19,500	**$19,500**	$0	0%
60-7135-3370 Bad Accounts	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
60-7135-3390 Refunds	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
60-7135-3400 Sludge Disposal	$45,000	$40,999	$48,000	$51,225	$48,000	**$48,000**	$0	0%
60-7135-3450 Testing/Monitoring	$7,500	$6,790	$7,800	$8,380	$7,800	**$7,800**	$0	0%
60-7135-3500 Administrative Fees	$261,208	$261,739	$271,457	$273,196	$278,474	**$289,152**	$10,678	4%
60-7135-3530 Line Maintenance & Repair	$70,000	$70,644	$70,000	$72,039	$72,000	**$75,000**	$3,000	4%
60-7135-3531 Plant Maintenance & Repair	$39,000	$45,865	$39,000	$35,102	$39,000	**$40,000**	$1,000	3%
60-7135-3540 Sewer Equip Repair / Replace	$12,000	$10,695	$12,000	$6,799	$32,000	**$32,000**	$0	0%
60-7135-4500 Insurance	$12,000	$24,437	$24,000	$32,446	$29,500	**$32,500**	$3,000	10%
60-7135-4640 Grants	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
60-7135-4920 Depreciation Expense	$243,209	$397,337	$260,000	$446,293	$370,000	**$370,000**	$0	0%
60-7135-4925 Amortization Expense		$26,209	$0	$26,210	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
60-7135-4990 Miscellaneous	$9,583	$9,373	$9,701	$9,764	$12,394	**$12,913**	$519	4%
60-7135-5000 Capital Project Interest	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
60-7135-5010 Vehicle & Equipment Maint	$10,500	$7,548	$15,000	$18,822	$18,000	**$20,000**	$2,000	11%
60-7135-5100 Capital Project Principal	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
60-7135-5500 Capital Outlay	$226,700	$0	$462,000	$552,446	$222,500	**$247,901**	$25,401	11%
60-7135-5520 Capital Reserve Sewer	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
60-7135-5560 Debt Service	$170,160	$26,099	$135,231	$108,425	$120,978	**$104,980**	-$15,998	-13%
60-7135-5570 Principal Lease Payments	$0	$0	$0	$25,857	$0	**$2,546**	$2,546	#DIV/0!
60-7135-5580 Interest Lease Payments	$0	$804	$0	$741	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
60-7135-5600 Intrafund Transfers	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
60-7135-6000 Disaster Response Recovery	$0	$0	$0	$303,463	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
60-7135-9000 Capital Project Expense	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
60-7135-9930 For Future Appropriations	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**	$0	#DIV/0!
60-7135 Sewer Totals	**$1,544,922**	**$1,406,372**	**$1,835,674**	**$2,456,090**	**$1,799,590**	**$1,841,328**	$41,738	2%

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Rate Schedule For FY 2026-2027

Attachment A: FY27 Budget Ordinance

Clubhouse Rental Fees

Updated July 2025

Resident	Weekends and Holidays	$275	*$25 Daily Discount for multi-day rentals for residents only
Resident	Monday - Thursday	$150	
Resident	Cash Desposit (Per Rental)	$150	
Non-Resident	Weekends and Holidays	$375	
Non-Resident	Monday - Thursday	$225	
Non-Resident	Cash Desposit (Per Rental)	$200	
	Police Officer fee if alcohol is on the premises	$55 / hr.	

Woodrow Jones Community Hall

Weekends and Holidays	$60
Monday - Thursday	$45

Park Facilities

Ball Fields	Daytime	$15/hr
	Nighttime (After 6pm)	$30/hr
Crestview Park shelter		$20/Hr, $140 max
Fairview Park shelter		$20/Hr, $140 max
Eric Wells Memorial Shelter at Kiwanis Park		$25/Hr, $175 max

**updated July 2026*

Cemetery Fees:

Plot	$822
Deed	$150
Record	$28

If a multiplot purchase, no additional costs for the deed and its recording.

Solid Waste Fees

**updated July 2026*

Residential **

1 Garbage & 1 Recycle cans picked up weekly	**$17.22 per month**
Each additional weekly can pickup	**+$17.22 per month**

Commercial & Other Non-Residential Customers

2 Garbage & 2 Recycle cans picked up weekly	Covered by property taxes*
Each additional weekly can pickup	**+$17.22 per month**
Twice weekly pick up	**+$17.22 per month**

** Each apartment is classified as a separate residence

Trash Receptacle	95 gallon	$65
	65 gallon	$43
Recycling Bin		$10
Bulk Pickup	Charge assessed by pickup	
Brush Pickup	One free pickup per month, $90 per truckload thereafter. Effective 9/1/08	

Copy & Public Records Fees

Police Reports	$2.00
Per Page	10¢

A minimum of $10.00 per personnel hour (or the actual cost if greater), in excess of one hour, for staff time and overhead for the research, retrieval, assembling, and organizing of documents in response to a valid request for copies of public records. This charge is in addition to the basic charge for copying of documents set forth in this schedule of fees and charges.

Public Works Fees

Lot Cleaning

Charge per Working Hour per man	$30.00
Charge per Dump Truck Hour (minimum of 3 hours)	$80.00
Charge per backhoe/bobcat hour (minimum of 3 hours)	$80.00

Lot Mowing

Charge for tractor/bushhog per hour (minimum of 3 hours)	$80.00
Charge per Employee Hour (minimum of 3 hours)	$30.00

Collection of White goods	$15-$30/each

Signs For Insurance Reimbursement/Replacement

STOP sign (with 2 hours cost for replacement)	$85.00
Speed Limit Sign (24x30)	$60.00
(18x24)	$45.00
Dead End/No Outlet Sign	$60.00
Street Name Sign	$60.00
Misc. Warning Signs	$60.00
Pole for Signs	$45.00
Bracket for Poles	$10.00

Fire Department Fees

Inspection Permit Fees	Inside Town Limits	Rutherfordton Fire District
Business/Mercantile	$10	$50
Residential Foster Care	$10	$50
Rest Home/Child Care	$20	$50
Assembly	$50	$50
Manufacturing/Institutional	$100	$50
Emergency Response Fee:		
Fire Engine, Police Car, or Support Apparatus	$200.00 hour	$200.00 hour
Personnel on Scene (per person)	$30.00 hour	$30.00 hour
Supplies and Materials	Cost +15%	Cost +15%

Rutherfordton Inside Sewer Rates *Updated July 2026*

Block	Monthly Volume			Rate per 1,000 gallons
	From (gallons)		To (gallons)	
1	Base Rate			$ 23.06
2	1		500,000	$ 6.72
3	500,001		1,000,000	$ 5.84
4	1,000,001		10,000,000	$ 3.74
5	10,000,001 and over			$ 1.68

Rutherfordton Outside Sewer Rates

Block	Monthly Volume			Rate per 1,000 gallons
	From (gallons)		To (gallons)	
1	Base Rate			$ 69.18
2	1		500,000	$ 20.16
3	500,001		1,000,000	$ 17.52
4	1,000,001		10,000,000	$ 11.22
5	10,000,001 and over			$ 5.04

Deposit	All new residents	**$50**

Late Fees	Inside City Limits	**$10**
	Outside City Limits by Contract	**10%**

Tap Fees	Inside	Outside
4" tap	$800	As Negotiated
6" tap	$1,000	As Negotiated
8" tap	$1,500	As Negotiated

Multi-Unit / Master Meter Provision
(Effective July 1, 2026)

Applies to properties served by a single meter with multiple residential units, commercial tenants, or mixed-use occupancies.

Equivalent Residential Units (ERUs)
Residential: 1 dwelling unit = 1 ERU
Light Commercial (e.g., strip malls, office suites): 1 ERU per tenant space, unless otherwise approved by the Town based on demand

Sewer Charges
Base rate applied per ERU (e.g., $23.06 × total ERUs)
Volume charges per adopted rate schedule
Billed by BRWA per its rate schedule
Total charges will reflect ERUs served; master meters shall not reduce base charges
Submetering not required; Town reserves the right to assign ERUs based on use.

FY2027 Employee Salary and Classification Report

Attachment C: FY27 Budget Ordinance

Salary Grade	Classification	FLSA	Minimum	Mid-Point	Maximum
9	Temporary, Seasonal, Part-Time	N	$19,133.65	$23,917.06	$29,896.33
10	Future Use	N	$31,784.37	$39,730.46	$49,663.08
11	Future Use	N	$33,450.12	$41,812.65	$52,265.82
12	Public Works Maintenance Worker	N	$35,122.63	$43,903.28	$54,879.11
13	Youth Services Specialist	N	$36,878.76	$46,098.45	$57,623.06
13	Office Specialist	N	$36,878.76	$46,098.45	$57,623.06
13	Landscape Maintenance Specialist	N	$36,878.76	$46,098.45	$57,623.06
14	Library Assistant	N	$38,722.70	$48,403.37	$60,504.21
14	Public Works Technician	N	$38,722.70	$48,403.37	$60,504.21
14	Sanitation Equipment Operator	N	$38,722.70	$48,403.37	$60,504.21
15	Future Use	N	$40,658.83	$50,823.54	$63,529.43
16	Future Use	N	$42,691.77	$53,364.72	$66,705.90
17	Public Works Master Technician	N	$44,826.36	$56,032.95	$70,041.19
18	Future Use	N	$47,067.91	$58,834.63	$73,543.03
19	Fire Equipment Operator	N	$49,421.46	$61,776.31	$77,220.13
19	Patrol Officer	N	$49,421.46	$61,776.31	$77,220.13
19	Maintenance Mechanic	N	$49,421.06	$61,776.33	$77,220.41
19	Public Works Crew Leader	N	$49,421.46	$61,776.31	$77,220.13
19	Public Works Project Manager	N	$49,421.46	$61,776.31	$77,220.13
19	Utility Maintenance Crew Leader	N	$49,421.46	$61,776.31	$77,220.13
20	Senior Firefigher	N	$51,892.43	$64,865.28	$81,081.60
20	Senior Patrol Officer	N	$51,892.43	$64,865.28	$81,081.60
21	Division Chief of Fire Prevention	N	$54,487.05	$68,108.75	$85,135.68
21	Town Clerk	N	$54,487.05	$68,108.75	$85,135.68
22	Fire Captain	N	$57,211.35	$71,513.93	$89,392.67
22	Police Sergeant	N	$57,211.35	$71,513.93	$89,392.67
22	Public Works Operations Supervisor	N	$57,211.15	$71,514.21	$89,392.49
22	Community Development Director	E	$57,211.15	$71,514.21	$89,392.49
22	PARC Director	E	$57,211.15	$71,514.21	$89,392.49
22	Main Street Director	E	$57,211.15	$71,514.21	$89,392.49
22	Library Director	E	$57,211.35	$71,513.93	$89,392.67
23	Police Master Sergeant	N	$60,071.66	$75,089.06	$93,861.84
23	Police Investigator Sergeant	N	$60,071.66	$75,089.06	$93,861.84
24	Police Lieutenant	N	$63,075.24	$78,843.51	$98,554.93
24	Assistant Fire Chief	N	$63,075.14	$78,843.41	$98,554.52
25	Police Captain	N	$66,228.90	$82,785.58	$103,482.25
26	Future Use	N	$69,540.34	$86,924.86	$108,656.36
27	Future Use	N	$73,017.36	$91,271.10	$114,089.18
28	Public Works Director	E	$76,668.23	$95,834.66	$119,793.64
28	Finance Director	E	$76,668.05	$95,834.29	$119,794.15
29	Fire Chief	E	$80,501.45	$100,626.00	$125,783.86
29	Police Chief	E	$80,501.71	$100,625.85	$125,783.60
30	Future Use	N	$84,526.80	$105,657.14	$132,072.78
31	Future Use	N	$88,753.14	$110,940.00	$138,676.42
32	Future Use	N	$93,190.79	$116,487.00	$145,610.24
33	Future Use	N	$97,850.33	$122,311.35	$152,890.75
34	Future Use	N	$102,742.85	$128,426.92	$160,535.29
35	Future Use	N	$107,879.99	$134,848.26	$168,562.05
36	Future Use	N	$113,273.99	$141,590.68	$176,990.16
37	Future Use	N	$118,937.69	$148,670.21	$185,839.66
38	Town Manager	E	$124,884.57	$156,103.72	$195,131.65
39	Future Use	N	$131,128.80	$163,908.91	$204,888.23
40	Future Use	N	$137,685.24	$172,104.35	$215,132.64

Capital Improvement Plan

The capital improvement plan (CIP) outlines the Town's plan for achieving the goals, objectives, and service delivery levels desired by the Mayor and Town Council. The purpose of this plan is to forecast and match projected revenues and major capital needs over a five (5)-year period. Capital planning is an important management tool that strengthens the linkages between community infrastructure needs and the financial capacity of the Town. The Town defines CIP capital expenditures as any expenditure of major value that recurs irregularly, results in the acquisition of a fixed asset, and has a useful life greater than one (1) year. As a rule of thumb, items included in the CIP are those which involve the acquisition, renovation, and/or construction of a single fixed asset greater than $10,000. The CIP is updated annually to ensure that it addresses new and changing priorities within the Town. The Plan also addresses both the General Fund and Sewer Fund needs over the next five years and for larger future projects.

