



Minutes of the Roanoke Rapids City Council

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Roanoke Rapids was held on **Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.** in the Council Chambers at the Lloyd Andrews City Meeting Hall.

Present: Emery G. Doughtie, Mayor
Sandra W. Bryant, Mayor Pro Tem

Andy Jackson)
Curtis Strickland)
Rex Stainback)
W. Keith Bell)

Council Members

Kelly Traynham, City Manager
Geoffrey Davis, City Attorney
Traci Storey, City Clerk
Carmen Johnson, Finance Director
Christina Caudle, Human Resources Director
Lawrence Wiggins, Police Chief
Kristyn Anderson, Planning & Development Director
Kelly Daughtry, Parks & Recreation Director
Larry Chalker, Public Works Director
Jason Patrick, Fire Chief

Mayor Doughtie called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Doughtie provided the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Adoption of Business Agenda

Mayor Doughtie asked Council members if there were any known conflicts of interest with respect to the matters before them this evening.

There being no conflicts, motion was made by Councilman Bell, seconded by Councilman Stainback, and unanimously carried to adopt the business agenda as presented.

Special Recognitions

BARC Scholarship Awards

Krista Rourk and BJ Harris with the BARC Committee presented the 2025 BARC Scholarship Awards to the following recipients:

Kaitlyn May

Daughter of Tina May (Police Department) and Philip May. She is a graduate of Roanoke Rapids High School and will attend Nash Community College in the fall to obtain a culinary associates degree with a career goal of becoming a chef.

Alayzia Moody

Daughter of Marcia Person (Human Resources) and Timothy Moody. She is a graduate of Northampton Early College and will be attending North Carolina Central University majoring in business administration.

Police/Fire Department

City Manager Traynham reported there was a scheduling conflict, therefore the recognitions would be held at a future meeting.

Public Comment (Unscheduled)

Joey Davis

Mr. Davis said he wanted to bring up something from years past. He retired from Coca Cola working out of Virginia. He would come down I-95 and the strangest thing he would see at the Roanoke Rapids exit, Rocky Mt. City on the Rise. He thought to himself who would advertise another city at a city on the interstate you were getting off at. Let's take a trip around the county. Littleton, you have the Acorn Center - free concerts, Medoc Mountain State Park, Sylvan Heights. Come back around to Weldon - Rockfish Capital of the World. Go down to the papermill, once you hit the bridge - welcome to Northampton County. So, what does Roanoke Rapids have - the Theatre. The Theatre started out as Randy Pardon, then Roanoke Rapids, but Roanoke Rapids had to have that land, so they annexed that land from Weldon. Low and behold they got it. He doesn't blame the people that have the Theatre now, he would do it too if he was interested. It's sad, and the most ironic thing that the name of the Theatre is Weldon after Roanoke Rapids took the land from Weldon to make it the Roanoke Rapids Theatre. That's the ironic thing about the whole situation and as the old song says, they got the goldmine, and the citizens of Roanoke Rapids got the shaft.

Approval of City Council Minutes

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Bryant, seconded by Councilman Jackson, and unanimously carried to approve the May 29, 2025, Special City Council Meeting and the June 3, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting minutes as drafted.

Public Hearing

Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget

City Manager Traynham stated the draft FY2026 budget was presented to City Council during the May 29, 2025, Special meeting. The regular City Council meeting was held on June 3, 2025, and a public hearing was scheduled for tonight. Since then, the budget has been available in paper copies at City Hall for viewing as well as posted on the City's website under the budget section. They have advertised the budget public hearing as required. The public hearing notice provided the tax rate at the current tax rate of \$.641 per \$100 valuation. It includes the Roanoke Rapids Theatre debt in the amount of \$952,140. The budget appropriation is \$19,844,045.

Mayor Doughtie opened the public hearing for citizen comment. He stated one individual has signed up ahead of time and he gets five minutes. He called upon Ephraim Brodsky.

Ephraim Brodsky

Mr. Brodsky stated he did not love this budget. He submitted a letter to the editor addressing his issues with the budget. His main issue with this budget is that it is too low. They are ignoring the fact that last year they got it wrong. Last year he came before City Council and asked them not to lower the tax rate, they need the money. Everyone insisted they had enough money and they would not need to go into the fund balance; they're going to be revenue neutral. But that wasn't the case, they fell short. During the last City Council meeting there was a budget amendment for over a million dollars to catch up on that shortfall. That's a big gap. If one cent generates \$136,591, over a million dollars is not one cent. That's not two cents, that's closer to ten cents and that's what they fell short of last year and what they dipped into the fund balance for. Now to balance the new budget, they are dipping back into the fund balance for another \$700,000. Based on \$136,000 per one cent, that is looking at five or six more cents, but that is not going to get them out of the water either because this budget doesn't have any growth. This budget is not focused on the future.

He called their attention to a handout he presented before the meeting and said he also gave a copy to the media so they could publish it for anyone interested. He said there are three parts that every budget should consist of: the strategic planning

portion of the budget that involves long-term plans; the capital budgeting portion that involves evaluating major projects; and the operations portion that focuses on short-term plans and comprises the operating budgets prepared by various departments. This entire budget is an operations budget. There is not one vestige of strategic planning in this budget. There is not one dollar dedicated to capital budgeting in this budget. Everything is operations and they were failing the operations portion too.

