

DECEMBER TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, December 16, 2025 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. November Meeting Minutes-

OLD BUSINESS

2. Zoning for the Town of Ruth-

Amie wants to keep this on the agenda and will continue to do research.

3. Stop sign repurpose project-

Amie is waiting on manpower to do the manual labor of switching out signs. Wants to revisit identification of unused sign locations.

4. Town of Ruth Sign Project-

This has been tabled until January

5. Residential Street Parking-

Amie has an update

6. Litter problem at Trail Head-

David has personally cleaned the Kiosk at the Trail Head many times and would like for the Board or RRDC to find a solution to this problem.

7. Spring Fling-

Commissioner Piper wants the board to think about having a Spring Fling. This serves as a placeholder for that discussion. David would like for their to be a BBQ contest to highlight our local BBQ.

8. Automatic flag apparatus-

Amie is researching, no new updates

9. Trail Cameras, Security Lighting, Gating-

While this item has been tabled until January, with the help of Commissioner Goode, Amie has some updates

COMMITTEE REPORTS

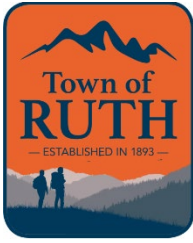
10. Financial Reports Review-

Amie has attached the reports for review and an ordinance for motion.

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

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NOVEMBER TOWN MEETING

Tuesday, November 18th, 2025, at 6:00 PM
RUTH TOWN HALL

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

David called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

David offered an Invocation.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Guy, Commissioners Goode and Piper, Manager Hanaway-all participating

AGENDA ADOPTION

Goode made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented, Piper seconded, passing unanimously.

GUEST SPEAKERS

No guest speakers preauthorized/signed up to present or speak.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Amanda Guy

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES

No changes-additions or deletions to the minutes from last meeting, stand as presented and read.

OLD BUSINESS-No Old Business

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Financial review included one actionable item of amending budget to accommodate for failed billing for RRDC lease. Leasing bill was omitted last year so budget was amended to reflect, 2024's billing arrived with 2025's billing. Budget recommendation was to amend RRDC lease allowance from \$1,000.00 to \$2,000.00 to accommodate for last years missed billing. Goode made a motion to amend, Piper seconded, passes unanimously.
2. Update on Christmas light installation included reports of frustration with Church Street being dead ended and those lights being unnoticeable from Railroad Avenue. Amie reminded complainants of electrical restrictions due to road construction project; she offered to callers those decorations are viewable from the trail and from those walking the mall area for photo opportunities. Amie communicated the schematics project, overlayed and correlated with fixed asset tagging and electrical sourcing. Quote is being drawn up for tunneling and expansion to accommodate for potential relocation of and or additions to Christmas lighting. Amie also communicated actionable item of reaching out to Duke for pole assignment now that poles seem to be static again from road disturbances. Amie shared already had vandalism of copper wiring and drop cords; in addition to lighting and surveillance projects, we hope tunneling and anchoring will minimize theft.

NEW BUSINESS-No New Business

ADJOURNMENT

Nick made a motion to adjourn, Piper seconded, passing unanimously. *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.*



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	\$7.48	\$7.48		0.00%
Revenues	10-282-02 Late List Penalty Prior	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
Revenues	10-300-00 Revenues	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
Revenues	10-301-00 Current Taxes	\$204,717.08	\$74,744.55	(\$129,972.53)		36.51%
Revenues	10-301-01 Taxes - Prior Years	\$0.00	\$1,640.70	\$1,640.70		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	\$5,270.00	\$2,229.73	(\$3,040.27)		42.31%
Revenues	10-329-01 Interest Earned Powell Bill	\$110.00	\$62.03	(\$47.97)		56.39%
Revenues	10-335-00 Miscellaneous Revenues	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
Revenues	10-336-00 Current Personal Auto Taxes	\$10,123.18	\$6,916.41	(\$3,206.77)		68.32%
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	\$16,000.00	\$7,609.78	(\$8,390.22)		47.56%
Revenues	10-367-02 Sales & Use Tax Dist	\$60,500.00	\$41,004.38	(\$19,495.62)		67.78%
Revenues	10-367-03 NC Franchise & Utility TD	\$13,300.00	\$9,654.25	(\$3,645.75)		72.59%
Revenues	10-367-04 Solid Waste Disposal Tax Dist.	\$300.00	\$132.28	(\$167.72)		44.09%
Revenues	10-380-01 Sign Permit Payment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
Revenues	10-385-01 Hall Rental Fees	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00		0.00%
Revenues	10-399-00 Appro.Fund Balance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
Revenues	10-399-01 Current Landfill Fees	\$33,880.00	\$20,337.33	(\$13,542.67)		60.03%
Revenues	10-399-02 Landfill Fees Prior	\$0.00	\$377.61	\$377.61		0.00%
Revenues	10-399-51 ARP Funding	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
		\$344,200.26	\$164,766.53	(\$179,433.73)		48%
Type: Expenses						
Expenses	10-400-00 Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-409-00 NC Sales Tax	\$1,800.00	\$877.56	\$922.44		48.75%
Expenses	10-409-01 Sales Tax Other	\$50.00	\$67.65	(\$17.65)		135.30%
Expenses	10-409-02 S/H Freight	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-410-00 Mayor's Salary	\$387.54	\$193.80	\$193.74		50.01%
Expenses	10-410-01 Commissioner's Salary	\$646.00	\$286.92	\$359.08		44.41%
Expenses	10-410-02 Tax Collection & Clerk Ex	\$23,600.04	\$11,800.02	\$11,800.02		50.00%
Expenses	10-410-03 Legal	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-410-04 Professional Services	\$10,200.00	\$1,752.97	\$8,447.03		17.19%
Expenses	10-410-06 FICA Expense	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-410-10 Election Expense	\$0.00	\$600.14	(\$600.14)		0.00%
Expenses	10-410-11 Town Employee Education	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00		5%