The CIP addresses concerns related to debt management and the effects on the operating budget. Although it does not fund all requests made by departments, it does include priority needs of the Town and is set to maintain a high level of service for Rutherfordton citizens. If the Town realizes more revenue than projected, Town Council may wish to pursue some future projects during the upcoming fiscal year

Goals & Objectives

- Eliminate hazards and risks to public health and safety
- Promote economic development
- Improve service effectiveness and efficiency
- Maintain financial stability

FY 2027 Sewer Fund Capital Items

✓ CAT 308 Excavator	**$143,500**
✓ Hino Flatbed Sewer Truck	**$104,401**

FY 2027 General Fund Capital Items

✓ Library Tech & Computer Upgrades	**$9,000**
✓ Police Sidearm Replacements	**$24,000**
✓ Hybrid K9 SUV	**$62,633***
✓ Grapple Arm Refuse Truck	**$237,367***

**Indicates items being purchased with debt package*

Town of Rutherfordton

General Fund

2027-2031 Capital Improvement Plan Summary

= Committed
= Other Financing

DEPT	DESCRIPTION	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Future	Total
Public Works	Grapple Truck	237,367						237,367
Police	K9 Patrol Vehicle	62,633						62,633
Library	Computer Replacements & Screens	9,000						9,000
Police	Firearm Replacements	24,000						24,000
Parks & Rec	Purple Martin South paving & parking		40,000					40,000
Community Development	Main Street Park/Downtown Kiosk		35,000					35,000
Public Works	Mower		17,500					17,500
Parks & Rec	Ruffton Roots Packaging Facility		160,000					160,000
Library	Window Replacements		13,000					13,000
Police	Investigations Vehicle Replacement		55,000					55,000
Fire	Tanker Replacement		700,000					700,000
Public Works	Office Renovation			40,000				40,000
Library	Building Expansion			250,000				250,000
Public Works	F250			60,000				60,000
Fire	Conex Fire Training System			40,000				40,000
Library	Shelving			15,000				15,000
Community Development	Digital Sign			30,000				30,000
Police	Firearms Range			50,000				50,000
Administration	Software Upgrade			50,000				50,000
Fire	Extractor				35,000			35,000
Fire	SCBA Replacements				200,000			200,000
Fire	Brush Truck Replacement					250,000		250,000
Parks & Rec	Crestview Renovation						1,125,000	1,125,000
Community Development	220 North Main St						100,000	100,000
Public Works	Small Rear Load Trash Truck						260,000	260,000
Parks & Rec	Purple Martin Greenway						275,000	275,000
Parks & Rec	Crestview to Norris connector trail						225,000	225,000
Administration	Town Hall						3,000,000	3,000,000
Police	Police Dept Renovations						2,000,000	2,000,000
Parks & Rec	Norris Recreation Complex Phase 2						2,000,000	2,000,000
Parks & Rec	Maple Street Copmplex Mini-Gym						500,000	500,000
Parks & Rec	Indoor Rec Center at Maple Street Complex						15,000,000	15,000,000
		333,000	**1,020,500**	**535,000**	**235,000**	**250,000**	**24,485,000**	**26,858,500**

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Sewer Fund
2027-2037 Capital Improvement Plan Summary

= Committed

DEPT	DESCRIPTION	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032-2037	Total
Sewer	CAT 308 Excavator	143,500						
Sewer	Hino Truck w/ 14' flat bed	104,401						
Sewer	SCAG Mower		18,000					18,000
Sewer	Aerator Motor		9,000					9,000
Sewer	Basin #2 Aerators (4)			30,000				30,000
Sewer	SCAG Mower			18,000				18,000
Sewer	Sewer Service Truck				50,000			50,000
Sewer	SCAG Mower					18,000		18,000
Sewer	WWTP Aeration Basin Liner & Fencing						64,000	64,000
Sewer	Equliazation Basin Motor Replacement (6)						75,000	75,000
Sewer	Influent Screen Upgrade (1.5MGD)						100,000	100,000
Sewer	WWTP SCADA						120,000	120,000
Sewer	Sludge Holding Tank						250,000	250,000
Sewer	WWTP Headworks						550,000	550,000
Sewer	WWTP Clarifiers						1,200,000	1,200,000
		247,901	27,000	48,000	50,000		2,359,000	2,502,000

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2025 ACTION PLAN

Gold Standard Workforce

- **Exceptional Government Services:** Maintain and adapt high-quality services for community growth.
- **Career Staffing Expansion:** Address volunteer decline by increasing public safety and essential service personnel.
- **Recreation Department Creation:** Establish and staff a dedicated recreation department.

Opportunity Minted Here : Economic Growth



- **Second Grocery Store**: Address community demand for more grocery options.
- **Strategic Bypass Development**: Use US 221 Bypass to attract businesses and prevent bypass neglect.
- **Downtown Improvement**: Upgrade Central Street & backstreets while preserving the town's charm.
- **Growth Beyond Town Limits**: Plan development in utility-accessible areas for future expansion.

Vibrant Growth



- **Affordable Housing:** Remove barriers and secure funding for diverse housing options.
- **Indoor Recreation & Arts:** Create spaces and programs for community engagement and cultural activities.
- **Fresh Food Access**: Collaborate for a co-op and build a commercial kitchen for community use.
- **Revenue Diversification:** Reduce property tax reliance by growing town revenues.
- **Community Vibrancy:** Promote public art, landscaping, & beautification initiatives.

Smart Infrastructure



- **Infrastructure Maintenance:** Proactively maintain sewer systems and improve street design.
- **Reliable Internet**: Expand high-speed access for education, business, and healthcare.
- **Promotional Tech Investments:** Use software and tools to attract businesses and visitors.
- **AI Technology Adoption:** Implement AI for improved efficiency and safety.
- **Enhanced Digital Communication**: Improve engagement through social media and digital channels.

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Date of Meeting: June 3, 2026

To: Mayor and the Town Council

From: Doug Barrick, Town Manager

Action Requested: Rejection of Bids and Special Called Meeting – Cleghorn & 2nd Street Culvert Replacement Project

The Town received bids on May 19, 2026 for the FEMA-funded Cleghorn & 2nd Street Culvert Replacement Project (FEMA Project No. 1481302). Following review of the submitted bids by Town staff and Odom Engineering, multiple bid irregularities and inconsistencies were identified, including missing or invalid contractor license verification documentation, calculation discrepancies, incorrect contingency totals, and unit pricing entries that did not align with total project costs submitted on the bid forms.

Due to the material inconsistencies and inability to complete a reliable comparative evaluation of the bids received, staff recommends rejection of all bids and rebidding of the project with revised bid requirements and additional protections, including bid bond requirements and liquidated damages provisions.

To maintain the project schedule and meet FEMA funding deadlines, staff anticipates returning revised bid results to Town Council for consideration in June.

Recommended Action: Reject all bids received on May 19, 2026 for the Cleghorn & 2nd Street Culvert Replacement Project; and Authorize staff and Odom Engineering to rebid the project with revised bid requirements, including contractor license verification, bid bond requirements, performance and payment bonding, and liquidated damages provisions; and

Motion:_____ Second:_____ Vote:_____

Odom Engineering PLLC

Project Name: Cleghorn and 2nd Street- Culvert Replacement

Owner: Town of Rutherfordton

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

				Dan Grady Company		Woodlands Hardscape		Carolina Construction		Patton Construction Group		CRW Land Services		Father and Son		HRH Engineering		Beam Construction	
	DESCRIPTION	QTY	UNITS	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL COST	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL COST	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL COST	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL COST	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL COST	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL COST	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL COST	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL COST
1	**24-Inch HDPE Install**	LS	1		$ 36,075.00		$ 76,000.00		$ 117,840.00		$ 111,390.00	$ 138,135.00	$ 138,135.00		$ 137,500.00		$ 548,500.00		$ 629,300.00
	Filling existing 120 LF 24"/16" pipe under house with flowable fill	LF	120	$ 60.00		$ 80.00		$ 7,448.00		$ 80.00		$ 41.00		$ 150.00		$ 550.00		$ 90.00	
	Installation of Drop Inlets	EA	2	$ 3,200.00		$ 3,500.00		$ 16,700.00		$ 4,950.00		$ 3,000.00		$ 15,000.00		$ 60,000.00		$ 55,000.00	
	Installation of Catch Basin	EA	1	$ 3,850.00		$ 400.00		$ 5,200.00		$ 4,770.00		$ 3,000.00		$ 10,000.00		$ 35,000.00		$ 70,000.00	
	Installation of Manhole	EA	1	$ 3,500.00		$ 5,500.00		$ 5,200.00		$ 5,150.00		$ 5,000.00		$ 10,000.00		$ 50,000.00		$ 2,100.00	
	Installation 24" HDPE Pipe	LF	130	$ 150.00		$ 215.00		$ 79,300.00		$ 240.00		$ 800.00		$ 450.00		$ 1,750.00		$ 200.00	
	Rip Rap	Tons	5	$ 65.00		$ 300.00		$ 200.00		$ 110.00		$ 43.00		$ 200.00		$ 700.00		$ 150,000.00	
	Final grading and Stabilization	LS	1	$ 2,000.00		$ 13,450.00		$ 3,800.00		$ 6,270.00		$ 15,000.00		$ 10,000.00		$ 46,500.00			
2	**Asphalt Road Repair, Concrete Flume, Concrete Curb**	LS	1		$ 6,780.00		$ 6,000.00		$ 11,965.00		$ 19,480.00	$ 9,450.00	$ 9,450.00		$ 15,000.00		$ 42,409.09		$ 61,100.00
	Asphalt Road Repairs - Base, binder and surface	SY	55	$ 85.00		$ 250.00		$ 7,590.00		$ 280.00		$ 150.00		$ 200.00		$ 621.70		$ 900.00	
	Concrete	SY	4	$ 95.00		$ 350.00		$ 1,600.00		$ 475.00		$ 150.00		$ 250.00		$ 1,022.70		$ 1,400.00	
	Curb Repair	LF	15	$ 110.00		$ 75.00		$ 2,775.00		$ 105.00		$ 40.00		$ 200.00		$ 275.00		$ 400.00	
				Subtotal	$ 42,855.00	Subtotal	$ 82,000.00	Subtotal	$ 129,805.00	Subtotal	$ 130,870.00	Subtotal	$ 147,585.00	Subtotal	$ 152,500.00	Subtotal	$ 590,909.30	Subtotal	$ 690,400.00
				10% Contingency	$ 4,285.50	10% Contingency	$ 8,200.00	10% Contingency	$ 12,980.50	10% Contingency	$ 13,087.00	10% Contingency	$ 14,758.50	10% Contingency	$ 15,250.00	10% Contingency	$ 59,090.93	10% Contingency	$ 69,040.00
				Project Total	$ 47,140.50	Project Total	$ 90,200.00	Project Total	$ 142,785.50	Project Total	$ 143,957.00	Project Total	$ 162,343.50	Project Total	$ 167,750.00	Project Total	$ 650,000.23	Project Total	$ 759,440.00
				Did not include Contracor License Verification- Can't find a license # on state website		*Did not include Contracor License Verification- Can't find a license # on state website*		*Did not include Contracor License Verification- License is listed as "in-valid" on state website*		*Did not include Contracor License Verification-I verified through the # they listed on Bid Form*		License Verification was submited and Bid form was correct		License Verification was submited and Bid form was correct		*Unit Price does not match Total Cost submitted- Contractor submitted cost is under 'total cost'*		*Unit Price does not match Total Cost submitted- Contractor submitted cost is under 'total cost' Project totals do not equal the total costs listed- Contingency was incorrect and adjusted, changing the Project Total*	
				Unit Price does not match Total Cost submitted- Contractor submitted cost is under 'total cost'		*Unit Price does not match Total Cost submitted- Contractor submitted cost is under 'total cost'*		*Unit Price does not match Total Cost submitted- Contractor submitted cost is under 'total cost'*		*Unit Price does not match Total Cost submitted- Contractor submitted cost is under 'total cost'*						License Verification was submited and confirmed		License Verification was submitted and confirmed	

Low Bidder:	Dan Grady Company

Contractor to provide lump sum prices for numbered items above. Unit costs to be provided to determine contingency payment if project exceeds scope with unknown factors.

NORTH CAROLINA PROFESSIONAL SEAL 21130 ENGINEER DAVID W. ODOM

I certify that this Tabulation is a true and correct copy of the Canvass of Bids received on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 2:00 PM.

David W. Odom, PE

Town Council of the Town of Rutherfordton

Rutherford County, North Carolina

Ordinance No. 21-26

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF RUTHERFORDTON AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR STATE DIRECTED GRANTS FUND

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Rutherfordton, does ordain as follows:

General Fund

Revenues	Increase	Decrease
Interest		
41.3831.0000	$227,877	
Expenditures		
Fire Truck		
41.4100.4960	$ 44,142	
Facilities Construction		
41.4100.4970	$178,465	
WJB Roof		
41.4100.4920	$ 700	
Library Basement		
41.4100.4930	$ 570	
Crestview Lights		
41.4100.4940	$ 4,000	

INTRODUCED at the regular meeting of the Town of Rutherfordton on June 3, 2026.

ADOPTED this 3rd day of June 2026 by the Town Council of the Town of Rutherfordton, North Carolina.

_____,
MAYOR Jimmy Dancy

ATTEST:

_____
Jeanie Hall, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

_____
Elizabeth T. Miller, Town Attorney

Town Council of the Town of Rutherfordton

Rutherford County, North Carolina

Ordinance No. 22-26

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF RUTHERFORDTON ADOPTING THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Rutherfordton, does ordain as follows:

Section 1: It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the General Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027.

Ad Valorem Taxes	$4,192,214
Sales Tax	$1,200,000
Grants & Investments	$154,100
Utility Franchise Fees	$380,000
Sales & Services	$550,362
Fund Balance	$257,000
State Shared Revenues	$51,800
Miscellaneous	$60,200
Total	**$6,845,677**

Section 2: The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the General Fund for the operation of the Town government and its activities for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore established for the Town.