Mr. Brodsky referred to City Manager Kelly Traynham's budget message where she said the strategic investment in the budget is preparing the City for growth by investing in employee retention, community safety and technology. He stated the year is 2025 and they do not have one full-time dedicated IT staff person in the City; that's criminal. They're in a digital world, everything is electronic.

He said the concept of revenue neutral refers to keeping the government revenues flat even when the tax structure changes. That doesn't mean the dollar ten years ago is the dollar today because a dollar was worth a lot more ten years ago than it's worth today. In fact, inflation has gone up 47% based on the government's Social Security index since 2010. That means \$1.00 in 2010 has the purchasing power of \$1.47 today, but how much have their taxes gone up. He prepared a grid. He took four random houses in the city in each of the three districts. He compared what they paid the City of Roanoke Rapids in 2010 versus what they paid them in 2024 after the big revaluation. He referred to a house on Webb Hill Street, the homeowner in 2010 paid \$464 to the City and in 2024 paid \$516. That is an increase of 11%, but inflation changed 47% so this person is getting a deal. They're getting a 36% savings over what they paid in 2010. He asked where does that savings go. That is at the expense of the people in the city.

Mr. Brodsky said Roanoke Rapids is not a city of majority owner occupancy, over 50% of the people are renting. He asked who they were really helping out by keeping these property values and rates low. They were not helping the people who live here and work here. They are helping the out-of-town investors. The people from Raleigh who outbid him by \$50,000 for a house that had no business charging what they were charging for it. The people that own 10, 20, 30 properties. It's not helping them; it's not helping their kids; it's not helping our future.

He said as a fun fact in 2010, the price of a first-class stamp was 44 cents, today it's 73 cents and in July it is going to be 78 cents. That is a pretty big increase; that is not the increase they have been paying. They have not had much of an increase at all. The greatest increase out of these four was 20%, it should have been 47% to match 2010. Revenue neutral means matching what they could have purchased in 2010 with what they could have purchased today.

Mr. Brodsky called City Council's attention to the next page. During their budget meeting, the Parks & Recreation Director prepared all needs for the Parks and Recreation. These are not capital needs, these are operational needs. Fixing a bathroom needs to be done.

He referred to the last page, and stated he was giving it to the media so they will publish it, it is everything the County charges the City for. They charge the City for a significant amount of things. The City doesn't collect the entire 64 cents, they are giving them a two cents collection fee to collect the money for the City. They are charging the City for 911. They have paid \$3.5 million since 2010 when they didn't have to pay them a penny since then. The County is never going to pay that money back. The City may not have to pay moving forward but they are not getting that \$3.5 million back. The City is not investing in parks. The County built a \$500,000 park for Scotland Neck and in the last census Scotland Neck had 50 children under five. The City has 1,000. He said hopefully they will look at the sheet and figure out how to get the money.

Mayor Doughtie asked if anyone else wished to speak.

With nobody else wishing to speak, Mayor Doughtie closed the public hearing.

New Business

Consideration of Budget Amendment (OSC Unauthorized Substance Tax)

Finance Director Johnson stated the Police Department received \$1,415.84 in OSC Unauthorized Substance Tax. She presented the following budget amendment for their consideration:

Ordinance No. 2025.19 CITY OF ROANOKE RAPIDS BUDGET AMENDMENT

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROANOKE RAPIDS:

SECTION 1. The following additional amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of City Government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, according to the following schedule:

SCHEDULE A – PROJECT FUND REVENUES

Fund Balance – Police – OSC Unauthorized Substance Tax	
Project Revenues - OSC Unauthorized Substance Tax	\$1,415.84
FUND PROJECT TOTAL	\$1,415.84

SECTION 2. The following additional revenues and reductions in appropriations are available for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, in order to meet the foregoing appropriations, according to the following schedule:

SCHEDULE B – PROJECT FUND EXPENDITURES

Funding to General Fund – Police – OSC Unauthorized Substance Tax	
Project Expenditures - OSC Unauthorized Substance Tax	\$1,415.84
FUND PROJECT TOTAL	\$1,415.84

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

Emery G. Doughtie, Mayor

Motion was made by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Stainback, and unanimously carried to adopt Budget Amendment (Ordinance No. 2025.19) in the amount of \$1,415.84 for OSC Unauthorized Substance Tax.

Consideration of Budget Amendment (Library Donation)

Finance Director Johnson stated the library received a donation in the amount of \$509.00 for the children's program. She presented the following budget amendment for their consideration:

**Ordinance No. 2025.18
CITY OF ROANOKE RAPIDS
BUDGET AMENDMENT**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROANOKE RAPIDS:

SECTION 1. The following additional amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the City Government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, according to the following schedule:

SCHEDULE A – PROJECT FUND REVENUES

Fund Balance – Children's Program	
Project Revenues – Children's Program	\$509.00
FUND PROJECT TOTAL	\$509.00

SECTION 2. The following additional revenues and reductions in appropriations are available for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, in order to meet the foregoing appropriations, according to the following schedule:

SCHEDULE B – PROJECT FUND EXPENDITURES

Funding to General Fund – Children's Program	
Project Expenditures – Children's Program	\$509.00

FUND PROJECT TOTAL

\$509.00

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

Emery G. Doughtie, Mayor

Motion was made by Councilman Bell, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bryant, and unanimously carried to adopt Budget Amendment (Ordinance No. 2025.18) in the amount of \$509.00 for the children's program at the library.

