

# Town Of Ruth

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**To:** David Guy, Mayor  
**CC:** William Steppe, Commissioner  
Ron Carpenter, Commissioner  
**From:** Amie Goode-Hanaway, Town Administrator, Clerk & Financial Director  
**Date:** 7/7/20  
**Re:** July Meeting Minutes

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## TOWN OF RUTH MINUTES July 7th, 2020

**Present:** David Guy, Mayor, Ron Carpenter, Commissioner, William Steppe, Commissioner  
Amie Goode-Hanaway, Town Administrator, Financial Director & Clerk- All in attendance via  
teleconference other than the Mayor.

**Guest(s):**

**Citizen(s):**

The meeting was held in the Town Hall

### Points of Discussion:

- Call to Order
- Invocation led by Mayor Guy
- Agenda Adoption, motioned and seconded, approved
- Reminder to citizens & guests to sign in and keep discussion comments 5 minutes or less
- Open Forum for Citizens
- Minutes approved
- Old Business
- Committee Reports
  - Outreach Reporting
    - David reported on his visit to the County Commissioner Meeting. Topics included the Confederate Memorial on the Courthouse lawn. Disbursement of monies from CARES act. Amie reported her correspondence from Paula. The meeting revealed she hopes to have everyone's responses by the end of the month. Amie shared the included items which are the contract cleaning, IPAD pros, computer, monitor on wall, conference phone, video equipment for broadcasting meetings, subscription to got to meeting, any leftover would be masks and sanitizer.
    - David also reported on his first board meeting for BRWA. David's membership on the board was approved, they approved their budget.
    - David reported on the trail partners discussion on standardizing the access points to the trail. Also, a standardization of amenities for trail businesses bordering the trail. The partners believe there should be a mutual agreement and

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encouragement for businesses along trail. William inquired if there had been any public feedback and opinion regarding this issue. David mentioned he did not believe there was a centralized means of notifying the public and allowing their participation. Amie mentioned she does not even get notices of the meetings and is supposed to be welcomed. She believes the idea is to remain insular, David agrees and feels there could be benefit to increased transparency.

- **Road Care- JM Teague.** Amie reported on her conversation of JM Teague and their abilities. This also included the proposal for speed control on Church Street if a community park is developed. Everyone felt the proposal was very professional and Amie shared she felt they are polished and capable. David shared his introduction to the JM Teague via trail partners and DOT. He believes he met him a second time at a Rutherfordton meeting, regarding traffic patterns. He too was impressed with his ease of articulation of the topic. He also shared with David the Powell bill maps were due and their company handles this as well. Amie shared she already had a surveying firm working on this and they were a week away from being complete. Ron asked for a brainstorming discussion of a park on the existing town land. William said he is torn, as he would love to see the benefits to the constituency of a park, however he from his seat and service perspective, would like to see a revenue endeavor planned for the property. Amie mentioned the inherent costs of a park/playground. It is an expense, from initial costs, to upkeep/maintenance, to insurance, and all other hidden costs. Amie shared her phishing regarding other properties that may be acquired and combined. Amie also mentioned the conversation regarding sewer and the necessity to attract businesses. David mentioned sewer access on other side of southern street. Amie shared her investigations prove this is not a true statement.
- **Speeding on Whitesides Road-David** talked with Chris Francis at the commissioners meeting and shared with him his feedback provided from citizens on whitesides road. Chris told David if the town can provide him with some statistics from the radar sign with his department, he may be able to put some ticketing officers at the location. David will relocate the sign to whitesides road.
- **Drainage issues during high volume rain.** Private property ownership/road passage will be a part of this conversation. David pointed out Youngs drive and in Ruthridge at intersection of Sherry street and Hannah Drive/Shadywoods lane. Much discussion regarding these issues. Currently no erosion of the roadway, however, David fears this may happen long term. David feels a culvert drain is warranted eventually. William feels there must be companies who deal with these types of issues. Ron wanted to provide a different perspective. He communicated there are conditions that always happen when there is a heavy downpour no matter the infrastructure. Amie provided some historical, tribal knowledge of these issues. She mentioned during normal rainfalls there is no problem at either location. It is with unusual rainfall amount at once when there is a problem. William would be interested in hearing ideas of options if a quote would not cost us a lot of money. Amie will do some digging, reach out to maybe Rutherfordton, or JM Teague to see how expensive a quote would be for this problem. David shared Gilbert Carmona is the property owner at that corner who has done work to advance the flow of heavy waterfall. David mentioned entering Shadywoods Lane to the left before reaching the bottom of the hill, the taupe color house and barn style house, he would like

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to send a letter to those property owners and requesting they maintain their drainage ditch. Amie will research addresses and property owners and draft a letter for approval.