Administration	$792,656
Police	$1,810,865
Fire	$1,750,886
Public Works	$1,444,192
Recreation	$379,013
Community Development	$359,509
Library	$308,556
Total	**$6,845,677**

Section 3: It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Sewer Fund for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

Charges for Utilities	$1,426,128
Other Charges	$40,200
Fund Balance	$375,000
Total	**$1,841,328**

Section 4: The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Sewer Fund for the operation of the sewer utilities for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore established for this Town.

Operations	$1,137,111
Capital Investment	$247,901
Personnel	$351,336
Debt Service	$104,980
Total	**$1,841,328**

Section 5: It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Powell Bill Fund for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027:

Powell Bill Distribution	$153,000
Investments	$8,750
Powell Bill Fund Balance	$45,000
Total	**$206,750**

Section 6: The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Powell Bill Fund for the maintenance of Town streets for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore established for this Town.

Powell Bill Operations	$206,750
Total	**$206,750**

Section 6: The operating funds encumbered on the financial records of June 30, 2026 are hereby re-appropriated into this budget.

Section 7: There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of fifty-five cents ($0.55) per one hundred ($100) valuation of property as listed for taxes as of January 1st 2026, for the purpose of raising the revenue listed as “Ad Valorem Taxes” in the General Fund in Section 1 of this ordinance. There is hereby further levied an additional tax at the rate of thirteen cents ($0.13) per one hundred dollars ($100) of valuation of property as listed for

taxes as of January 1, 2026 within the boundaries of the Rutherfordton Municipal Service District. (Boundaries are kept on File in the Office of the Town Clerk)

Section 8: The corresponding FY 2026-2027-Schedule of Fees is approved with the adoption of this Annual Budget Ordinance. The FY2027 Schedule of Fees is attached as Attachment A to this Ordinance.
Section 9: The corresponding FY 2027-2031 Capital Improvement Plan for the General Fund & Sewer Fund is approved with the adoption of this Annual Budget Ordinance. The FY 2027 Capital Improvement Plan is attached as Attachment B to this Ordinance.
Section 10: The corresponding FY 2026-2027 Employee Salary and Classification Report is approved with the adoption of this Annual Budget Ordinance. The FY 2027 Employee Salary and Classification Report is attached as Attachment C to this Ordinance

Section 11: The Town Manager is hereby authorized to transfer appropriations as contained herein under the following conditions:

A. He may transfer amounts between line-item expenditures and between departments without limitation as believed to be necessary and prudent. He must make an official report on such transfers at the next regular meeting of the governing board
B. He may transfer amounts up to $5,000 between functional areas including contingency appropriations, within the same fund. He must make an official report on such transfers at the next regular meeting of the governing board
C. He may not transfer any amounts between funds, except as approved by the Governing Board in the Annual Budget Ordinance as amended.

Section 12: Copies of the Annual Budget ordinance shall be furnished to the Town Clerk, to the Governing Board and to the Town Manager and Finance Director to be kept on file by them for the direction in the disbursement of funds.

INTRODUCED at the regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Rutherfordton on May 6, 2026**.**

ADOPTED this 3rd day of June 2026 by the Town Council of the Town of Rutherfordton, North Carolina.

_____,
MAYOR Jimmy Dancy

ATTEST:

_____
Jeanie Hall, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

_____
Elizabeth T. Miller, Town Attorney

Rate Schedule For FY 2026-2027

Attachment A: FY27 Budget Ordinance

Clubhouse Rental Fees

Updated July 2025

Resident	Weekends and Holidays	$275	*$25 Daily Discount for multi-day rentals for residents only
Resident	Monday - Thursday	$150	
Resident	Cash Desposit (Per Rental)	$150	
Non-Resident	Weekends and Holidays	$375	
Non-Resident	Monday - Thursday	$225	
Non-Resident	Cash Desposit (Per Rental)	$200	
	Police Officer fee if alcohol is on the premises	$55 / hr.	

Woodrow Jones Community Hall

Weekends and Holidays	$60
Monday - Thursday	$45

Park Facilities

Ball Fields	Daytime	$15/hr
	Nighttime (After 6pm)	$30/hr
Crestview Park shelter		$20/Hr, $140 max
Fairview Park shelter		$20/Hr, $140 max
Eric Wells Memorial Shelter at Kiwanis Park		$25/Hr, $175 max

**updated July 2026*

Cemetery Fees:

Plot	$822
Deed	$150
Record	$28

If a multiplot purchase, no additional costs for the deed and its recording.

Solid Waste Fees

**updated July 2026*

Residential **

1 Garbage & 1 Recycle cans picked up weekly	**$17.22 per month**
Each additional weekly can pickup	**+$17.22 per month**

Commercial & Other Non-Residential Customers

2 Garbage & 2 Recycle cans picked up weekly	Covered by property taxes*
Each additional weekly can pickup	**+$17.22 per month**
Twice weekly pick up	**+$17.22 per month**

** Each apartment is classified as a separate residence

Trash Receptacle	95 gallon	$65
	65 gallon	$43
Recycling Bin		$10
Bulk Pickup	Charge assessed by pickup	
Brush Pickup	One free pickup per month, $90 per truckload thereafter. Effective 9/1/08	

Copy & Public Records Fees

Police Reports	$2.00
Per Page	10¢

A minimum of $10.00 per personnel hour (or the actual cost if greater), in excess of one hour, for staff time and overhead for the research, retrieval, assembling, and organizing of documents in response to a valid request for copies of public records. This charge is in addition to the basic charge for copying of documents set forth in this schedule of fees and charges.

Public Works Fees

Lot Cleaning

Charge per Working Hour per man	$30.00
Charge per Dump Truck Hour (minimum of 3 hours)	$80.00
Charge per backhoe/bobcat hour (minimum of 3 hours)	$80.00

Lot Mowing

Charge for tractor/bushhog per hour (minimum of 3 hours)	$80.00
Charge per Employee Hour (minimum of 3 hours)	$30.00

Collection of White goods	$15-$30/each

Signs For Insurance Reimbursement/Replacement

STOP sign (with 2 hours cost for replacement)	$85.00
Speed Limit Sign (24x30)	$60.00
(18x24)	$45.00
Dead End/No Outlet Sign	$60.00
Street Name Sign	$60.00
Misc. Warning Signs	$60.00
Pole for Signs	$45.00
Bracket for Poles	$10.00

Fire Department Fees

Inspection Permit Fees	Inside Town Limits	Rutherfordton Fire District
Business/Mercantile	$10	$50
Residential Foster Care	$10	$50
Rest Home/Child Care	$20	$50
Assembly	$50	$50
Manufacturing/Institutional	$100	$50
Emergency Response Fee:		
Fire Engine, Police Car, or Support Apparatus	$200.00 hour	$200.00 hour
Personnel on Scene (per person)	$30.00 hour	$30.00 hour
Supplies and Materials	Cost +15%	Cost +15%

Rutherfordton Inside Sewer Rates *Updated July 2026*

Block	Monthly Volume			Rate per 1,000 gallons
	From (gallons)		To (gallons)	
1	Base Rate			$ 23.06
2	1		500,000	$ 6.72
3	500,001		1,000,000	$ 5.84
4	1,000,001		10,000,000	$ 3.74
5	10,000,001 and over			$ 1.68

Rutherfordton Outside Sewer Rates

Block	Monthly Volume			Rate per 1,000 gallons
	From (gallons)		To (gallons)	
1	Base Rate			$ 69.18
2	1		500,000	$ 20.16
3	500,001		1,000,000	$ 17.52
4	1,000,001		10,000,000	$ 11.22
5	10,000,001 and over			$ 5.04

Deposit	All new residents	**$50**

Late Fees	Inside City Limits	**$10**
	Outside City Limits by Contract	**10%**

Tap Fees	Inside	Outside
4" tap	$800	As Negotiated
6" tap	$1,000	As Negotiated
8" tap	$1,500	As Negotiated

Multi-Unit / Master Meter Provision
(Effective July 1, 2026)

Applies to properties served by a single meter with multiple residential units, commercial tenants, or mixed-use occupancies.

Equivalent Residential Units (ERUs)
Residential: 1 dwelling unit = 1 ERU
Light Commercial (e.g., strip malls, office suites): 1 ERU per tenant space, unless otherwise approved by the Town based on demand

Sewer Charges
Base rate applied per ERU (e.g., $23.06 × total ERUs)
Volume charges per adopted rate schedule
Billed by BRWA per its rate schedule
Total charges will reflect ERUs served; master meters shall not reduce base charges
Submetering not required; Town reserves the right to assign ERUs based on use.

FY2027 Employee Salary and Classification Report

Attachment C: FY27 Budget Ordinance

Salary Grade	Classification	FLSA	Minimum	Mid-Point	Maximum
9	Temporary, Seasonal, Part-Time	N	$19,133.65	$23,917.06	$29,896.33
10	Future Use	N	$31,784.37	$39,730.46	$49,663.08
11	Future Use	N	$33,450.12	$41,812.65	$52,265.82
12	Public Works Maintenance Worker	N	$35,122.63	$43,903.28	$54,879.11
13	Youth Services Specialist	N	$36,878.76	$46,098.45	$57,623.06
13	Office Specialist	N	$36,878.76	$46,098.45	$57,623.06
13	Landscape Maintenance Specialist	N	$36,878.76	$46,098.45	$57,623.06
14	Library Assistant	N	$38,722.70	$48,403.37	$60,504.21
14	Public Works Technician	N	$38,722.70	$48,403.37	$60,504.21
14	Sanitation Equipment Operator	N	$38,722.70	$48,403.37	$60,504.21
15	Future Use	N	$40,658.83	$50,823.54	$63,529.43
16	Future Use	N	$42,691.77	$53,364.72	$66,705.90
17	Public Works Master Technician	N	$44,826.36	$56,032.95	$70,041.19
18	Future Use	N	$47,067.91	$58,834.63	$73,543.03
19	Fire Equipment Operator	N	$49,421.46	$61,776.31	$77,220.13
19	Patrol Officer	N	$49,421.46	$61,776.31	$77,220.13
19	Maintenance Mechanic	N	$49,421.06	$61,776.33	$77,220.41
19	Public Works Crew Leader	N	$49,421.46	$61,776.31	$77,220.13
19	Public Works Project Manager	N	$49,421.46	$61,776.31	$77,220.13
19	Utility Maintenance Crew Leader	N	$49,421.46	$61,776.31	$77,220.13
20	Senior Firefigher	N	$51,892.43	$64,865.28	$81,081.60
20	Senior Patrol Officer	N	$51,892.43	$64,865.28	$81,081.60
21	Division Chief of Fire Prevention	N	$54,487.05	$68,108.75	$85,135.68
21	Town Clerk	N	$54,487.05	$68,108.75	$85,135.68
22	Fire Captain	N	$57,211.35	$71,513.93	$89,392.67
22	Police Sergeant	N	$57,211.35	$71,513.93	$89,392.67
22	Public Works Operations Supervisor	N	$57,211.15	$71,514.21	$89,392.49
22	Community Development Director	E	$57,211.15	$71,514.21	$89,392.49
22	PARC Director	E	$57,211.15	$71,514.21	$89,392.49
22	Main Street Director	E	$57,211.15	$71,514.21	$89,392.49
22	Library Director	E	$57,211.35	$71,513.93	$89,392.67
23	Police Master Sergeant	N	$60,071.66	$75,089.06	$93,861.84
23	Police Investigator Sergeant	N	$60,071.66	$75,089.06	$93,861.84
24	Police Lieutenant	N	$63,075.24	$78,843.51	$98,554.93
24	Assistant Fire Chief	N	$63,075.14	$78,843.41	$98,554.52
25	Police Captain	N	$66,228.90	$82,785.58	$103,482.25
26	Future Use	N	$69,540.34	$86,924.86	$108,656.36
27	Future Use	N	$73,017.36	$91,271.10	$114,089.18
28	Public Works Director	E	$76,668.23	$95,834.66	$119,793.64
28	Finance Director	E	$76,668.05	$95,834.29	$119,794.15
29	Fire Chief	E	$80,501.45	$100,626.00	$125,783.86
29	Police Chief	E	$80,501.71	$100,625.85	$125,783.60
30	Future Use	N	$84,526.80	$105,657.14	$132,072.78
31	Future Use	N	$88,753.14	$110,940.00	$138,676.42
32	Future Use	N	$93,190.79	$116,487.00	$145,610.24
33	Future Use	N	$97,850.33	$122,311.35	$152,890.75
34	Future Use	N	$102,742.85	$128,426.92	$160,535.29
35	Future Use	N	$107,879.99	$134,848.26	$168,562.05
36	Future Use	N	$113,273.99	$141,590.68	$176,990.16
37	Future Use	N	$118,937.69	$148,670.21	$185,839.66
38	Town Manager	E	$124,884.57	$156,103.72	$195,131.65
39	Future Use	N	$131,128.80	$163,908.91	$204,888.23
40	Future Use	N	$137,685.24	$172,104.35	$215,132.64

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Date of Meeting: June 3, 2026

To: Mayor and the Town Council

From: Doug Barrick, Town Manager

Action Requested: Approval of Financing Agreement and Closing Authorization for One New Grapple Truck and One New Ford Police Interceptor Vehicle

On May 28, 2026, the Town's existing 2016 Grapple Truck caught fire during routine maintenance and was deemed a total loss due to extensive damage. No employees were injured, and the Rutherfordton Fire Department quickly contained the fire.

Prior to the incident, the Town had already secured a replacement grapple truck through NCSA Contract #26-10-0422 as part of the FY 2027 capital equipment plan, with delivery planned for July 1, 2026. Due to the loss of the existing unit, staff is requesting approval to advance the financing closing from July to June to allow immediate delivery and maintain uninterrupted sanitation and limb collection operations. The financing package also includes a previously ordered hybrid Ford Police Interceptor K-9 vehicle scheduled for delivery later in the fiscal year.