Consideration of Budget Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Ordinance

City Manager Traynham called their attention to a revised copy of the budget ordinance which had been provided to them. She stated in review of the fee schedule she noticed a couple of things that had to be changed in the Planning & Development Department section where it should have been \$60 rather than \$55. Those corrections have been made. Also, Section 1 Anticipated Revenues, the table has been updated, and the Authorized Expenditures are revised as well. Those are coming from the new system to reflect those numbers. She noted there was a slight change. The total operating budget has decreased a little bit since they first took a look at this. They had a few revenue sources that decreased and one that increased so there are approximately \$50,000 difference as far as total edits. She presented the following ordinance which is reduced by less than \$8,000 from the advertisement:

ORDINANCE NO. 2025.20

City of Roanoke Rapids
FY 2025 - 2026 Budget
Ordinance

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina that the following anticipated fund revenues and departmental expenditures together with a certain Fee and Charge Schedule, and with certain restrictions and authorizations, are hereby appropriated and approved for the operation of the City Government and its activities for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

SUMMARY

General Fund (Operating)	\$ 18,883,914.00
Roanoke Rapids Theatre	<u>952,140.00</u>
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$19,836,054.00

Section 1. General Fund

Anticipated Revenues:

General Fund Revenues by Source	FY 2025-2026
Ad Valorem Taxes *Alt. rate FY25*	\$ 8,667,940.00
Ad Valorem .01 Tax for Rescue Squad	\$ 87,555.00
Prior Years Ad Valorem Taxes & Penalties	\$ 161,900.00
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$ -
Credit & Collections Lien Accounts	\$ -
Motor Vehicle NC License, Tax and Tags	\$ 1,006,900.00
Lease Vehicles	\$ 40,000.00
Business Registry Collections	\$ 4,000.00
Powell Bill Street Allocations	\$ 560,000.00
Sales Tax	\$ 3,845,750.00
Solid Waste Disposal Tax	\$ 10,000.00
ABC Profits	\$ 110,000.00
Christmas Parade	\$ 15,000.00
Police Grants and Donations	\$ 59,100.00
Fire Grants and Donations	\$ -
Recreation Grants	\$ -
Senior Center Grants and Donations	\$ 77,000.00
Library Grants and Donations	\$ 16,500.00
Roanoke Canal Museum Grants and Donations	\$ -
Tourism	\$ 70,000.00
Solid Waste User Fees and Penalties	\$ 1,881,905.00
Court Costs	\$ 2,500.00
Animal Control	\$ 1,500.00
Inspection Fees	\$ 259,825.00
Lot Cutting Revenue	\$ 25,000.00
Cemetery Revenue	\$ 173,060.00
Recreation User Fees	\$ 58,450.00
Roanoke Canal Museum Fees	\$ 2,300.00
Community Center Receipts	\$ 50,000.00
Lease Revenue	\$ 10,964.00
Planning/Zoning Fees	\$ 11,300.00
Public Works Fees	\$ 5,000.00
Library User Fees	\$ 5,895.00
Utility Franchise Taxes	\$ 1,268,600.00
Beer and Wine Tax	\$ 74,000.00
Miscellaneous Grants	\$ 2,627.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 8,000.00
Insurance Reimbursement	\$ 20,000.00
Interest Earnings - General Fund	\$ 464,750.00
Sale of Wreck Reports	\$ 4,000.00

Occupancy Tax	\$	4,950.00
Sale of Surplus Property	\$	20,000.00
Restitution	\$	-
Municipal Ordinance	\$	1,000.00
	\$	19,087,271.00
Fund Balance Transfer	\$	748,783.00
 GENERAL FUND REVENUE	 \$	 19,836,054.00

Authorized Expenditures:

Authorized Expenditures by Department

100 - LEGISLATIVE	\$	56,179.00
110 - GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$	2,708,678.00
120 - ADMINISTRATIVE	\$	288,840.00
130 - HUMAN RESOURCES	\$	291,801.00
140 - FINANCE	\$	743,708.00
160 - MAIN STREET _ DEVELOPMENT	\$	87,509.00
170 - LEGAL	\$	45,000.00
180 - INFORMATION SYSTEMS	\$	181,150.00
190 - ELECTIONS	\$	3,000.00
300 - POLICE	\$	4,616,715.00
400 - FIRE	\$	2,871,505.00
600 - T J DAVIS RECREATION	\$	531,504.00
610 - AQUATIC CENTER	\$	296,950.00
620 - CHALONER RECREATION CTR	\$	97,414.00
630 - JO STORY SENIOR CENTER	\$	177,783.00
640 - ANDREWS MEETING HALL	\$	6,910.00
650 - COMMUNITY CENTER	\$	50,492.00
660 - LIBRARY	\$	295,774.00
670 - ROANOKE CANAL MUSEUM	\$	44,754.00
680 - PARKS	\$	647,000.00
699 - SPECIAL PROGRAMS	\$	-
645 - TOURISM	\$	70,000.00
690 - TRANSPORTATION GRANT	\$	12,165.00
200 - PLANNING	\$	602,402.00
500 - PUBLIC WORKS	\$	747,418.00
510 - GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS	\$	115,754.00
520 - CENTRAL GARAGE	\$	398,931.00
530 - STREET	\$	1,429,575.00
540 - PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	\$	337,494.00
550 - BUILDING MAINTENANCE	\$	285,347.00
560 - SOLID WASTE	\$	885,821.00