- Finance Director Report
  - **Amend the budget to actual-Item 13 in packet is the amend to actual line items.**

## Amendment to the Budget Ordinance

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Governing Board of the Town of Ruth, North Carolina, the following amendment is made to the annual budget ordinance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020:

### Section 1: To amend the General Fund, the appropriations are to be changed as follows:

Acct No. Account	Decrease	Increase	Amount
10-410-13 Utilities/CityHall/Mall		Increase	\$ 77.50
10-410-26 Advertising		Increase	\$ 125.03
10-560-14 Utilities-Signal Lights		Increase	\$ 17.53
10-560-20 Bikeways		Increase	\$ 1,812.11
10-560-22 Greenways		Increase	\$ 500.00
10-560-24 Ruthridge Beautification		Increase	\$ 585.00
10-560-25 Town Hall Mowing & Beautification		Increase	\$ 1,460.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>Increases</b>	<b><u>\$ 4,577.17</u></b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>Decreases</b>	<b><u>\$ 0.00</u></b>
<b>Grand Total adjustment</b>		<b>Increase</b>	<b><u>\$4,577.17</u></b>

This will result in a net **INCREASE** in the Expenditure appropriations of **\$4,577.17** to the General Fund.

### Section 2: To amend the General Fund, the estimated revenues are to be changed as follows:

Acct No. Account	Decrease	Increase	Amount
10-329-00 Interest earned Investments		Increase	\$ 3,466.58
10-367-02 Sales & Use TD		Increase	\$ 6,231.17
10-367-03 NC Franchise TD		Increase	\$ 344.37
10-367-04 Solid Waste TD		Increase	\$ 30.13
10-399-01 Landfill Fees		Increase	\$ 1,470.92
10-399-00 Appropriated Fund Balance		Decrease	\$ 6,966.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>Increases</b>	<b><u>\$11,543.17</u></b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>Decreases</b>	<b><u>\$6,966.00</u></b>
<b>Grand Total Adjustment</b>		<b>Increase</b>	<b><u>\$ 4,577.17</u></b>

This will result in a net **INCREASE** in the Revenue appropriations of **\$11,543.17** to the General Fund. However, to balance our budget, and decrease our dependency on reserves, the appropriated fund balance will be reduced by **\$6,966.00**. Resulting in a net difference of **\$4,577.17** to both revenues and expenses to balance year end and move to actual.

**Section 3:** Copies of this budget amendment shall be furnished to the Clerk of the Governing Board, and to the Budget Officer and the Finance Officer for their direction.

### **Adopted this 30th day of June 2020**

Notes for Amendment to the Budget Ordinance:

<sup>1</sup> This assumes that for budgeting purpose, the City used an estimated collection rate in line with the amount established by state law [G.S. 159-13(b)(6)] and that the un-amended collection rate is equal to or less than the allowable limit.

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2 Many revenues are not fully collected until June 30. To revise estimates mid-year requires careful analysis to ensure that revenue estimates will not be overestimated. Most revenue amendments are for new revenues; however, these are not new revenues.

**Ron made a motion to accept this ordinance to amend budget to actual. William seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.**

- Waste fee for Alvin Hardy=Amie has done the due diligence, he in fact is not being serviced by GDS, there was much discussion regarding how this works so that Ron could understand the situation. William feels he can be released from two of the three fees, however he as a property owner should be charged the fee for trash collection. The service is available whether the property owner chooses to use it or not. The discussion then becomes is the street town maintained or not. If not, the service area is Church Street. GIS shows three trailers on Alvin's property (owned by the estate of Becky Logan). Leave him with the one fee, however if the other trailers become inhabited then the charges will begin again. Amie will have further conversations with the paralegal. Amie will draft up a letter and send to the tax office.
- Appoint temporary voting and motioning privileges to the Mayor during a vacancy. William had requested Amie reach out to John Crotts to investigate what should happen when a person leaves their seat. William explained the results to the board. William makes a motion to give the Mayors seat voting & motion rights in the event of a commissioner seat. Ron shares he has given advance notice and will not leave the board hanging. He should have an answer to them within the next week to ten days. William did request from Ron the heads up. Ron said of course he would give them the heads up. Ron said please go ahead and void the automatic direct deposit so there would not be a mishap and a refund would be needed. William asked Amie to investigate if the Mayor is incapacitated, not only a mayor protem (William is said protem), Amie will reach out to John.

Meeting adjourned