United Financial, a division of HomeTrust Bank, has proposed installment financing for both vehicles in an amount not to exceed $300,000 at a fixed interest rate of 4.25% over 59 months. The Town will evaluate insurance proceeds from the destroyed grapple truck and incorporate those funds into future equipment replacement planning as appropriate.
The Town will evaluate insurance proceeds associated with the destroyed grapple truck and incorporate those funds into future equipment reserve and replacement planning as appropriate.

Recommendation: Move to approve the financing proposal from United Financial, a division of HomeTrust Bank, for the acquisition of one new grapple truck and one new Ford Police Interceptor vehicle in an amount not to exceed $300,000; and

Authorize the Town Manager and Finance Director to execute all financing and closing documents necessary to complete the installment financing agreement consistent with the FY 2027 budget and approved capital equipment plan; and

Authorize staff to proceed with vehicle acquisition, delivery, and payment upon completion of financing closing.

Motion:_____ Second:_____ Vote:_____



Motion:_____ Second:_____ Vote:_____

United Financial
A Division of HomeTrust Bank
324 Ridgefield Court
Asheville, NC. 28806

May 19, 2026

Town of Rutherfordton, NC
129 North main Street
Rutherfordton, NC 28139

Proposal for Acquisition & Finance of: One (1) New Grapple Truck and
One (1) New Ford Interceptor Police Vehicle.

ATT: Sonya Quilling
Finance Director

Dear Sonya,

As per your request, we are enclosing our proposal for the above captioned transaction. As we discussed in our last conversation this transaction is structured on a 59 month basis with ten (10) semi-annual payments beginning five months after fully funding and each six months thereafter. This transaction is calculated at an annual percentage rate of 4.25%.

United Financial will take a security interest only in the vehicles and equipment we are financing. There are no direct bank closing costs or origination fees related to the transaction and the rate is fixed for the duration of the financial commitment. Please review the PAYMENTS section of the attached proposal regarding rate lock-in periods and rate adjustment terms.

If you do not need a term of 59 months I can provide an updated repayment schedule on a 60 month term. Also, should you prefer, we can create two separate loans, one for each vehicle. The total repayment would remain the same as one loan for both.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at your convenience.
Thank you for the opportunity to provide this proposal to you.

Very truly yours,

John M. Tench

John M. Tench
Senior Vice President
Director of Municipal Finance

Ph. #/828-684-5643
Fax #/828-684-5616

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ATT: Sonya Quilling
Finance Director

Dear Sonya,

As a follow-up to your recent request for a proposal regarding the above-mentioned transaction, United Financial is pleased to offer a finance proposal as follows:

LESSOR:	United Financial, ***A Division of HomeTrust Bank***
LESSEE:	Town of Rutherfordton, NC
COLLATERAL:	Equipment described above.
AMOUNT:	Up to $300,000.00 (after an initial down payment of $603.98)
START DATE:	Immediately upon funding
TERM:	59 Months
PAYMENTS:	Lease payments will consist of ten (10) semi-annual payments of $33,511.83 comprised of principal and interest beginning five months after fully funding. Terms will be held for six months from the date of the proposal (also subject to Expiration and Acceptance terms below).
EXPIRATION:	Lease payment terms quoted herein are subject to the transaction being documented by 07/19/2026.
LEGAL TITLE:	Legal Title to the Equipment during the Lease Term shall vest in the Lessee with Lessor perfecting a first security interest through Equipment Title, UCC, or other filing instruments as may be required by law.
NET LEASE:	The Lease will be a net lease, under which all costs and responsibility of maintenance, insurance, taxes and other items of a similar nature shall be for the account of Lessee.
INSURANCE:	Lessee shall provide evidence of insurance coverage at the time of delivery of the Equipment, in accordance with the provisions of the Lease.

FINANCIALS: Lessee shall furnish Lessor with its last three, (3) fiscal years financial statements and its latest interim financial statements, plus such other pertinent information as Lessor may reasonably request.

APPROVAL: Closing of the transaction(s) described herein, and the implementation hereof is expressly conditioned upon approval of Lessor's Senior Loan Committee, the receipt, review and acceptance of properly executed documentation acceptable to Lessor, and the absence of any material adverse change in Lessee's financial condition prior to deliver and acceptance of the Equipment.

ACCEPTANCE: Lessee acknowledges that the terms and conditions of this proposal are satisfactory and that upon execution hereof by Lessee this proposal shall constitute a valid and binding obligation of Lessee. As further condition to Lessor's approval hereof, Lessee must acknowledge its acceptance of this proposal by signing below in the space provided and returning it to the Lessor by 06/19/2026.

TERMS PRESENTED IN THIS PROPOSAL SHALL SURVIVE CLOSING.

Important Information You Need to Know About Opening a New Account

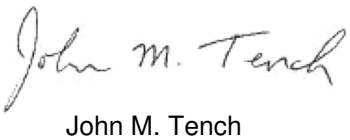
To help the government fight the funding of terrorism and money laundering activities, federal law requires all financial institutions to obtain, verify, and record information that identifies each individual or business that opens an account.

What This Means for You

When you open an account, we may ask for your name, address, date of birth, and other information that allows us to identify you. We may also ask to see your driver's license or other identifying documents.

If you determine that this finance structure meets the needs of your organization, please have the appropriate officer indicate the chosen option, place their signature at the bottom of this page, and return it to us via fax, email or US Postal Service. Upon receipt of the signed proposal, we will be in touch with you to make provision for documenting the finance. Thank you for the opportunity to submit this proposal letter for your review and approval. Should you have any questions or comments regarding the terms and conditions, or if we can be of any further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,



John M. Tench
Senior Vice President
Director of Municipal Finance

ACCEPTED BY:

SIGNATURE: _____

NAME: _____ **TITLE:** _____ **DATE:** _____

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Date of Meeting: June 3, 2026

To: Mayor and the Town Council

From: Jordan Jones, Community Services Director

Action Requested: **Approve the Offer to Purchase Agreement with Rutherford Housing Partnership (RHP) for Vacant Redevelopment Property**

The property at 251 W. 3rd St. was listed for sale at $115,000 and is located within the Town's New Hope redevelopment area. The Town currently has $77,633.99 in redevelopment funds that must be obligated by December 2026.

Proposed Partnership Structure:

- Town Contribution: $40,000 towards property acquisition using grant funds.
- RHP Contribution: $55,000 towards property acquisition and will handle home repair costs.
- Seller has agreed to contribute $20,000 to RHP as a charitable contribution.

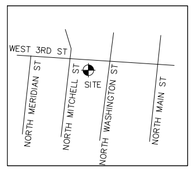
RHP will retain ownership of the rehabilitated home and parcel. Town will retain ownership of the newly created vacant parcel for future housing development.

Benefits:

- Leverages Town funding with significant nonprofit investment.
- Prevents potential blight in a key redevelopment area.
- Creates an immediate affordable housing unit.
- Positions the Town for additional future housing development on retained land.

Recommendation: Approve the offer to purchase agreement in the amount of $40,000 for the vacant redevelopment lot.

Motion:_____ Second:_____ Vote:_____



VICINITY MAP
(not to scale)

NC GRID– NAD 83(2011)

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF RUTHERFORD

I,_____ , Review Officer of Rutherford County, certify that the map or plat to which this certification is affixed meets all statutory requirements for recording.

_____
Review Officer

_____
Date:

I, _____, Zoning Administrator do hereby certify all conditions have been met and the final plat is hereby approved.

_____
Zoning Administrator, Rutherfordton, NC

I, Donald R. McEntire, Professional Land Surveyor No. L–4183, certify to one or more of the following as indicated thus, ☒ or ☐ :

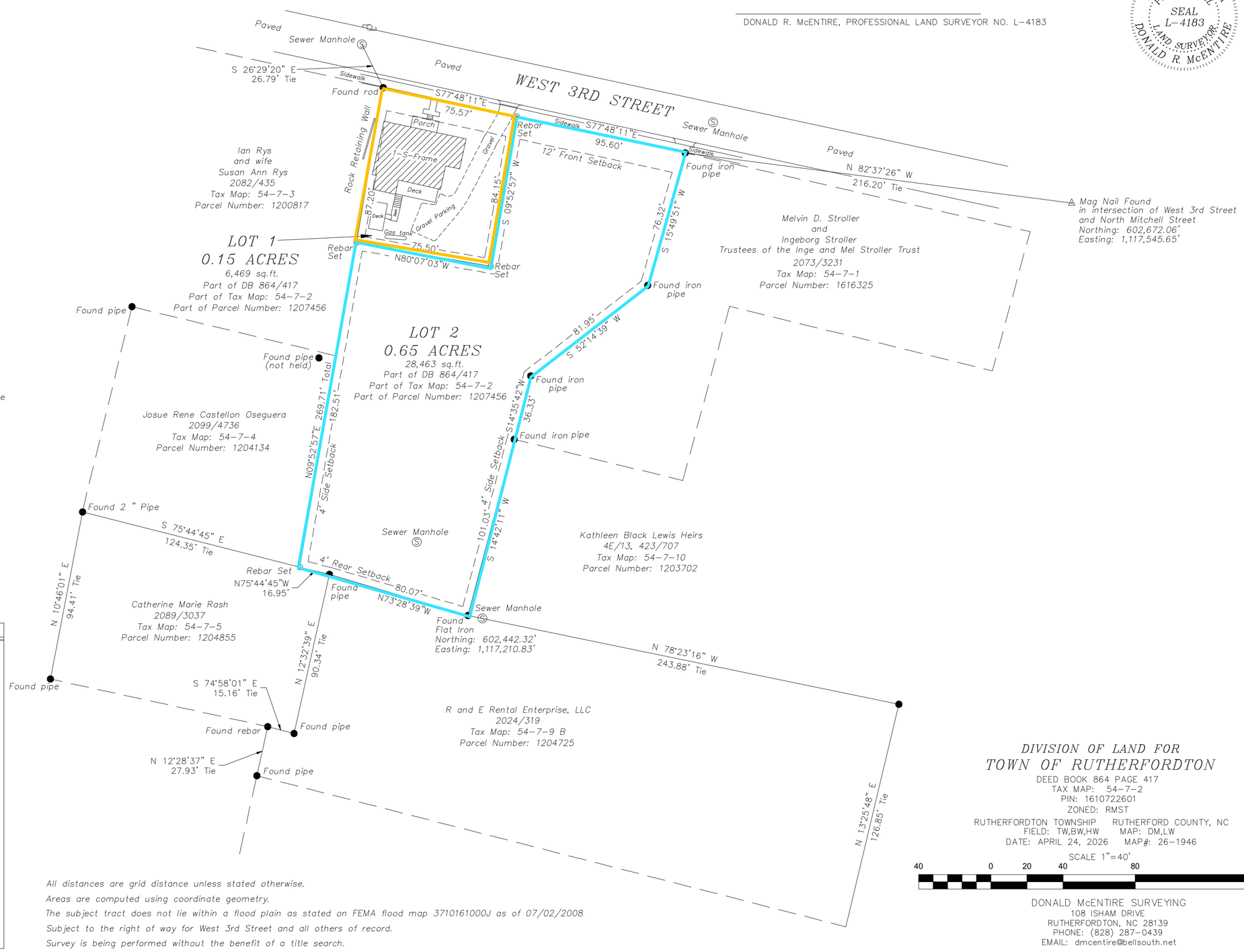
- ☐ A. That this plat is of a survey that creates a subdivision of land within the area of a county or municipality that has an ordinance that regulates parcels of land;
- ☐ B. That the survey is located in a portion of a county or municipality that is unregulated as to an ordinance that regulates parcels of land;.
- ☐ C. That this plat is of a survey of an existing parcel or parcels of land.
- ☒ D. That the survey is of another category, such as the recombination of existing parcels, a court–ordered survey, or other exception to the definition of subdivision;
- ☐ E. That the information available to the surveyor is such that the surveyor is unable to make a determination to the best of the surveyor's professional ability as to provisions contained in (A) through (D) above.

_____
DONALD R. McENTIRE, PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR NO. L–4183

I, Donald R. McEntire, certify that this plat was drawn under my supervision from an actual survey made under my supervision (deed description recorded in Deed Book 864 , Page 417); that the boundaries not surveyed are clearly indicated as drawn from information found in Book ---, Page ---- ; that the ratio of precision as calculated is 1:10000; that this plat was prepared in accordance with G.S. 47–30 as amended. Witness my hand and seal this 24th day of April A.D 2026.

Signature_____
Land Surveyor
Licensure Number L–4183

NORTH CAROLINA PROFESSIONAL SEAL L–4183 LAND SURVEYOR DONALD R McENTIRE



Property is Zoned RMST
Front: 12' From front property line
Side: 4' from property line
Rear: 4' from rear property line

LEGEND

- FOUND IRON PIN (EIP)
- SET IRON PIN (NIP)
- POINT
- NAIL OR RAILROAD SPIKE (RRS)
- WELL
- HYDRANT
- TELEPHONE PEDESTAL (PED)
- LIGHT POLE OR LAMP (LP)
- UTILITY POLE
- WATER VALVE
- WATER METER (wm)
- GAS VALVE
- SEWER MANHOLE (SMH)
- CONCRETE MONUMENT
- RIGHT OF WAY MONUMENT
- STONE
- Property Line
- Adjoiners (Surveyed)
- Adjoiners (not surveyed)
- Right of Way
- Utility Lines
- Asphalt
- Gravel

All distances are grid distance unless stated otherwise.
Areas are computed using coordinate geometry.
The subject tract does not lie within a flood plain as stated on FEMA flood map 3710161000J as of 07/02/2008
Subject to the right of way for West 3rd Street and all others of record.
Survey is being performed without the benefit of a title search.

