

MARCH MONTHLY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, March 19, 2024 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

OLD BUSINESS

1. Hazard Mitigation Planning-FEMA Placeholder
2. Town Sign-Placeholder while awaiting revision for more vertical than horizontal.
3. Trail Lighting-Placeholder while Amie researches solutions.
4. Concrete pad for exercise equipment-Placeholder until quote from contractor is fulfilled
5. No Cost Solutions-Amie will review the findings and request
6. Grant Recipients-Placeholder until David shares list of awarded grant recipients to Amie.
7. Mike Cranford/Meta-Amie will share her conversation with LJA Engineering for Meta with the board.
8. Christmas decor-Amie wants to check in with the board if they have reviewed or have any questions
9. DOT update-Amie will share what she knows to date on project.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

10. Financial Reporting-Financial Reports were delivered in advance; Budget vs Actual with recommendations attached for review and awareness.
11. TR-2 Reporting-Amie will update on TR-2 report collection and submittal
12. Tax Operations and reports-Amie will share her investigations with the board regarding the LGC tag and her incorporation of the remedy and findings.

NEW BUSINESS

13. Board Compensation-William would like to discuss Board compensation

ADJOURNMENT

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons who need accommodation to attend or participate in this meeting should contact Town Hall at (828) 287-7943 within 48 hours prior to the meeting to request such assistance.



NO COST SOLUTIONS

Costs Down, Profits Up

Utility Invoice Verification

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AUDIT SUMMARY

No Cost Solutions has verified the following vendor accounts for accuracy and cost efficiency. Errors and over charges (if applicable) are defined below. If no detail is provided, the account has been confirmed as correct and cost efficient. We appreciate the opportunity to verify your accounts.

March 14, 2024

Duke Energy

Account Numbers:

The following account numbers are billed on rate SGS (Small General Service). Rate SGS is available to any non-residential customer whose monthly demand is less than 75KW. Rate SGS bills demand and usage. Based on the accounts' histories, no errors or overcharges were identified.

910030565915
910030606058
910030606892
910030607108
910030607330

The following account numbers are billed on rate TS (Traffic Service). Rate TS is available to municipal customers for Traffic Signal Service. Rate TS bills usage. Based on the accounts' histories, no errors or overcharges were identified.

910030606321

The following account numbers are billed on rate PL (Public Lighting). Rate PL is available to municipal customers for lighting to public places. Rate PL bills a flat amount based on the type of lighting. Based on the accounts' histories, no errors or overcharges were identified.

910030606602
910030607108

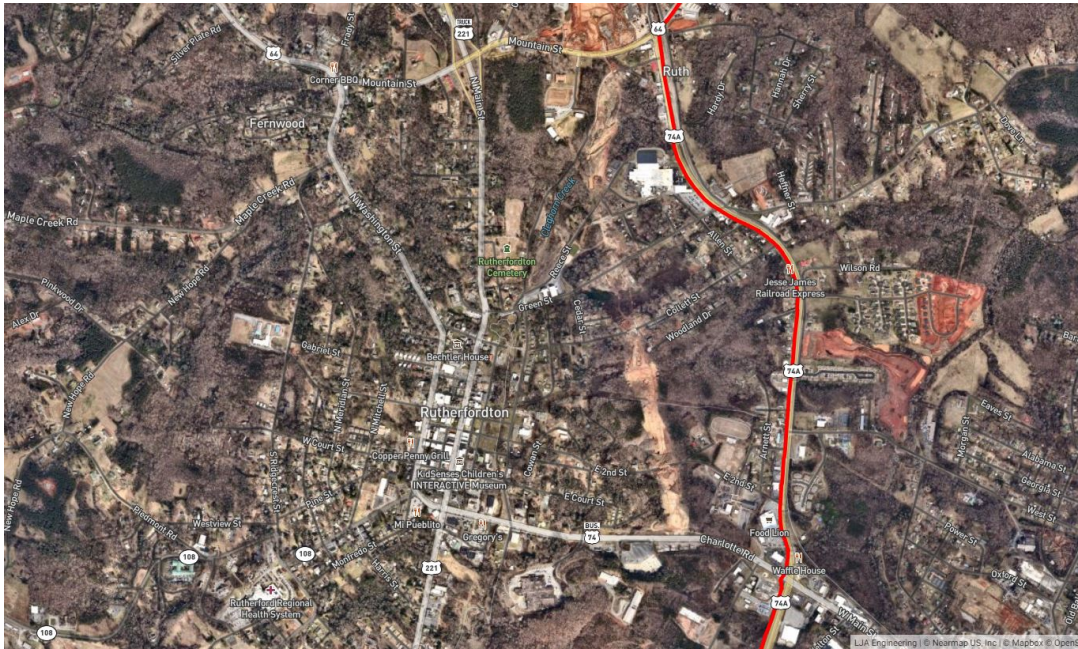
No Cost Solutions
P.O. Box 12308
Charlotte, NC 28220

To Whom it May Concern:

We hired No Cost Solutions to verify our town's utility invoices. The audit was thorough, timely, and provided us with the assurance that our bills are correct and cost effective. We would recommend No Cost Solutions to any organization concerned about its costs.

