NOVEMBER MONTHLY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, November 17, 2026 at 6:00 PM

RUTH TOWN HALL

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

ROLL CALL

AGENDA ADOPTION

GUEST SPEAKERS

COMMUNITY FORUM

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES

1. Last Meetings Minutes attached here.

OLD BUSINESS

2. Amy will review updates for the Right of Way clearing and bidding plans for Street Maintenance and Repair.
3. Mall area power upgrades- Amy will submit a previously approved quote in 25-26 not completed. New fiscal period requires new approval. Quote includes ditch witch, power panels, enhancements to electrical infrastructure.
4. Jenny will present quotes for Business cards/magnets
5. Amy will review a quote for Trailhead/mall area previously quoted and approved in fiscal period 25-26 and not completed. New fiscal period will require reapproval before proceeding.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

6. Amy reviews the Financial Reports attached here.

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

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OCTOBER TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, October 27, 2026 at 6:00 PM

RUTH TOWN HALL

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

David called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

David offered a beautiful invocation.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Guy, Commissioners Goode and Piper, Manager Hanaway are all attending.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Piper made motion to adopt agenda as presented, Goode seconded.

GUEST SPEAKERS

No preregistered guest speakers signed up.

COMMUNITY FORUM

William Steppe, Denver Buchanan, Jeff and Megan Seals, Amanda Guy all are present.

Denver shared an incident of a "sinkhole" Anita stepped into and face planted on the sidewalk. Denver would like for the board to consider accelerating the plans to address street maintenance. He believes some of the issues are from BRWA maintenance leftovers.

Jeff Seals referenced minutes referring to Kuduz on the trail inquiring as to who did that work. He shared frustration with the "eyesore" leaving the neighborhood and how he threw his back out in June weed eating that area. He questions the priority of trail safety over communal safety. David asks the location he's referring to, he and Denver respond Young's Drive and HWY 64. He states you can not see to exit on to 64 safely. Jeff mentions the Stop Signs still in disrepair. He references David was to have surveyed the signs over a year ago and has not done so. He continues, items on the agenda being tabled remaining unaddressed. Jeff shares exasperation over "deaf ears" nothing being done.

Megan Seals inquires about pole leases and flags "Why do we need flags?"

Public comment forum is closed.

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES

No additions deletions or correction to last meeting minutes, they stand as presented.

1. Minutes are attached for review

OLD BUSINESS

2. Jenny and David will update the board on any progress for the Food Truck Palooza.

   David updated the Food Truck Palooza event- He shared several of the vendors he and Jenny were hoping to have participate were already committed and they have decided to move the event to the Spring. Jenny is looking at April 15th with the trucks and have a time to come together with family and community.

3. Amy will update the board and all in attendance on the bidding progress for road upkeep.

   Amy updated the board of her efforts- She began by saying she hoped her updates will address some of the concerns shared by citizens during community forum. She shared the board approved last month

for our landscapers to begin right of way maintenance in the next few weeks. This will include ditches, culverts, stop sign vegetation, any maintenance that falls within our easement/right of way, which is 50 feet on either side from the center of the roadway. They will begin in the Northview Park development specifically beginning on Youngs Drive. The board did approve this action and it is on the schedule.

Street Bidding-Amy communicated the requirement to have our street maintenance project bidded. Amy has contacted Terry Cantrell, Tri-City Paving, Caldwell Construction and Leslie Horton. To date the only response has been from Terry Cantrell. All have communicated the work will not commence until warmer weather, with most saying they cannot quote until first of the year. Amy shared during budgeting she communicated to the board her pet project this year will be the roads and right of ways. She recommended to the board to reallocate funds from capital and Christmas in order to address these concerns. The board was in full agreement and voted to adopt the budget with these pointed projects in mind. Amy suggested we review the statues and place a classified ad with a definitive window for bidding. If not bidded within that window they will not be considered. Terry Cantrell has submitted a bid already. Amy will also call BRWA regarding "sinkholes" for addressment. Amy shared she knows it looks like, seems like, feels like nothing is being done but that is not the case. There are things in motion; granted it's not happening as quickly as we would all like but it is underway. Jenny spoke up and said there was allocation for Stop Signs. Amy communicated she had not been given that feedback yet.