DIVISION OF LAND FOR TOWN OF RUTHERFORDTON

DEED BOOK 864 PAGE 417
TAX MAP: 54–7–2
PIN: 1610722601
ZONED: RMST

RUTHERFORDTON TOWNSHIP RUTHERFORD COUNTY, NC
FIELD: TW,BW,HW MAP: DM,LW
DATE: APRIL 24, 2026 MAP#: 26–1946

SCALE 1"=40'

40 0 20 40 80 160

DONALD McENTIRE SURVEYING
108 ISHAM DRIVE
RUTHERFORDTON, NC 28139
PHONE: (828) 287–0439
EMAIL: dmcentire@bellsouth.net

OFFER TO PURCHASE AND CONTRACT

Town of Rutherfordton, as Buyer(s), hereby offers to purchase and **Rutherford Housing Partnership, Inc.,** as Seller(s), upon acceptance of said offer, agree to sell and convey, all of that plot, piece or parcel of land described below, together with all improvements located thereon and such fixtures and personal property as are listed below (collectively referred to as the "Property"), upon the following terms and conditions:

1. REAL PROPERTY: Located in the City of Rutherfordton, County of Rutherford, State of North Carolina, being known as and more particularly described as:

Street Address: **Lot 2 containing 0.65 acre (W. Third St., Rutherfordton) as shown on plat dated 04/24/2026 by Donald McEntire Surveying**

Legal Description (parcel #, Tax Map #, etc.): **Being a portion of Parcel #1207456**

(❑ All ❑ A portion of the property in Deed Reference: Book **2102**, Page **2568**, Rutherford County Registry.)

NOTE: Prior to signing this Offer to Purchase and Contract, Buyer is advised to review Restrictive Covenants, if any, which may limit the use of the Property, and to read the Declaration of Restrictive Covenants, By-Laws, Articles of Incorporation, Rules and Regulations, and other governing documents of the owners' association and/or the subdivision, if applicable.

2. FIXTURES: The following items, if any, are included in the purchase price free of liens: any built-in appliances, light fixtures, ceiling fans, attached floor coverings, blinds, shades, drapery rods and curtain rods, brackets and all related hardware, window and door screens, storm windows, combination doors, awnings, antennas, satellite dishes and receivers, burglar/fire/smoke alarms, pool and spa equipment, solar energy systems, attached fireplace screens, gas logs, fireplace inserts, electric garage door openers with controls, outdoor plants and trees (other than in movable containers), basketball goals, storage sheds, mailboxes, wall and/or door mirrors, and any other items attached or affixed to the Property, EXCEPT the following items: N/A

3. PERSONAL PROPERTY: The following personal property is included in the purchase price: N/A

4. PURCHASE PRICE: The purchase price is **$40,000.00** and shall be paid as follows:

(a) **N/A** EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT with this offer by ❑ cash ❑ personal check ❑ bank check ❑ certified check ❑ other: **N/A** to be deposited and held in escrow by **N/A** ("Escrow Agent") until the sale is closed, at which time it will be credited to Buyer, or until this contract is otherwise terminated. In the event: (1) this offer is not accepted; or (2) any of the conditions hereto are not satisfied, then all earnest monies shall be returned to Buyer. In the event of breach of this contract by Seller, upon Buyer's request, all earnest monies shall be returned to Buyer, but such return shall not affect any other remedies available to Buyer for such breach. In the event this offer is accepted and Buyer breaches this contract, then all earnest monies shall be forfeited upon Seller's request, but receipt of such forfeited earnest monies shall not affect any other remedies available to Seller for such breach.

NOTE: In the event of a dispute between Seller and Buyer over the return or forfeiture of earnest money held in escrow by a broker, the broker is required by state law to retain said earnest money in the broker's trust or escrow account until a written release from the parties consenting to its disposition has been obtained or until disbursement is ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(b) N/A, ADDITIONAL EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT to be paid to Escrow Agent no later than N/A, TIME BEING OF THE ESSENCE WITH REGARD TO SAID DATE.

(c) N/A, BY ASSUMPTION of the unpaid principal balance and all obligations of Seller on the existing loan(s) secured by a deed of trust on the Property in accordance with the attached Loan Assumption Addendum.

(d) $_____, BY SELLER FINANCING in accordance with the attached Seller Financing Addendum.

(e) $**40,000.00**, BALANCE of the purchase price in cash at Closing.

5. CONDITIONS: (State N/A in each blank that is not a condition to this contract.)

(a) Buyer must be able to obtain a ❑ FHA ❑ VA (attach FHA/VA Financing Addendum) ❑ Conventional ❑ Other: N/A loan at a ❑ Fixed Rate ❑ Adjustable Rate in the principal amount of **N/A** (plus any financed VA Funding Fee or FHA MIP) for a term of **N/A** year(s), at an initial interest rate not to exceed N/A % per annum, with mortgage loan discount points not to exceed N/A % of the loan amount. Buyer shall apply for said loan within N/A days of the Effective Date of this contract. Buyer shall use Buyer's best efforts to secure the lender's customary loan commitment letter on or before N/A and to satisfy all terms and conditions of the loan commitment letter by Closing. After the above letter date, Seller may request in writing from Buyer a copy of the loan commitment letter. If Buyer fails to provide Seller a copy of the loan commitment letter or a written waiver of this loan condition within five days of receipt of Seller's request, Seller may terminate this contract by written notice to Buyer at any time, thereafter, provided Seller has not then received a copy of the letter or the waiver.

(b) There must be no restriction, easement, zoning or other governmental regulation that would prevent the reasonable use of the Property for N/A purposes.

(c) The Property must be in substantially the same or better condition at Closing as on the date of this offer, reasonable wear and tear excepted.

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(d) All deeds of trust, liens and other charges against the Property, not assumed by Buyer, must be paid and satisfied by Seller prior to or at Closing such that cancellation may be promptly obtained following Closing. Seller shall remain obligated to obtain any such cancellations following Closing.

(e) Title must be delivered at Closing by GENERAL WARRANTY DEED unless otherwise stated herein, and must be fee simple marketable and insurable title, free of all encumbrances except: ad valorem taxes for the current year (prorated through the date of Closing); utility easements and unviolated restrictive covenants that do not materially affect the value of the Property; and such other encumbrances as may be assumed or specifically approved by Buyer. The Property must have legal access to a public right of way.

6. SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS: Seller warrants that there are no pending or confirmed governmental special assessments for sidewalk, paving, water, sewer, or other improvements on or adjoining the Property, and no pending or confirmed owners' association special assessments, except as follows: N/A

(Insert "None" or the identification of such assessments, if any.) Seller shall pay all owners' association assessments and all governmental assessments confirmed through the time of Closing, if any, and Buyer shall take title subject to all pending assessments, if any, unless otherwise agreed as follows: N/A

7. PRORATIONS AND ADJUSTMENTS: Unless otherwise provided, the following items shall be prorated and either adjusted between the parties or paid at Closing: (a) Ad valorem taxes on real property shall be prorated on a calendar year basis through the date of Closing; (b) Ad valorem taxes on personal property for the entire year shall be paid by the Seller unless the personal property is conveyed to the Buyer, in which case, the personal property taxes shall be prorated on a calendar year basis through the date of Closing; (c) All late listing penalties, if any, shall be paid by Seller; (d) Rents, if any, for the Property shall be prorated through the date of Closing; (e) Owners' association dues and other like charges shall be prorated through the date of Closing. Seller represents that the regular owners' association dues, if any, are $ N/A per N/A.

8. CLOSING EXPENSES: Buyer shall be responsible for paying all costs associated with closing.

9. FUEL: Buyer agrees to purchase from Seller the fuel, if any, situated in any tank on the Property at the prevailing rate with the cost of measurement thereof, if any, being paid by Seller.

10. EVIDENCE OF TITLE: Seller agrees to use his best efforts to deliver to Buyer as soon as reasonably possible after the Effective Date of this contract, copies of all title information in possession of or available to Seller, including but not limited to: title insurance policies, attorney's opinions on title, surveys, covenants, deeds, notes and deeds of trust and easements relating to the Property. Seller authorizes (1) any attorney presently or previously representing Seller to release and disclose any title insurance policy in such attorney's file to Buyer and both Buyer's and Seller's agents and attorneys; and (2) the Property's title insurer or its agent to release and disclose all materials in the Property's title insurer's (or title insurer's agent's) file to Buyer and both Buyer's and Seller's agents and attorneys.

11. LABOR AND MATERIAL: Seller shall furnish at Closing an affidavit and indemnification agreement in form satisfactory to Buyer showing that all labor and materials, if any, furnished to the Property within 120 days prior to the date of Closing have been paid for and agreeing to indemnify Buyer against all loss from any cause or claim arising therefrom.

12. REASONABLE ACCESS: Seller will provide reasonable access to the Property through the earlier of Closing or possession by Buyer, to Buyer or Buyer's representatives for the purposes of appraisal, inspection, and/or evaluation. Buyer may conduct a walk-through inspection of the Property prior to Closing.

13. CLOSING: Closing shall be defined as the date and time of recording of the deed. All parties agree to execute any and all documents and papers necessary in connection with Closing and transfer of title on or before **_____, 2026**, at a place designated by Buyer. The deed is to be made to **Town of Rutherfordton**.

14. POSSESSION: Unless otherwise provided herein, possession shall be delivered at Closing. In the event possession is NOT to be delivered at Closing: ❑ a Buyer Possession Before Closing Agreement is attached. OR, ❑ a Seller Possession After Closing Agreement is attached.

15. OTHER PROVISIONS AND CONDITIONS: (ITEMIZE ALL ADDENDA TO THIS CONTRACT AND ATTACH HERETO.)

16. RISK OF LOSS: The risk of loss or damage by fire or other casualty prior to Closing shall be upon Seller. If the improvements on the Property are destroyed or materially damaged prior to Closing, Buyer may terminate this contract by written notice delivered to Seller or Seller's agent and all deposits shall be returned to Buyer. In the event Buyer does NOT elect to terminate this contract, Buyer shall be entitled to receive, in addition to the Property, any of the Seller's insurance proceeds payable on account of the damage or destruction applicable to the Property being purchased.

17. ASSIGNMENTS: This contract may not be assigned without the written consent of all parties, but if assigned by agreement, then this contract shall be binding on the assignee and his heirs and successors.

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18. PARTIES: This contract shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties, i.e., Buyer and Seller and their heirs, successors and assigns. As used herein, words in the singular include the plural and the masculine includes the feminine and neuter genders, as appropriate.

19. SURVIVAL: If any provision herein contained which by its nature and effect is required to be observed, kept or performed after the Closing, it shall survive the Closing and remain binding upon and for the benefit of the parties hereto until fully observed, kept or performed.

20. ENTIRE AGREEMENT: This contract contains the entire agreement of the parties and there are no representations, inducements or other provisions other than those expressed herein. All changes, additions or deletions hereto must be in writing and signed by all parties. Nothing contained herein shall alter any agreement between a REALTOR® or broker and Seller or Buyer as contained in any listing agreement, buyer agency agreement, or any other agency agreement between them.

21. NOTICE AND EXECUTION: Any notice or communication to be given to a party herein may be given to the party or to such party's agent. This offer shall become a binding contract (the "Effective Date") when signed by both Buyer and Seller and such signing is communicated to the offering party. This contract is executed under seal in signed multiple originals, all of which together constitute one and the same instrument, with a signed original being retained by each party and each REALTOR® or broker hereto, and the parties adopt the word "SEAL" beside their signatures below.

Buyer acknowledges having made an on-site personal examination of the Property prior to the making of this offer.

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Date: _____ Date: _____

Buyer _____ (SEAL) Seller _____ (SEAL)

Date: _____ Date: _____

Buyer _____ (SEAL) Seller _____ (SEAL)

Escrow Agent acknowledges receipt of the earnest money and agrees to hold and disburse the same in accordance with the terms hereof.

Date: _____ **Firm:** _____

By: _____
(Signature)

Selling Agent/Firm/Phone _____
Acting as ❑ Buyer's Agent ❑ Seller's (sub) Agent ❑ Dual Agent

Listing Agent/Firm/Phone _____
Acting as ❑ Seller's (sub) Agent ❑ Dual Agent

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REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Date of Meeting: June 3, 2026

To: Mayor and the Town Council

From: Doug Barrick, Town Manager

Action Requested: Approval of Change Order No. 5, Approval of Change Order No. 6, and Increase in Contract Authorization for the Norris Library Waterproofing Project

The Norris Library Waterproofing Project is funded through OSBM Contract No. 11456, which provides a total grant award of $170,000. The project is being completed by McKinney Construction Management, LLC and includes flood mitigation improvements designed to protect the library basement and critical building systems during future flood events.

The original construction contract was awarded in the amount of $153,956. Throughout construction, the project's owner contingency has been utilized to address necessary HVAC, electrical, plumbing, and code compliance improvements identified during the course of the work.

Change Order No. 5

Change Order No. 5 includes the repainting of existing exterior metal railings and installation of a new insulated crawl space access door.

Total Cost: $3,039

Change Order No. 6

Change Order No. 6 includes installation of a permanent partial standby generator system to provide emergency backup power for critical building functions, including sump pumps, dehumidifiers, security systems, communications equipment, limited lighting, and one HVAC unit.

Total Cost: $23,285

Contract Summary

- Original Construction Contract: $153,956
- Change Order No. 5: $3,039
- Change Order No. 6: $23,285

Motion:_____ Second:_____ Vote:_____

• Total Change Orders: $26,324
• Revised Contract Amount: $180,280

Funding

The OSBM grant provides $170,000 toward the project. The remaining $10,280 required to complete the approved improvements is proposed to be funded from available balances within other FEMA-funded project budgets. Staff anticipates bringing a budget amendment for Council consideration at the June 17, 2026 meeting to formally transfer and appropriate these funds.