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Expenses	10-410-13 Utilities/CityHall/Mall	\$4,000.00	\$1,307.48	\$2,692.52		32.69%
Expenses	10-410-15 Maint/Repairs-Bldg&Ground	\$17,500.00	\$369.58	\$17,130.42		2.11%
Expenses	10-410-16 Maint/Repair-Equipment	\$1,000.00	\$25.00	\$975.00		2.50%
Expenses	10-410-26 Advertising	\$300.00	\$114.40	\$185.60		38.13%
Expenses	10-410-33 Dept.Materials & Supplies	\$1,200.00	\$1,469.94	(\$269.94)		122.50%
Expenses	10-410-53 Dues & Subscriptions	\$25,000.00	\$19,164.78	\$5,835.22		76.66%
Expenses	10-410-54 Insurance & Bonds	\$10,000.00	\$7,356.39	\$2,643.61		73.56%
Expenses	10-410-58 Christmas Decorations	\$30,000.00	\$12,512.50	\$17,487.50		41.71%
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	\$551.31	(\$51.31)		110.26%
Expenses	10-410-70 Town Grounds	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	(\$1,000.00)		200.00%
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	\$31,500.00	\$0.00	\$31,500.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-510-74 Capital Outlay Equipment	\$30,194.11	\$0.00	\$30,194.11		0.00%
Expenses	10-510-75 Capital Outlay Technology	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-530-00 Fire Department	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-530-45 FireDept.Contr.Serv-Calls	\$71,613.42	\$59,414.45	\$12,198.97		82.97%
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	\$10,393.99	\$3,786.68	\$6,607.31		36.43%
Expenses	10-560-14 Utilities-Signal Lights	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-560-15 Maint/Rep-Existing Street	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00		0.00%
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	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00		0.00%
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	\$675.00	\$0.00	\$675.00		0.00%
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	\$1,300.00	(\$1,300.00)		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%

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Expenses	10-580-44 Recycle Contracted Servic	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-580-45 Garbage Contracted Serciv	\$22,490.16	\$9,278.50	\$13,211.66		41.26%
Expenses	10-580-46 RCSW Landfill Fees	\$11,200.00	\$5,548.28	\$5,651.72		49.54%
Expenses	40-500-00 Depreciation Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
		\$344,200.26	\$139,778.35	\$204,421.91		41%

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, 2026:

Section 1 & 2: Amends the General Fund Revenues & Appropriations as follows:

GL Budget Amendment Entries
Selected Batch

Town of Ruth
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Batch: 2297		Description November Amendments			
GL Account		Date	Description	Debit	Credit
10-410-54	Insurance & Bonds	12/15/2025	to reclassify price di	\$0.00	\$1,351.25
10-410-33	Dept.Materials & Supplies	12/15/2025	to reclassify price di	\$269.94	\$0.00
10-410-60	Town Hall Furnishings	12/15/2025	to reclassify price di	\$51.31	\$0.00
10-410-70	Town Grounds	12/15/2025	to reclassify price di	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
10-409-01	Sales Tax Other	12/15/2025	to reclassify price di	\$30.00	\$0.00
Fund Total(s)					
Fund		Debits		Credits	
10		\$1,351.25		\$1,351.25	

Section 3: Copies of this budget amendment shall be furnished to the Clerk of the Governing Board, the Budget Officer, and the Finance Officer for their direction. Adopted this 16th day of November 2025.

Notes for Amendment to the Budget Ordinance:

1 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.

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.

Note: This will leave an excess of \$1,292.36 in Insurance and Bonds for future reclassifications if needed prior to year end.