Best regards,

Amy Hanaway
Town Manager



Type	Disp Acct	Budget	YTD	Variance	P	Item 10.
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	\$3,639.15	\$3,639.15		0.00%
Revenues	10-282-02 Late List Penalty Prior	\$0.00	\$0.91	\$0.91		0.00%
Revenues	10-300-00 Revenues	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
Revenues	10-301-00 Current Taxes	\$129,060.16	\$122,274.21	(\$6,785.95)		94.74%
Revenues	10-301-01 Taxes - Prior Years	\$0.00	\$1,683.58	\$1,683.58		0.00%
Revenues	10-329-00 Interest Earned on Invest	\$2,400.00	\$2,300.05	(\$99.95)		95.84%
Revenues	10-329-01 Interest Earned Powell Bill	\$108.00	\$68.18	(\$39.82)		63.13%
Revenues	10-335-00 Miscellaneous Revenues	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
Revenues	10-336-00 Current Personal Auto Taxes	\$9,527.05	\$6,796.69	(\$2,730.36)		71.34%
Revenues	10-336-01 Personal Auto Prior Years	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
Revenues	10-337-00 NC Franchise Tax	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
Revenues	10-343-00 Powell Bill Allocation	\$14,613.95	\$14,613.95	\$0.00		100.00%
Revenues	10-367-02 Sales & Use Tax Dist	\$40,800.00	\$35,384.31	(\$5,415.69)		86.73%
Revenues	10-367-03 NC Franchise & Utility TD	\$11,050.00	\$7,749.36	(\$3,300.64)		70.13%
Revenues	10-367-04 Solid Waste Disposal Tax Dist.	\$210.00	\$208.56	(\$1.44)		99.31%
Revenues	10-380-01 Sign Permit Payment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
Revenues	10-399-00 Appro.Fund Balance	\$20,403.70	\$0.00	(\$20,403.70)		0.00%
Revenues	10-399-01 Current Landfill Fees	\$22,000.00	\$20,594.43	(\$1,405.57)		93.61%
Revenues	10-399-02 Landfill Fees Prior	\$0.00	\$510.00	\$510.00		0.00%
Revenues	10-399-51 ARP Funding	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
		\$250,172.86	\$215,823.38	(\$34,349.48)		86%
Type: Expenses						
Expenses	10-400-00 Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-409-00 NC Sales Tax	\$2,400.00	\$1,280.40	\$1,119.60		53.35%
Expenses	10-409-01 Sales Tax Other	\$250.00	\$121.21	\$128.79		48.48%
Expenses	10-409-02 S/H Freight	\$468.40	\$468.40	\$0.00		100.00%
Expenses	10-410-00 Mayor's Salary	\$775.08	\$581.31	\$193.77		75.00%
Expenses	10-410-01 Commissioner's Salary	\$1,292.00	\$968.94	\$323.06		75.00%
Expenses	10-410-02 Tax Collection & Clerk Ex	\$23,600.04	\$17,700.03	\$5,900.01		75.00%
Expenses	10-410-03 Legal	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-410-04 Professional Services	\$11,000.00	\$9,209.71	\$1,790.29		83.72%
Expenses	10-410-06 FICA Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-410-10 Election Expense	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-410-11 Town Employee Education	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-410-13 Utilities/CityHall/Mall	\$3,000.00	\$2,550.14	\$449.86		85.00%
Expenses	10-410-15 Maint/Repairs-Bldg&Ground	\$8,500.00	\$0.00	\$8,500.00		0%

Type	Disp Acct	Budget	YTD	Variance	P	Item 10.
Expenses	10-410-16 Maint/Repair-Equipment	\$8,500.00	\$0.00	\$8,500.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-410-26 Advertising	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-410-33 Dept.Materials & Supplies	\$1,075.79	\$531.41	\$544.38		49.40%
Expenses	10-410-53 Dues & Subscriptions	\$19,500.00	\$18,686.42	\$813.58		95.83%
Expenses	10-410-54 Insurance & Bonds	\$4,000.00	\$3,953.00	\$47.00		98.83%
Expenses	10-410-58 Christmas Decorations	\$30,000.00	\$17,904.39	\$12,095.61		59.68%
Expenses	10-410-59 Downtown Beautification	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-410-60 Town Hall Furnishings	\$705.81	\$705.81	\$0.00		100.00%
Expenses	10-410-70 Town Grounds	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00		100.00%
Expenses	10-410-76 Captial Outlay-Technology	\$0.00	\$921.85	(\$921.85)		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	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-510-74 Capital Outlay Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-510-75 Capital Outlay Technology	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-530-00 Fire Department	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-530-45 FireDept.Contr.Serv-Calls	\$51,374.74	\$51,374.74	\$0.00		100.00%
Expenses	10-530-46 Tree Removal	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-560-00 Street Department	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-560-13 Utilities-Street Lights	\$7,431.32	\$6,282.04	\$1,149.28		84.53%
Expenses	10-560-14 Utilities-Signal Lights	\$118.68	\$118.68	\$0.00		100.00%
Expenses	10-560-15 Maint/Rep-Existing Street	\$5,155.00	\$5,155.00	\$0.00		100.00%
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	\$625.00	\$875.00		41.67%
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	\$600.00	\$270.00	\$330.00		45.00%
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		0.00%
Expenses	10-580-00 Sanitation Department	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
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	\$20,328.00	\$13,256.32	\$7,071.68		65.21%

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Expenses	10-580-46 RCSW Landfill Fees	\$9,398.00	\$5,866.76	\$3,531.24		62.43%
Expenses	40-500-00 Depreciation Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
		\$250,172.86	\$159,531.56	\$90,641.30		64%

Color Coded Legend for Budget vs Actual:

- Yellow is to watch
- Red is to stop and correct
- Brown is complete for the year
- All else is green for go (not marked)

Recommendations for this months reclassification are as follows:

- \$152.00 from 10-410-59 Downtown Beautification to 10-560-14 Utilities Signal Light
- \$2200.00 from 10-410-15 Maint/Repair Bldg & Grounds to 10-560-15 Maint/Repair Existing Streets

Be mindful we don't need motions/formal adoption of re-classes, this is for your awareness and informal approval so I might proceed with journaling.