Recommendation

Approve Change Order No. 5 in the amount of $3,039, approve Change Order No. 6 in the amount of $23,285, increase the authorized construction contract amount from $153,956 to $180,280, and authorize the Town Manager to execute the necessary contract documents.

Motion:_____ Second:_____ Vote:_____

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Date of Meeting: June 3, 2026

To: Mayor and the Town Council

From: Doug Barrick, Town Manager

Action Requested: Approval of Change Order No. 1 for the West Third Street Culvert Replacement Project (FEMA Project #1516878)

The West Third Street Culvert Replacement Project was awarded to CRW Land Services LLC by Town Council on November 5, 2025, in the amount of $192,841. The project replaces a damaged culvert beneath West Third Street that sustained significant damage during Tropical Storm Helene and restores roadway, drainage, sidewalk, curb, and stormwater infrastructure in accordance with FEMA-approved engineering plans prepared by Odom Engineering.

The project includes removal of the damaged 48-inch corrugated metal pipe, installation of a new culvert system, replacement of curb inlets, roadway reconstruction, and restoration of associated sidewalks and curbing.

Construction began in Spring 2026 and has progressed substantially. During construction, several unforeseen site conditions were encountered that required additional work beyond the original scope.

Change Order No. 1 includes:

• Removal and disposal of unsuitable and unstable backfill materials encountered during excavation.
• Importation of clean structural backfill materials necessary to meet engineering specifications and compaction requirements.
• Additional trucking and haul-off services associated with removal of unsuitable soils.
• Milling and resurfacing of the roadway to improve drainage performance and increase curb reveal (freeboard), allowing stormwater to be more effectively directed to the drainage system.

The total cost of Change Order No. 1 is $27,825.

The original project budget included an Owner's Contingency to address unforeseen construction conditions. Of this amount, $17,531 remains available and will be applied toward the change order cost.

Motion:_____ Second:_____ Vote:_____

As a result, the net increase to the construction contract requiring Council approval is $10,294.

Contract Summary

Original Construction Contract: $192,841
Change Order No. 1: $27,825
Less Available Owner's Contingency: ($17,531)
Net Contract Increase: $10,294

Revised Contract Amount: $203,135

The West Third Street Culvert Replacement Project is one of four FEMA-funded culvert replacement projects currently underway following Tropical Storm Helene. Although this change order exceeds the original contract amount, the overall FEMA-funded culvert program remains under budget and is expected to remain within available funding through completion of all four projects. One project remains to be completed.

Recommendation
Approve Change Order No. 1 for the West Third Street Culvert Replacement Project in the amount of $27,825, authorize application of the remaining Owner's Contingency in the amount of $17,531, resulting in a net contract increase of $10,294, and authorize the Town Manager to execute the necessary contract documents with CRW Land Services LLC, increasing the total contract amount to $203,135.

Motion:_____ Second:_____ Vote:_____

CHANGE ORDER NO.: __1____

Owner:	Town of Rutherfordton	Owner's Project No.:	
Engineer:	Odom Engineering PLLC	Engineer's Project No.:	25115
Contractor:	CRW Land Services, LLC	Contractor's Project No.:	
Project:	W Third Street Culvert Replacement		
Contract Name:	W Third Street Culvert Replacement		
Date Issued:	6/1/26	Effective Date of Change Order:	

The Contract is modified as follows upon execution of this Change Order:

Description: Additional Trenching for Conduit, Backfill, Milling, Asphalt repair, and Additional Dump Truck.

Attachments: Contractor Change Order Estimate #1317 dated 5/4/26.

Change in Contract Price	**Change in Contract Times [State Contract Times as either a specific date or a number of days]**
Original Contract Price: $ **192,841.00**	Original Contract Times: Substantial Completion: ____ Ready for final payment: ____
[Increase] from previously approved Change Orders No. 1 to No. **[Number of previous Change Order]**: $ ____	**[Increase] [Decrease]** from previously approved Change Orders No.1 to No. **[Number of previous Change Order]**: Substantial Completion: ____ Ready for final payment: ____
Contract Price prior to this Change Order: $ **192,841.00**	Contract Times prior to this Change Order: Substantial Completion: ____ Ready for final payment: ____
Increase this Change Order: $ **27,825.00**	**[Increase] [Decrease]** this Change Order: Substantial Completion: ____ Ready for final payment: ____
Contingency Amount (included in Contract Price): $ **17,531.00**	
Decrease Contingency Amount to apply to this Change Order: $ **17,531.00**	
Change Order Amount after applying Contingency: $ **10,294.00**	
Contract Price incorporating this Change Order: $ **203,135.00**	Contract Times with all approved Change Orders: Substantial Completion: ____ Ready for final payment:

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	Recommended by Engineer (if required)	Authorized by Owner
By:	David Odom	
Title:	Professional Engineer, Owner	
Date:	6/1/26	
	Authorized by Owner	Approved by Funding Agency (if applicable)
By:		
Title:		
Date:		

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REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Date of Meeting: June 3, 2026

To: Mayor and the Town Council

From: Doug Barrick, Town Manager

Action Requested: Call for Special Called Meeting – Wednesday, June 17, 2026

Staff is requesting Town Council call a Special Called Meeting of the Rutherfordton Town Council for Wednesday, June 17, 2026 at 4:00 PM at Rutherfordton Town Hall.

At this time, anticipated agenda items for the Special Called Meeting include:

Cleghorn & 2nd Street Culvert Replacement Project – Staff anticipates returning rebid results and contract award recommendations for the FEMA-funded culvert replacement project following rejection and rebidding of the initial bids due to bid irregularities and inconsistencies.

USDA Rural Development Disaster Assistance Fund – USDA Rural Development has indicated the Town's application for replacement of the Town's brush truck is progressing toward formal funding obligation and may require Town Council approval of Letter of Conditions and related funding documents.

Additional agenda items may be added as needed. The final meeting agenda will be posted in accordance with North Carolina General Statute requirements before the meeting. Staff also notes there may be a need for FY 2027 budget amendments or related actions pending final Rutherford County budget approvals associated with the Rutherfordton Rural Fire District request.

Recommended Action: Call Speciala Special Called Meeting of the Rutherfordton Town Council for Wednesday, June 17, 2026 at 4:00 PM at Rutherfordton Town Hall

Motion:_____ Second:_____ Vote:_____

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June 2026 Department Reports



























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Announcements & Activities

FIRE

FT Firefighter Nick Ownbey, PT Firefighters Jackson Arrowood and Ethan Holland completed Technical Rescuer Certification. 2 Car seat installs and 4 address signs were distributed.

Library

NPL's 2026 Summer Reading Challenge, "Unearth a Story", began on June 1st. This year we are having a reading challenge for both kids and teen. NPL is also having programs for all ages!

PUBLIC WORKS

Mowing season is fully here. Crews have been busy with lawn maintenance. Sewer team has been working closely with other town staff for a variety of projects including pump stations, treatment plant, and an asset inventory assessment of the entire collection map. Sewer team visited 100 engineer recommended manhole site to prep for field crews that will be visiting in June as part of the asset inventory mapping project.

Planning & Zoning

1 sign permit.

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Announcements & Activities

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Successfully submitted our full North Carolina Housing Finance Agency tax credit application in partnership with Mountain Housing Opportunities (MHO) for the multifamily housing project. Continuing to push forward housing projects within the redevelopment areas as well as opportunities for new property acquisition. Virtual public hearing held for the CDBG-DR Commercial District Revitalization grant in May. Project looks at two options to revitalize a key downtown property commonly known as “The Whole.”

RUTHERFORD TOWN RISING (RTR)

A lot of applications for the Main Street Coordinator have been received. RTR board member and Town staff have begun reviewing and interviewing candidates.

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Announcements & Activities

P.A.R.C

Thank you for all the community participation in this Crestview Master Plan Process. Visit the PARC booth this Friday at FA&B where we will also have Duck Dash Derby ducks for sale. Duck Dash Derby HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED for Friday, JUNE 26, 7:30 pm, Kiwanis Park. Food and Dessert Trucks, followed by Movie in the Park - The Wild Robot!

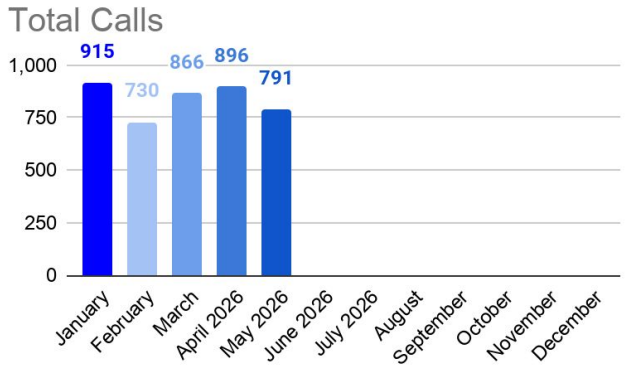
Ruff'ton Roots

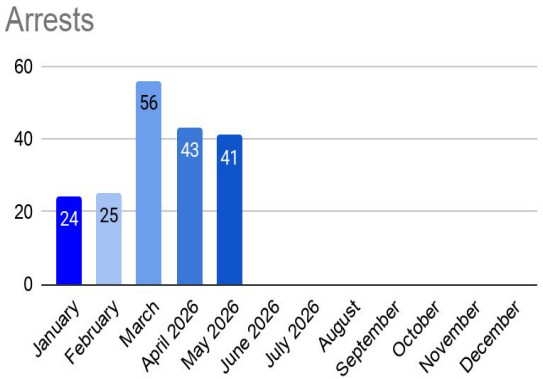
Free Produce Stand continues at St. Gabriel Episcopal on Wednesday mornings 10 am - 12 pm. Weekly Tuesday and Thursday work nights at 5:30 pm and will be ongoing, weather pending. May Welcome Table Meal served 97 plates to our neighbors. Our next turn is Monday, June 15th at First United Methodist Church, Main Street Rutherfordton, please join us at the table. In the coming month we will be hosting visits from YouthWorks and local summer day camps.

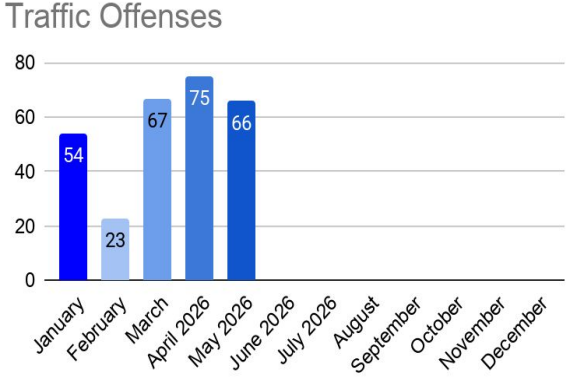
Police

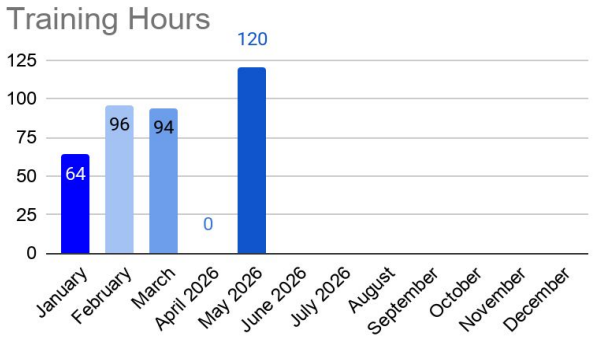
Chief of Police: Clint Ingle | 129 N Main Street | (828) 287-5062

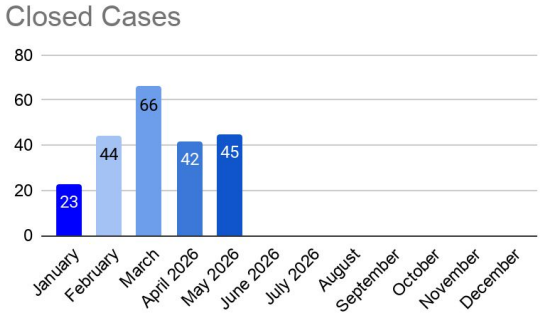
In May, the department celebrated National Police Week by providing a meal for each crew in recognition of their service, dedication, and commitment to protecting our community.

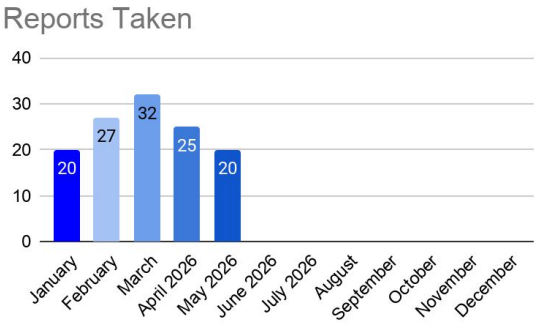










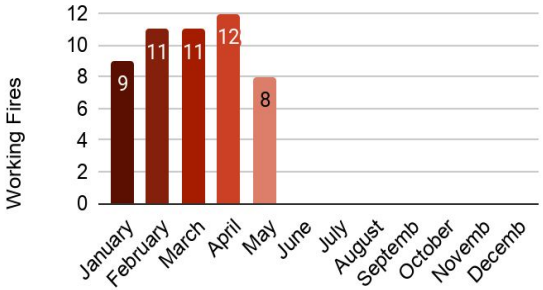


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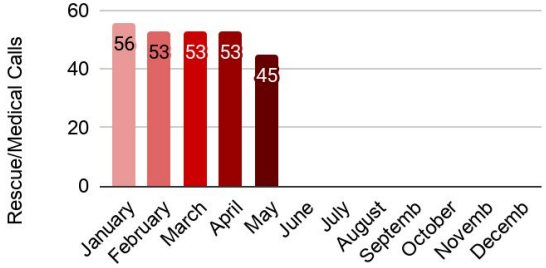
Fire Chief: Brandon Harrill | 144 N Mitchell Street | (828) 287-7367

The Rutherfordton Fire and Rescue Department exists to serve the citizens of the town and district by protecting lives and property within its service area from the destructive effects of fire, accident, and natural disaster. To this end, members of the department are pledged to maintain a state of preparedness and level of training capable of controlling reasonably expected occurrences requiring its intervention.