570 - REFUSE	\$	735,978.00
580 - CEMETERY	\$	172,503.00
Operating Expenses without Theatre Debt	\$	18,883,914.00
		(\$952,140)
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES	\$	19,836,054.00

Section 2. Additional Appropriations

- A. An additional appropriation is hereby made from the Fund Balance in each respective fund for an amount equal to all outstanding encumbrances on June 30, 2025.
- B. An additional appropriation is hereby made from the Fund Balance in each respective fund for an amount equal to all unencumbered line-item balances at June 30, 2025, having derived from contributions, donations or grant funds.

Section 3. Fee Schedule

There is hereby established for the Fiscal Year 2025 – 2026 various fees and charges as scheduled herewith:

Revenue/Tax Department

Business Solid Waste User Fee & Disposal Fee

Roll-Out Container Purchase	City cost per Container
Monthly Fees	\$40.00 per Container per month

Residential Solid Waste Fee

	\$295.00 per Residential Unit per year
Roll-Out Container Purchase for 2 nd container	City cost per Container
Yearly Additional Fees	\$295.00 per year for 2 nd Container (optional)
Business Registration Fee	\$20.00 per year
Itinerant Merchant, Peddler & Vendor License Fee	\$20.00 per year
Motor Vehicle Tax	\$11.00 per Licensed Vehicle
Municipal Taxi/Limo Tax	\$15.00 per Vehicle
City Beer & Wine Retail Licenses*	
On-premises malt beverage	\$15.00
Off-premises malt beverage	\$ 5.00
On-premises unfortified wine, on-premises fortified wine, or both	\$15.00
Off-premises unfortified wine, off-premises fortified wine, or both	\$10.00
City Beer & Wine Wholesaler License	\$37.50

General Government

Photocopies

\$.20 per copy/Letter Size B/W
\$.25 per copy/Letter Size Color
\$.25 per copy/Legal Size B/W
\$.30 per copy/Legal Size Color
\$.30 per copy/Oversize B/W
\$.35 per copy/Oversize Color

Recording Fees

Fees correspond with Fees set by Halifax Co. Register of Deeds

Police Department

Taxi Permits

\$50.00

Incident Reports

\$ 6.00

Accident Reports

\$ 6.00

Fingerprinting

\$25.00

Animal Disposal Fee

\$50.00 per Animal

Beekeeping Permit

\$ 5.00 per Hive

Fire Department

Re-Inspection Fee

\$50.00 (Fee increases by \$50 for each visit that business is not in compliance)

Plan Review Fee

\$100.00 (Plan revisions of plans submitted exempt)

Permit Fee

\$100.00 (Operational and Construction)

Above and Below Ground Tank Removal Fee

\$150.00

Above and Below Ground Tank Replacement Fee

\$150.00

Commercial Cooking Hood Test Fee

\$50.00

Sprinkler System Inspection Fee

\$100.00 (New construction or remodel of system)

Fire Alarm System Inspection Fee

\$100.00 (New construction or remodel of system)

Certified CPR Classes

\$15.00 per student (Includes certification card)

Vendor Spot Rental for Safety Fair

\$25.00 (Non-profits are exempt from fee)

Public Works Department

Driveway Permits

\$75.00 each Driveway

Illegally Dumped Items

\$500.00 Fine

Lot Cutting Fees and Abatement

\$75.00/Man Hour

Emergency Response:

Third Party Labor Rate Charge

\$1,500 Flat Rate per Emergency Response

Administrative Labor Rate

\$75.00/Man Hour \$125.00/Man Hour Nights and Weekends/Holidays

For Services including but not limited to:

Backhoe

Wheel Loader

QRV Pick Up

Light Tower

Oil/Fuel Spill Kit

Debris Removal & Special Collections	
Collection Costs	
Small Pickup	\$60.00 per load
Large Trailer	\$150.00 per load
Disposal Fees	
Transfer Station	\$65.00 per ton or current price
Landfill	\$85.00 per ton or current price
Tub Grinding	Current Market Price
Permit to Dig in Street (Utility Cuts)	\$400.00 per cut
Includes one initial Inspection	
Re-Inspection Fee	\$75.00
Cemetery Lot Fees	<u>Resident:</u>
	Sections A-E - \$2,500.00 per 4 Grave Plot
	Section G - \$1,200.00 per Site
	Section H - \$625.00 per Space
	Section I - \$625.00 per Space
	Section J - \$1,200.00 per 2 Grave Companion Plot
	Section K - \$2,500.00 per 4 Grave Plot
	Section L - \$1,500.00 per 2 Grave Companion Plot
	Section O - \$2,500.00 per 4 Grave Plot
	\$1,250.00 per 2 Grave Plot
	<u>Non-Resident:</u>
	Sections A-E - \$5,000.00 per 4 Grave Plot
	Section G - \$2,400.00 per Site
	Section H - \$1,250.00 per Space
	Section I - \$1,250.00 per Space
	Section J - \$2,400.00 per 2 Grave Companion Plot
	Section K - \$5,000.00 per 4 Grave Plot
	Section L - \$3,000.00 per 2 Grave Companion Plot
	Section O - \$5,000.00 per 4 Grave Plot
	\$2,500.00 per 2 Grave Plot
Cemetery Grave Preparation (Residents & Non-Residents)	Monday – Friday: \$900.00
	Saturday: \$1,200.00
	Sunday & Holidays: \$1,500.00
<i>Note: Urn burials are one-half (1/2) of the regular Cemetery Grave Preparation Fee (Residents & Non-Residents)</i>	
<i>*Overtime charge of \$150.00 per hour after 2:00pm on weekdays and all day on Holidays, Saturday, and Sunday</i>	
Foundation Fees (Residents & Non-Residents)	\$200.00
Cemetery Deed Fee	Fees correspond with Fees set by Halifax County
Register of	
	Deeds
<u>Library</u>	
Library Non-Resident Borrower Card	\$20.00 per year
Replacement of Lost Card	\$5.00 each

Photocopies	\$.20 per copy/Letter Size
	\$.25 per copy/Legal Size
	\$.30 per copy/Oversize

Computer Printouts	\$.40 each
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DVD Rental	\$.50 each
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Fines:	Juvenile Books	\$.15 per day (Max. 3.60)
	Juvenile audiobooks	\$.15 per day (Max. 3.60)
	Adult Books	\$.20 per day (Max. 3.60)
	All Magazines	\$.20 per day (Max. 4.00)
	Adult Audiobooks	\$.30 per day (Max6.00)
	DVD	\$ 1.00 per day (Max12.00)
	Equipment	\$ 5.00 per day
	Long Overdue Fine	\$ 15.00 each

Lost or Badly Damaged Items	Replacement Cost for item
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Sale Books & Videos (Unusable gift books or books deleted from our collection):

	Magazines	\$.10 each
	Paperbacks	\$.25 each
	Hardbacks	\$.50 – 3.00 each (Depending on age & condition of
book)		
	Audiobooks	\$ 1.00 – 5.00 each (Depending on age & condition & #
of		
		CD's)
	DVD	\$ 2.00 – 5.00 each (Depending on age & condition & #
of		
		DVD's)

Library Class Fees: Classes offered through the Library shall be set up on a “break even” basis paying for the cost of the instructor and supplies. In addition, a 2.00 per participant maintenance/utility fee will be charged.

Non-Residents will be charged cost plus 100%.

Parks & Recreation

There will be an additional 3% charge for all credit card and online payments

Class Fees: Classes offered through the T. J. Davis Recreation Center shall be set up on a “break even” basis paying for the cost of the instructor and supplies. In addition, a \$2.00 per participant maintenance/utility fee will be charged.

Non-Residents will be charged cost plus 100%.

Athletic Fees:

Adult Athletics – Team registration fees are based on breaking even on direct cost (officials, trophies, scorekeepers/field supervisors, etc.). In addition, a \$10.00/game maintenance/utility fee will be charged for basketball and \$5.00/game for softball.

In addition, non-resident adults will be charged \$25.00.

Youth Athletics Resident Youth: \$30.00

Non-Resident Youth: \$50.00

Softball Field Rental Fees: \$100.00 per field per day

Picnic Shelter Reservation Fees:
Residents

\$40.00 /day for Residents and \$80.00 /day for Non-

Recreation I.D. Card Fees:

\$20.00 for Youths
\$40.00 for Adults
\$5.00 for replacement card

T. J. Davis Room Rental Fees:

Multi-purpose room
resident

\$60.00 per rental for non-profit group or individual

T. J. Davis Center/Gym Rental Fees:

\$75.00 Resident, \$150.00 Non-Resident (after hours) per
hour
with a minimum of 2 hours
\$40.00 per hour for Non-Resident School Groups during
non-peak normal operating hours
\$20.00/hr for youth travel basketball teams during
nonoperating hours

1026 Urban Greenspace Rental Fee:

\$40.00 flat rate per day
\$80.00 Non-Resident

Centennial Park Only Rental Fee:

\$40.00 flat rate per day
\$80.00 Non-Resident

Centennial Park & Andrews Building Wedding Rental Fees*

\$40.00 per hour for Residents
\$80.00 per hour for Non-Residents

**Minimum rental time of three (3) hours.*

Chaloner Recreation Center Rental Fee:*

\$40.00 per hour for Residents
\$60.00 per hour for Non-Residents

**The Chaloner Recreation Center can be rented for after-hours use. Rental is for a minimum of two (2) hours.*

Roanoke Canal Museum Fees:

General Admission (All General Admission is for self-guided tours only.)