4. Amy will update board on latest developments regarding Youngs Drive challenges.

   Amy wanted the board to be aware of the activities happening on Youngs Drive as it relates to Duke Power. Barbara Shelton contacted the Town requesting we get a light repaired and the tree Duke cut a deep V in several years ago removed. Amy worked with Duke to get the light replaced but Duke refuses to cut the tree. Duke told Barbara it would be the Town's responsibility. This tree is outside of the right of way and is the property owner's responsibility. This property is in an estate situation with many heirs. An arborist said the base of the tree is healthy and stable, the branches above with the extreme V cut out are a different story. Amy took the opportunity whilst discussing Duke to reassure the citizens that leases and flags have not been pursued and is tabled. David shared more Duke news as it relates to Church Street being off limits while service line repairs are performed. David said Duke would communicate via mailers and texts ahead of the closure.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

5. Financial Reports will be reviewed and are attached.

   Amy reviewed Budget vs Actual. She wanted to point out two items and request an amendment. Insurance and Bonds, and Fire Tax both are paid for the year and need to be adjusted. Requesting Fire tax and Insurance and Bonds to be amended to actual. An increase of $271.02 in Fire Tax and $179.44 in Insurance and Bonds. Jenny made a motion to adjust to actual, Nick seconded.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Jenny would like for the board to discuss expensing Business Cards for the Officials and staff.

   Jenny communicated she would like to educate citizens to Ruth with a business card or magnates. Jenny will get a couple estimates and present at next meeting.

7. David's seat is up for reappointment. Board needs to assign.

   David's seat on the BRWA Board is up for reappointment. David told the board he would like to be reappointed if the board would so choose. Jenny made a motion David be reappointed, Nick seconded. Amy will communicate with Maria.

ADJOURNMENT

Nick made a motion to adjourn, Jenny seconded.

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Type	Disp Acct	Budget	YTD	Variance	Pr
Type: Revenues					
Revenues	10-250-01 Unearned Revenue	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	0.00%
Revenues	10-282-01 Late List Penalty Current	$0.00	$3.15	$3.15	0.00%
Revenues	10-282-02 Late List Penalty Prior	$0.00	$43.67	$43.67	0.00%
Revenues	10-300-00 Revenues	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	0.00%
Revenues	10-301-00 Current Taxes	$166,548.51	$62,362.09	($104,186.42)	37.44%
Revenues	10-301-01 Taxes - Prior Years	$0.00	$1,781.76	$1,781.76	0.00%
Revenues	10-302-00 Interest and Penalties	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	0.00%
Revenues	10-329-00 Interest Earned on Invest	$6,000.00	$2,207.06	($3,792.94)	36.78%
Revenues	10-329-01 Interest Earned Powell Bill	$150.00	$55.59	($94.41)	37.06%
Revenues	10-335-00 Miscellaneous Revenues	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	0.00%
Revenues	10-336-00 Current Personal Auto Taxes	$13,559.01	$4,971.10	($8,587.91)	36.66%
Revenues	10-336-01 Personal Auto Prior Years	$0.00	($40.60)	($40.60)	0.00%
Revenues	10-337-00 NC Franchise Tax	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	0.00%
Revenues	10-343-00 Powell Bill Allocation	$15,200.00	$7,344.27	($7,855.73)	48.32%
Revenues	10-367-02 Sales & Use Tax Dist	$83,500.00	$25,230.64	($58,269.36)	30.22%
Revenues	10-367-03 NC Franchise & Utility TD	$21,000.00	$5,132.83	($15,867.17)	24.44%
Revenues	10-367-04 Solid Waste Disposal Tax Dist.	$300.00	$61.78	($238.22)	20.59%
Revenues	10-380-01 Sign Permit Payment	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	0.00%
Revenues	10-385-01 Hall Rental Fees	$0.00	$100.00	$100.00	0.00%
Revenues	10-399-00 Appro.Fund Balance	$450.46	$0.00	($450.46)	0.00%
Revenues	10-399-01 Current Landfill Fees	$35,882.00	$17,242.00	($18,640.00)	48.05%
Revenues	10-399-02 Landfill Fees Prior	$0.00	$1,291.15	$1,291.15	0.00%
Revenues	10-399-51 ARP Funding	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	0.00%
		$342,589.98	$127,786.49	($214,803.49)	37%
Type: Expenses					
Expenses	10-400-00 Expenses	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	0.00%
Expenses	10-409-00 NC Sales Tax	$3,600.00	$0.00	$3,600.00	0.00%
Expenses	10-409-01 Sales Tax Other	$100.00	$17.42	$82.58	17.42%
Expenses	10-409-02 S/H Freight	$400.00	$0.00	$400.00	0.00%
Expenses	10-410-00 Mayor's Salary	$387.60	$129.20	$258.40	33.33%
Expenses	10-410-01 Commissioner's Salary	$646.00	$198.88	$447.12	30.79%
Expenses	10-410-02 Tax Collection & Clerk Ex	$23,600.04	$7,866.68	$15,733.36	33.33%
Expenses	10-410-03 Legal	$5,000.00	$0.00	$5,000.00	0.00%
Expenses	10-410-04 Professional Services	$15,000.00	$843.00	$14,157.00	5.62%
Expenses	10-410-06 FICA Expense	$2,000.00	$0.00	$2,000.00	0.00%
Expenses	10-410-10 Election Expense	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	0.00%
Expenses	10-410-11 Town Employee Education	$1,000.00	$0.00	$1,000.00	0.00%