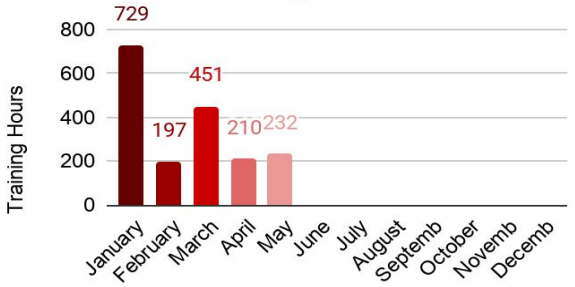
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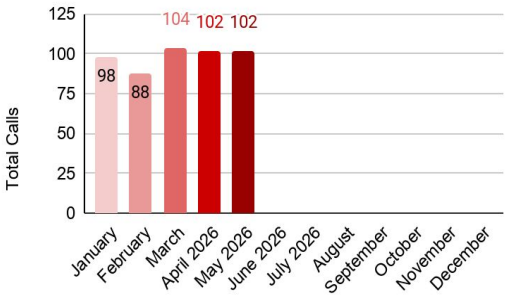
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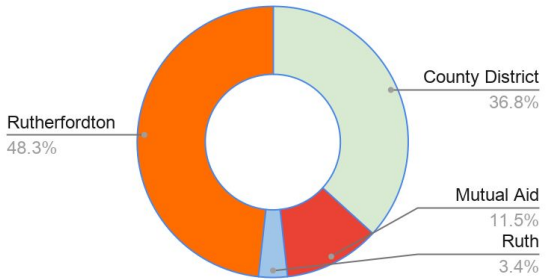
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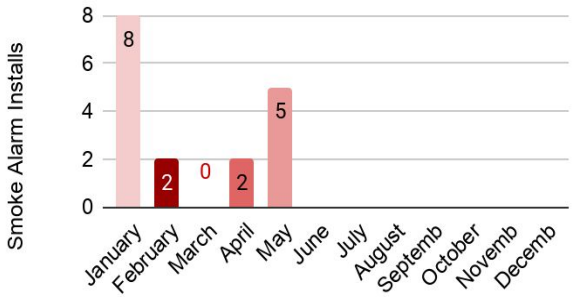
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Smoke Alarm Installs

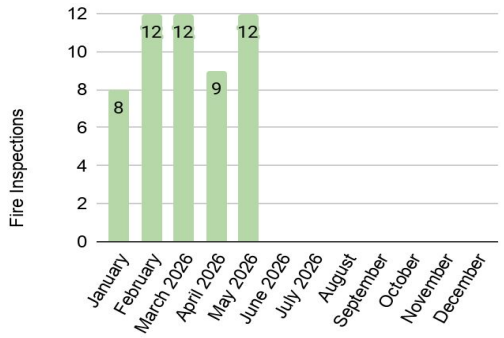


Planning & Zoning

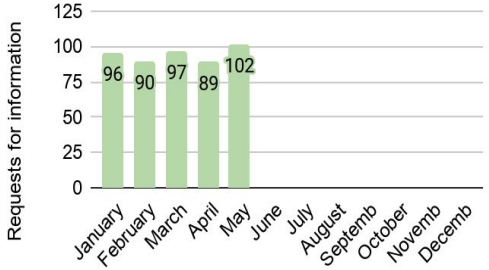
Code Enforcement Officer: Wendy Burch | 144 N Mitchell St | (828) 287-3520 x4

Rutherfordton Planning & Zoning aims to foster an attractive, economically, and environmentally healthy community that is safe, diverse, and livable for all. The Department includes Planning and Zoning, Code Enforcement, Floodplain Management, and other development services.

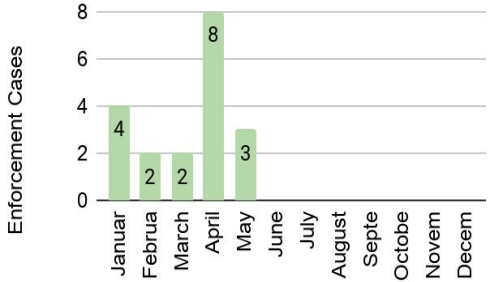
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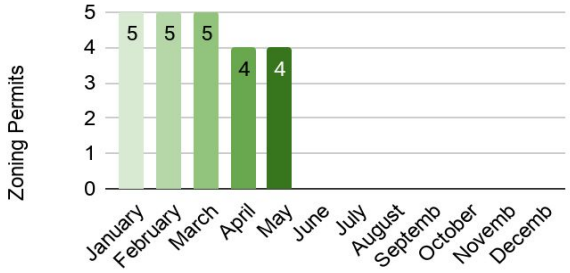
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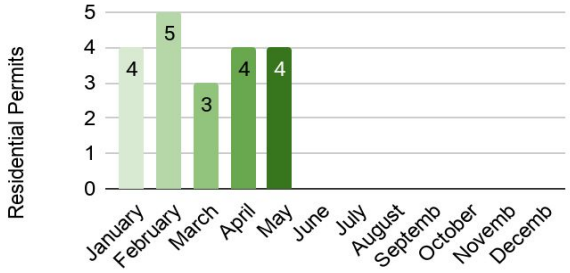
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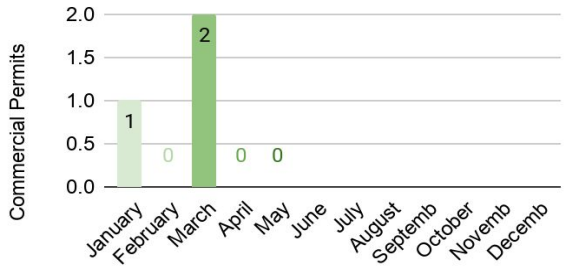
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Residential Permits



Commercial Permits

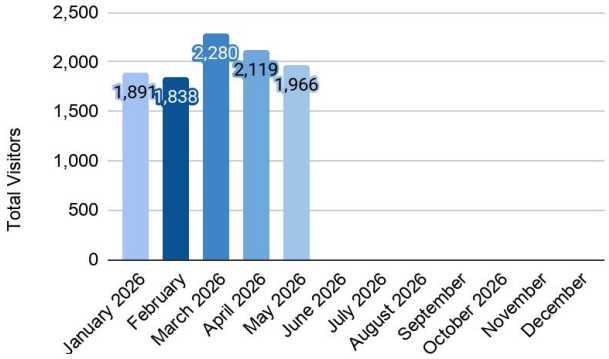


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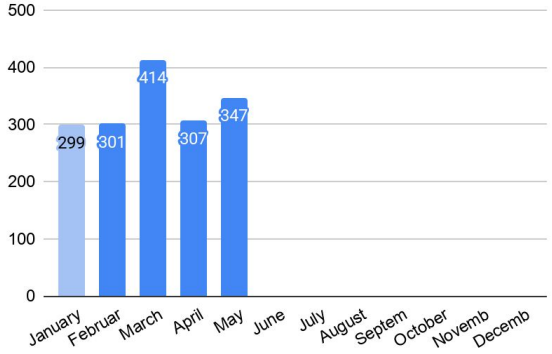
Library Director: Cindy Bowlin | 132 N Main Street | (828) 287-3520 x 3

Our library is a hub for connection in our vibrant small town. Through collaboration, we create opportunities for people of all ages and backgrounds to come together, widen their perspectives, achieve their dreams, and have fun.

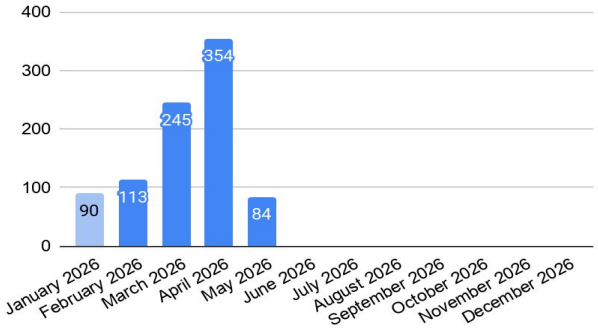
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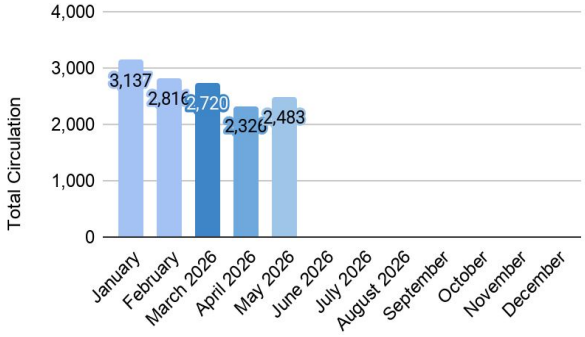
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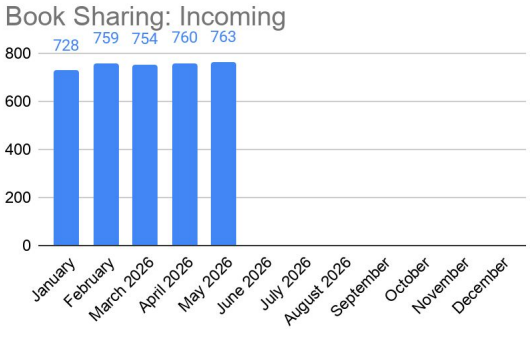
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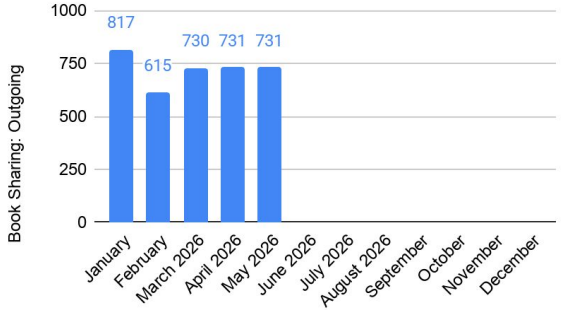
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Book Sharing: Incoming



Book Sharing: Outgoing

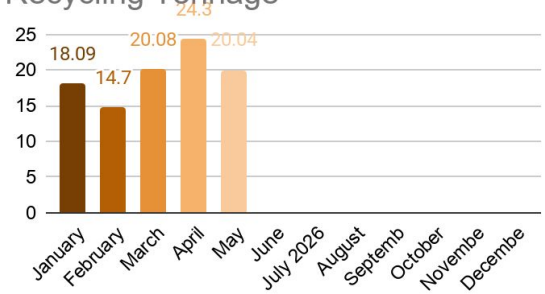


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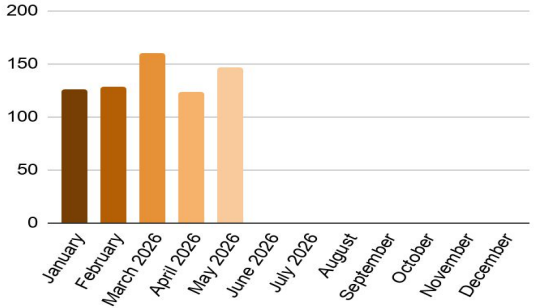
Public Works Director: Cory Hall | 230 N Cleghorn | (828) 287-5961

The Rutherfordton Public Works Department strives to be a department deserving of public confidence that provides excellent, innovative services and is an active, cooperative partner in enhancing our vital community

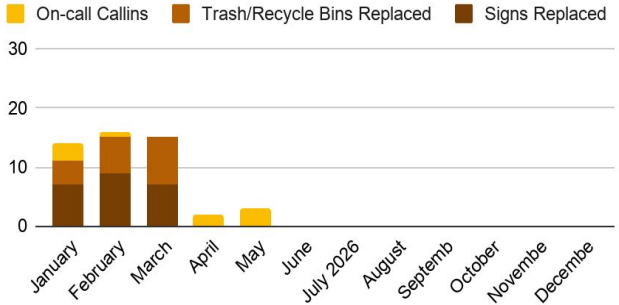
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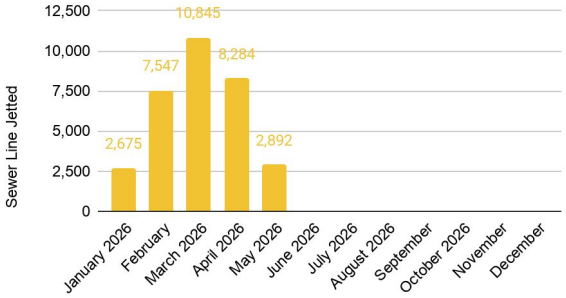


On-Call Call-ins / Bins & Signs Replaced 2026

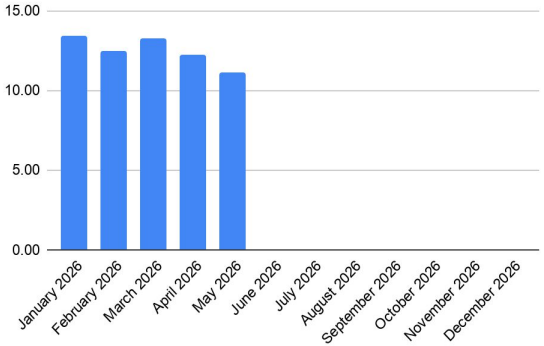


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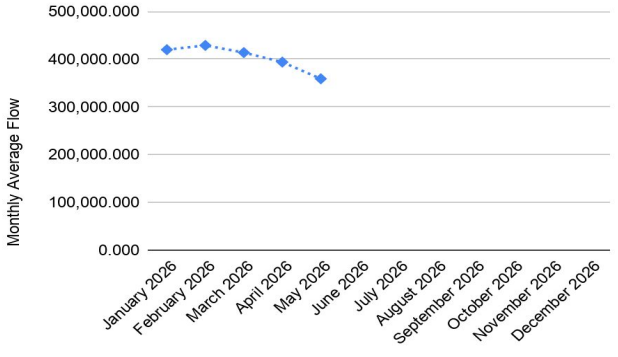
Sewer Line Jetted



Gallons Treated



Monthly Average Flow vs.