- \$3.00 Halifax County Residents
- \$6.00 for All Persons who Reside Outside of Halifax County
- Free for Children 8 and Under (exception of guided tours)

Guided Tour Admission

- \$2.00 per Person 4 and older, no additional discount, minimum of 10 persons or \$20.00 fee

Aquatic Center:

(Labor Day to Memorial Day)

Aquatic Center Open and Lap Swim

Residents	\$4.00
Non-Residents	\$8.00

Swimming Lessons

Toddler (Resident)	\$35.00
Toddler (Non-Resident)	\$70.00
Levels I – VII (Resident)	\$50.00
Levels I – VII (Non-Resident)	\$100.00
Individual Lessons:	
Resident	\$60.00
Non-Resident	\$120.00

Red Cross Lifeguard/CPR/WSI Classes:

Rate charged will be based on the cost of the class, set by the Red Cross

AQUACISE & ARTHRITIS FITNESS CLASSES

Resident	\$4.00
Non-Resident	\$8.00

Yearly Passes: *(to be renewed yearly from the date issued)*

Family Resident	\$450.00
Family Non-Resident	\$800.00
Individual Resident	\$250.00
Individual Non-Resident	\$450.00

Monthly Passes:

Family Resident	\$50.00
Family Non-Resident	\$100.00
Individual Resident	\$30.00
Individual Non-Resident	\$60.00

T. J. Davis Pool

Swimming Lessons (Same as Aquatic Center)

Outdoor Pools Open and Lap Swim

Residents	\$ 1.00
Non-Residents	\$ 2.00

Aquatic Center & T. J. Davis Pools Rental

(Minimum of Two (2) Hours)

	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>
Up to 25 participant's	\$100.00/hr.	\$120.00/hr.
26 to 50 participant's	\$125.00/hr.	\$150.00/hr.
51 to 75 participant's	\$150.00/hr.	\$185.00/hr.

Discount: A 10% discount will be given to groups, organizations and corporations that have 20 or more in attendance at one time

Westrock (monthly fee)	\$250.00
Halifax Academy Swim Team (per lane, per hour)	\$15.00

Kirkwood F. Adams Community Center Fees:

	Sunday - Thursday	Friday – Saturday
Resident	\$75/hr	\$95/hr
Non-Resident	\$100/hr	\$125/hr
For-Profit	\$130/hr	\$160/hr

THE CENTER MUST BE RENTED FOR A MINIMUM OF THREE (3) HOURS.

Non Refundable Reservation Deposit: \$200.00 per day

Non-Profit Organizations sponsoring charitable fund raising events using the center for 24 hours or more will be given a 50% discount.

Non-Profit Organizations sponsoring weekday-daytime workshops or meetings for public benefit will be given a 50% discount.

The following organizations are fee exempt for two (2) nighttime or weekend activities each year: (1) *Rescue Squad*, (2) *Bloodmobile* & (3) *City Sponsored Senior Citizens Groups*.

Main Street RR is fee exempt for four (4) nighttime or weekend activities each year for Main Street RR sponsored events.

Main Street RR is fee exempt for use of the plaza for Main Street RR sponsored events.

♦If the Center is not left in acceptable condition, a fee of \$25.00/per man-hour for cleaning shall be charged.

♦If anything is left in the Center overnight, there will be a \$25.00 storage fee.

♦Roanoke Rapids City Schools Events: \$250.00

♦Chamber of Commerce is a partner of the City of Roanoke Rapids. They have the right to schedule events before the month is available to the public. They are treated as a City department in terms of scheduling the facility. \$400 flat rate per event

Planning & Development

Rezoning Petition	\$375.00 Over two acres \$25 extra per acre
Rezoning + Conditional Zoning Petition	\$450.00
Voluntary Annexation Petition	\$300.00
Zoning Compliance Certification Letters	\$55.00 per individual site
Special Use Permit	\$375.00
Special Event Permit	\$60.00
Special Event Permit (events designed to attract 5,000 or more spectators or participants)	\$350.00
Ordinance Text Amendment Petition	\$400.00
Variance Petition	\$400.00
Appeal Petition	\$400.00
Land Use Violation	\$75.00 per day
Land Use Permit	\$100.00
Business Use Permit	\$100.00
Temporary Power	\$75.00
Processing Fee for petitioner withdrawal of Variance Petition, Conditional Use Permit or Rezoning Petition	\$400.00
Site Plan Review	\$300.00per site plan review* <30,000 ft2 of impervious surface \$800.00 per site plan review >30,000 ft2 of impervious surface

****This fee shall increase to \$700.00 whenever the services of an outside engineering firm is necessary and retained by the City to evaluate a specific drainage problem area outside of the expertise of the City Public Works Director. This is to be determined on a case by case basis upon review of proposed development site plans.***

Halifax County Plan Review Fee*	\$ 250.00
Roanoke Rapids Sanitary District Plan Review Fee*	\$ 50.00

****All plans determined by Planning staff to require review by the Halifax County Building Inspections Department, shall be subject to this fee prior to review.***

Commercial Building (Preliminary Plan, Construction Plan) Review:	
Additional Charge per review for failure to satisfy review comments	\$175.00
Technical Review and Fee (based on square footage of project)	

Square Footage of Project Area/Site	Fee
Less than 10,000 SF	\$200.00
10,000 SF – 29,999 SF	\$315.00
30,000 SF – 49,999 SF	\$465.00
50,000 SF – 69,999 SF	\$590.00
70,000 SF or greater	\$790.00
Street Closing Petition	\$750.00
Final Subdivision Plat	
Minor Subdivision	\$105.00
Major Subdivision	
With Improvements	\$175.00 plus \$100.00/lot
Without Improvements	\$150.00 plus \$90.00/lot

Note: The petitioner is responsible for all associated advertising expenses.