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Expenses	10-410-13 Utilities/CityHall/Mall	$4,000.00	$964.98	$3,035.02	24.12%
Expenses	10-410-15 Maint/Repairs-Bldg&Ground	$15,000.00	$378.36	$14,621.64	2.52%
Expenses	10-410-16 Maint/Repair-Equipment	$1,000.00	$175.97	$824.03	17.60%
Expenses	10-410-26 Advertising	$300.00	$0.00	$300.00	0.00%
Expenses	10-410-33 Dept.Materials & Supplies	$5,000.00	$20.91	$4,979.09	0.42%
Expenses	10-410-53 Dues & Subscriptions	$36,000.00	$7,117.21	$28,882.79	19.77%
Expenses	10-410-54 Insurance & Bonds	$7,810.44	$7,810.44	$0.00	100.00%
Expenses	10-410-57 Miscellaneous Expense	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	0.00%
Expenses	10-410-58 Christmas Decorations	$25,000.00	$0.00	$25,000.00	0.00%
Expenses	10-410-59 Downtown Beautification	$1,000.00	$0.00	$1,000.00	0.00%
Expenses	10-410-60 Town Hall Furnishings	$500.00	$0.00	$500.00	0.00%
Expenses	10-410-70 Town Grounds	$2,000.00	$0.00	$2,000.00	0.00%
Expenses	10-410-76 Captial Outlay-Technology	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	0.00%
Expenses	10-420-01 CARES Expenditure account	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	0.00%
Expenses	10-510-71 Capital Outlay Land	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	0.00%
Expenses	10-510-72 Capital Outlay Building	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	0.00%
Expenses	10-510-73 Capital Outlay Other Imp	$9,132.11	$0.00	$9,132.11	0.00%
Expenses	10-510-74 Capital Outlay Equipment	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	0.00%
Expenses	10-510-75 Capital Outlay Technology	$5,000.00	$0.00	$5,000.00	0.00%
Expenses	10-530-00 Fire Department	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	0.00%
Expenses	10-530-45 FireDept.Contr.Serv-Calls	$76,680.27	$76,680.27	$0.00	100.00%
Expenses	10-530-46 Tree Removal	$1,000.00	$0.00	$1,000.00	0.00%
Expenses	10-560-00 Street Department	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	0.00%
Expenses	10-560-13 Utilities-Street Lights	$11,000.00	$3,326.66	$7,673.34	30.24%
Expenses	10-560-14 Utilities-Signal Lights	$50.00	$0.00	$50.00	0.00%
Expenses	10-560-15 Maint/Rep-Existing Street	$50,000.00	$1,275.00	$48,725.00	2.55%
Expenses	10-560-16 Snow & Ice Removal	$2,000.00	$0.00	$2,000.00	0.00%
Expenses	10-560-17 Traffic Control	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	0.00%
Expenses	10-560-18 Drainage & Storm Sewer	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	0.00%
Expenses	10-560-19 Curb & Gutter	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	0.00%
Expenses	10-560-20 Bikeways	$1,500.00	$375.00	$1,125.00	25.00%
Expenses	10-560-21 Sidewalks	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	0.00%
Expenses	10-560-22 Greenways	$500.00	$0.00	$500.00	0.00%
Expenses	10-560-25 Town Hall Mowing & beautification	$540.00	$135.00	$405.00	25.00%
Expenses	10-560-26 Helene Storm Damage Cleanup and Recovery	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	0.00%
Expenses	10-560-33 Dept. Materials & Supplie	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	0.00%
Expenses	10-560-45 Contr.Serv.-FireHydrants	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	0%
Expenses	10-580-00 Sanitation Department	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	0%

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Expenses	10-580-33 Sanitation-Dept.Mat.&Supp	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	0.00%
Expenses	10-580-44 Recycle Contracted Servic	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	0.00%
Expenses	10-580-45 Garbage Contracted Serciv	$23,543.52	$7,760.06	$15,783.46	32.96%
Expenses	10-580-46 RCSW Landfill Fees	$12,300.00	$4,115.20	$8,184.80	33.46%
		$342,589.98	$119,190.24	$223,399.74	35%