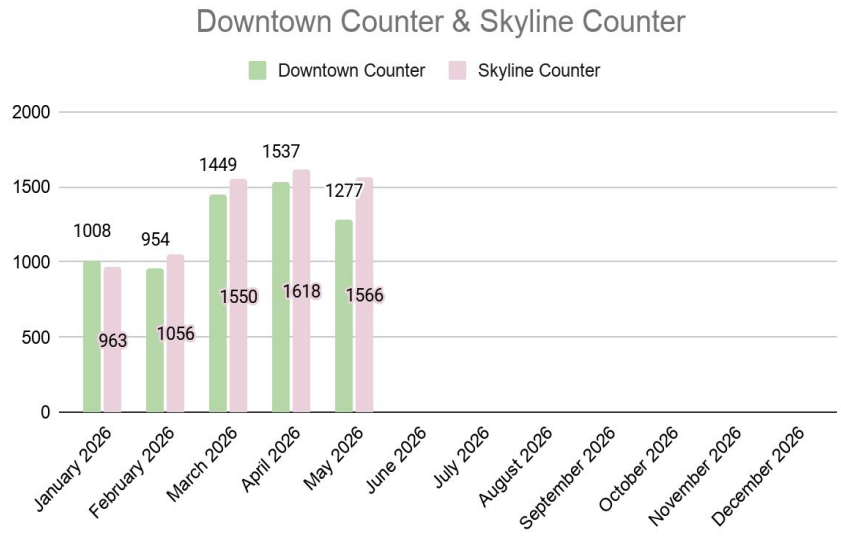


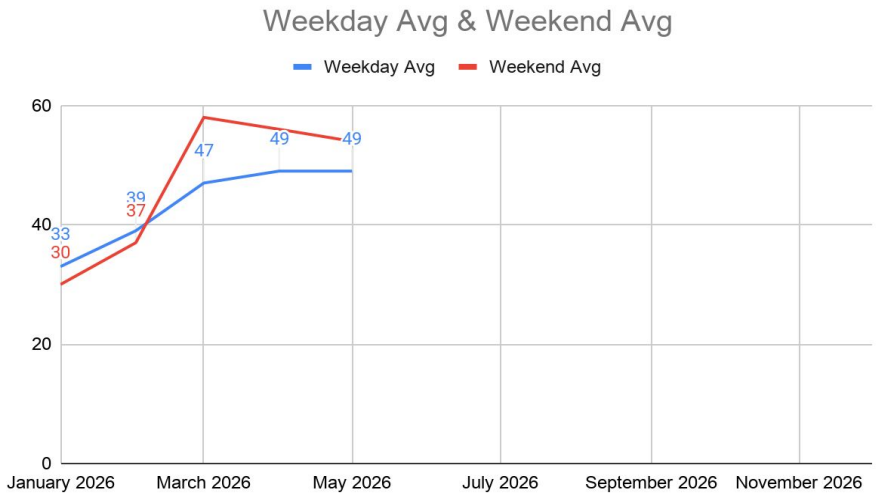
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2026 PMG Counts

PURPLE MARTIN greenway





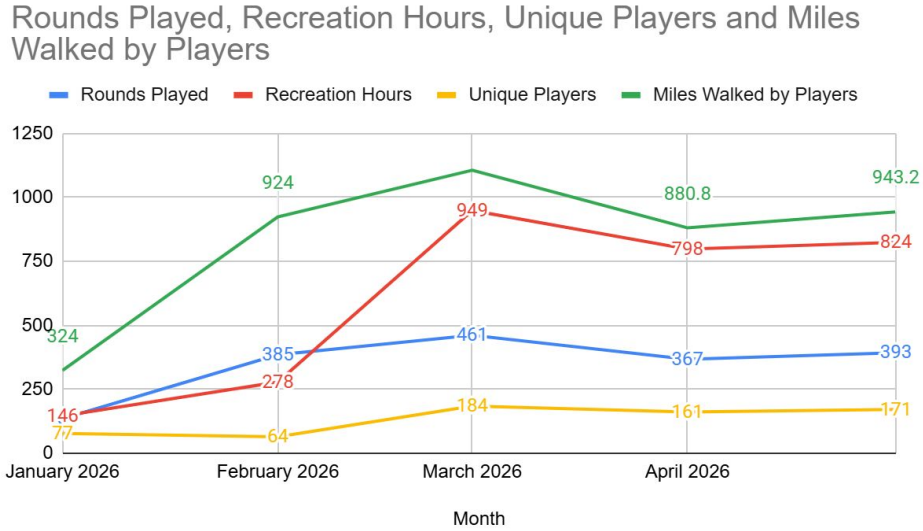
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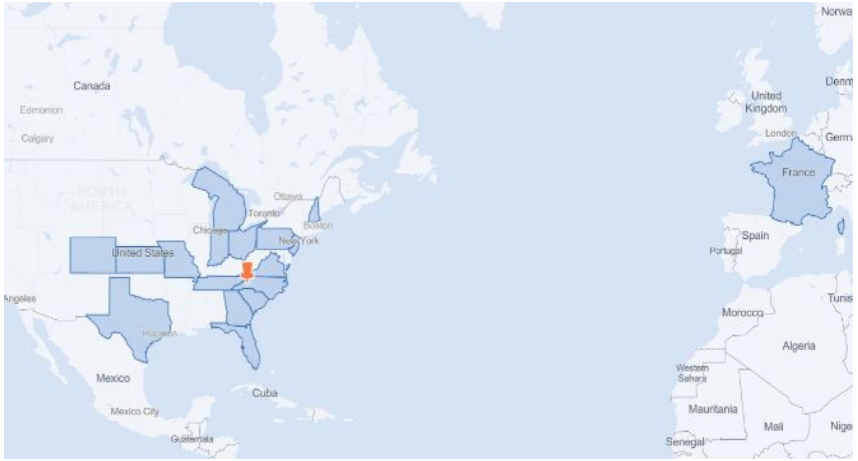
Norris Park Disc Golf Stats

UDisc is a popular disc golf app that helps players find their way around the course, rate and recommend to other users, and keep score. It shows us how many people played, their scores, where we can improve through reviews, and valuable exercise and use data.

Steps taken in May = 1,984,626

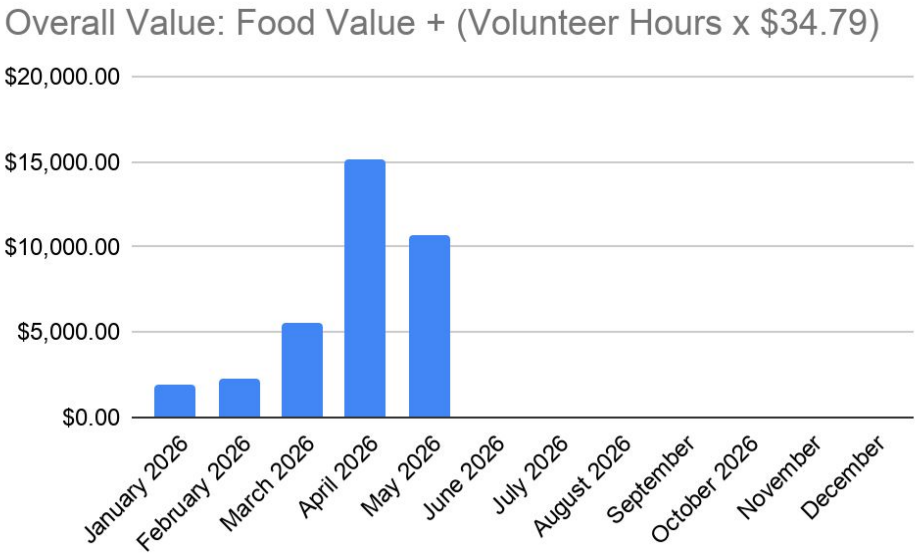
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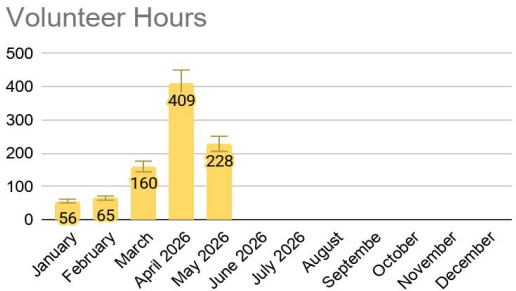


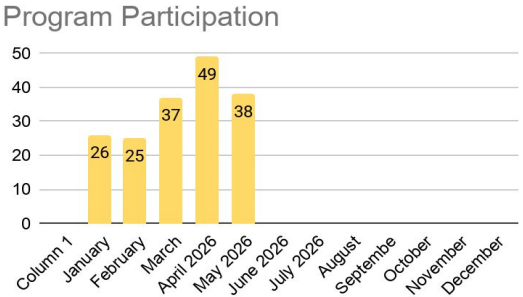


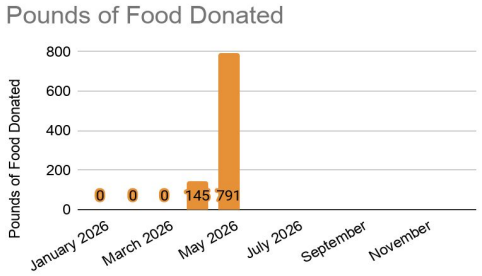
Lindy Abrams
rufftonroots@gmail.com

Total program value 2026: **$35,639.72**









Financial Report as of May 31, 2026
General Fund

Target Percentage: 91.7%

REVENUES

Fund	Budget	YTD	Remaining Balance	% Received	*prior year*
General	$ 8,635,882.00	$ 6,926,815.62	$ 1,709,066.38	80%	87%

EXPENSES

Fund	Budget	Encumbrance	YTD	Remaining Balance	% Used	
Administration	$ 1,592,127.00	$ 2,380.00	$ 1,296,052.74	$ 293,694.26	82%	91%
Community Development	$ 1,219,501.00	$ 20,875.00	$ 647,803.88	$ 550,822.12	55%	70%
Police	$ 2,002,678.00	$ 124,888.88	$ 1,681,556.03	$ 196,233.09	90%	89%
Fire	$ 1,700,770.00	$ 55,661.90	$ 1,445,672.29	$ 199,435.81	88%	86%
Public Works	$ 1,458,679.00	$ 108,994.84	$ 1,253,500.21	$ 96,183.95	93%	123%
Library	$ 297,710.00		$ 243,101.66	$ 54,608.34	82%	85%
Recreation	$ 364,417.00	$ 52,296.91	$ 264,060.09	$ 48,060.00	87%	85%
Transfer to Other Funds	$ -	$ -		$ -		100%
	$ 8,635,882.00	**$ 365,097.53**	**$ 6,831,746.90**	**$ 1,439,037.57**	**83%**	**93%**

Notes:

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Financial Report as of May 31, 2026
Sewer Fund

Target Percentage: 91.7%

REVENUES

Fund	Budget	YTD	Remaining Balance	% Received	*prior year*
Sewer	$ 1,799,590.00	$ 1,390,380.74	$ 409,209.26	77%	68%

EXPENSES

Fund	Budget	Encumbrance	YTD	Remaining Balance	% Used	
Sewer	$ 1,799,590.00	$ 26,986.41	$ 1,215,217.25	$ 557,386.34	69%	84%
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Notes:

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Financial Report as of May 31, 2026
Powell Bill Fund

REVENUES

Fund	Budget	YTD	Remaining Balance	% Received
Powell Bill	$ 159,000.00	$ 165,293.40	$ (6,293.40)	104%

EXPENSES

Fund	Budget	Encumbrance	YTD	Remaining Balance	% Used
Powell Bill	$ 159,000.00	$ 12,600.00	$ 90,709.01	$ 55,690.99	65%
	$ 159,000.00	**$ 12,600.00**	**$ 90,709.01**	**$ 55,690.99**	**65%**

Notes:

* $222,837.64 in Powell Bill Fund Balance
* Both FY26 distributions have been received

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Bank Balance Report as of May 31, 2026

Total Bank Balance:	$8,813,813.19
Prior Month:	$10,006,005.53
Prior Year:	$9,070,950.86

Operating Account	Police Tax Account	Government Fund	Government Fund
Truist	Truist	NCCMT	NC CLASS
0.00%	0.01%	3.52%	3.69%
Current Month	Current Month	Current Month	Current Month
$941,835.38	$13,285.23	$6,876,267.65	$982,424.93
Prior Month	Prior Month	Prior Month	Prior Month
$755,991.63	$12,456.76	$7,407,322.63	$1,830,234.51

Notes:

*Decrease in bank balance is partially due to balance payment on Ladder 26.

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