Maps	\$20.00 per sheet
Land Use Ordinance (to recover actual per copy duplicating costs)	\$140.00
Comprehensive Development Plan	\$200.00
Zoning Maps (Color)	
Small	\$40.00
Large	\$50.00
Electrical Inspection of Existing Structure Requested by Power Company	\$75.00
Issuance of Certificate of Compliance	
Major Renovations (More than \$30,000.00)	\$200.00
Minor Renovations (\$30,000.00 or less)	\$150.00
Failure to Call for Proper Inspection	\$200.00
Removal of a Notice of List Pending	\$100.00
Home Occupation Permit	\$80.00
Recombination Plat	\$100.00

Supplement plan review fees for wireless communication facilities shall be charged in addition to a City processing fee as follows:

<u>Review</u>	<u>City Processing</u>	<u>3rd Party Supp.</u>
(1) Concealed Attached WCF	\$100.00	\$500.00 No Change Fed Regulations
(2) Collocated or Combined WCF	\$100.00	\$500.00 No Change Fed Regulations
(3) Freestanding Concealed WCF	\$100.00	\$500.00 No Change Fed Regulations
(4) Non-concealed Freestanding WCF	\$100.00	\$500.00 No Change Fed Regulations

Code Enforcement Division Fees:

ABC Permit Application Inspection Fee	\$175.00 per inspection
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Building Permit:

- (A) A permit to demolish or remove any size structure shall be issued upon proper application. Fees for such demolition or removal are as follows:

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| (1) Moving of an approved structure | \$170.00 |
| (2) Demolish structure | \$225.00 |

- (B) A permit to modify, construct and/or erect advertising signs shall be issued, upon proper application, in accordance with the following schedule:

<i>Type of Sign and Work</i>	<i>Fee per Sign Face</i>
Erection of outdoor advertising (off-premises) sign	\$250.00
Erection of principal use signs:	
Fifty (50) sq. ft. or less	\$80.00
More than fifty (50) sq. ft.	\$165.00
Erection of commercial accessory signs	\$55.00
Erection of temporary signs	\$52.00
Modification of existing signs	\$52.00

- (C) City building inspection fees for new construction, additions, and alterations of all structures shall be the greater of sixty dollars (\$60.00) or the applicable amount based upon a schedule of eight dollars (\$8.00) per one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) of construction value. For the purposes of this subsection, construction value shall be the greater of the value derived utilizing either the Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc., *Building Valuation Data* or the sum of all building related costs for the project.
- (D) In addition to any other fees established by the provisions of this section, whenever a general contractor applies for the issuance of a permit for the construction of any single-family residential dwelling unit, the general contractor shall pay a fee in the amount of ten dollars (\$10.00) for each dwelling unit to be constructed or altered under the permit.

Plumbing Permit:

- (A) A plumbing permit shall be issued, upon proper application, for a fee of sixty dollars (\$60.00) plus seven dollars (\$7.00) per fixture.

Heating, Air Conditioning, Refrigeration and Ventilation Permit:

- (A) Permit fees for installation or replacement of the following shall be sixty dollars (\$60.00) plus the applicable amount in accordance with Schedule I:
- (1) Each boiler or furnace, including duct distribution system thereof when covered by the same permit, or duct distribution system thereof only.
 - (2) Each floor furnace, wall circulator or heater, circulating heater, direct-fired unit heater, gas radiator, blast furnace, rotary dryer, annealing furnace and duct heater industrial oven.
 - (3) Conversion or replacement of mechanical firing equipment.

SCHEDULE I

<i>Fossil Fuel (BTU/HR)</i>	<i>Fee</i>
50,000 or less	\$25.00
50,001 to 100,000	\$30.00
100,001 to 200,000	\$35.00
Above 200,000	\$40.00

- (B) Permit fees for installation or replacement of the following shall be sixty dollars (\$60.00) plus the applicable amount in accordance with Schedule II. Each air conditioning or heat pump system, including major components and duct distribution system thereof when covered by same permit, or duct distribution system thereof only, or major component only.

SCHEDULE II

<i>Air Conditioning Compressor Rating</i>	<i>Fee</i>
<i>(Nominal) - Tons</i>	
5 or less	\$25.00
5.1 to 15	\$30.00
15.1 to 50	\$40.00
Above 50	\$55.00

An additional six dollars (\$6.00) fee for split systems.

- (C) Permit fees for installation or replacement of the following shall be sixty dollars (\$60.00) plus the applicable amount in accordance with Schedule III. Each refrigeration system includes major component only.

SCHEDULE III

<i>Refrigeration Compressor Rating</i>	<i>Fee</i>
<i>(Nominal) - Tons</i>	
5 or less	\$25.00
5.1 to 15	\$30.00
Above 15	\$35.00

- (D) Permit fees for installation or replacement of the following shall be sixty dollars (\$60.00) plus the applicable amount in accordance with Schedule IV. Each hood over cooking ranges (in other than residences and multi-family houses), candy kettles, cruller furnaces and appliances for frying, barbecuing, broiling and bakery (baking) of foods, including exhaust duct system thereof when covered by the same permit, or exhaust duct system thereof only.

SCHEDULE IV

	<i>Fee</i>
10 or less	\$25.00
10.1 to 50	\$30.00
50.1 to 100	\$35.00
Above 100	\$40.00

- (E) Permit fees for the installation or replacement of any blower or fan in other than residences installed for ventilation or removal of dust, gases, fumes and vapors shall be sixty dollars (\$60.00) each.
- (F) Permit fees for the modification, repair or replacement of duct systems shall be sixty dollars (\$60.00) each.
- (G) Permit fees for the installation or replacement of gas appliances and piping shall be sixty dollars (\$60.00). No permit shall be required for the replacement of a gas appliance where the piping is not altered.

Electrical Permit:

- (A) An electrical permit shall be issued, upon proper application, for a fee of sixty dollars (\$60.00) plus the applicable amount in accordance with the following schedule:

(1)	Outlets:	
	Each 220-volt outlet	\$5.00
	Each 110-volt outlet	\$2.00
(2)	Motors:	
	Each motor	\$7.00
(B)	Electrical change of service greater than 400 amp:	\$125.00

Mobile Home Permit:

A mobile home permit shall be issued upon proper application for a fee of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00).

Fire Sprinkler System Permit:

A fire sprinkler system permit shall be issued upon proper application for a fee of seventy dollars (\$70.00) plus ten cents (\$.10) per square foot of protected area.

Insulation Permit:

An insulation permit shall be issued upon proper application for a fee of sixty dollars (\$60.00) plus ten cents (\$.10) **per** square foot of floor area.

Re-Inspections:

The above fees entitle the applicant to one inspection. For each extra inspection made necessary through the failure of any person in charge of work to install in the proper manner or to otherwise create conditions making such additional inspection or trip necessary, there will be an additional charge of fifty-five dollars (\$55.00). If a 2nd re-inspection is required fee would increase to \$55/\$70 and increase by \$15. for every subsequent visit. When a third-party inspection agency is involved, there will be an additional charge of ninety dollars (\$90.00).

General Miscellaneous Permit Refund Processing Fee	\$50.00
Fee for Issuance of Certificate of Occupancy (C.O.)	\$125.00

Penalty:

An additional charge equal to one-half (1/2) the required permit fee (minimum fee \$225.00) shall be added to the permit fees previously set forth for failure to initially secure a permit prior to starting a job or commencing any work on a building or service system before obtaining the necessary permit.⁵⁰¹

Section 4. Levy of Taxes

There is hereby levied for the Fiscal Year 2025 – 2026 an Ad Valorem Tax Rate of \$.641 per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) valuation of taxable property as listed for taxes as of January 1, 2025, for the purpose of raising the revenue from current taxes as set forth in the foregoing estimates of revenues, and in order to finance the foregoing applicable appropriations. This rate of tax is based on an estimated valuation of \$1,524,807,826. **Taxpayers who pay their bill in July or August will receive a two percent (2%) discount.**

Section 5. Summary of Items included in the capital budget.

None

Section 6. Special Authorizations – Budget Officer

- A. The Budget Officer or his designee shall be authorized to reallocate appropriations within departments, and among the various line accounts not organized by departments, as he deems necessary.

- B. The Budget Officer or his designee shall be authorized to execute interdepartmental transfers, within the same fund, not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the appropriated monies for the department whose allocation is reduced.
- C. Interfund transfers, established in the Budget Ordinance, may be accomplished without additional approval from the City Council.
- D. The Budget Officer or his designee shall be authorized to make releases and refunds of property taxes less than \$100.00 which have been levied or collected in error. The Budget Officer shall report in writing monthly to the City Council in regard to releases and refunds made.
- E. The Mayor or City Manager shall be authorized to execute contractual agreements in the following specified areas:
Consultant, Professional, Maintenance/Service Agreements and Acceptance of State and Federal Grant Funds.

Section 7. Restrictions – Budget Officer

- A. Interfund and interdepartmental transfer of monies, except as noted in Section 8, shall be accomplished by City Council authorizations only.
- B. Utilization of appropriations contained in Contingencies may be accomplished only with specific approval of the City Council.

Section 8. Billing and Collecting of Solid Waste Collection & Disposal Fees Under NCGS 160A-314.1

The residential solid waste collection and disposal fee shall be billed with property taxes, shall be payable in the same manner as property taxes, and, in the case of non-payment, shall be collected in any manner by which delinquent personal or real property taxes can be collected. The fees are a lien on the real property described on the bill that includes the fee. The Residential Solid Waste Fee is \$295.00 per residential unit per year and the Business Solid Waste User Fee and Disposal Fee is \$40.00 per container per month.

Section 9. Cost of Living Adjustment/Bonus Pay

As part of FY 2025-2026 Budget, the budget includes a COLA and implementation of a market-based pay plan salary schedule conducted by The MAPS Group and presented to City Council on April 1, 2025.

Section 10. Supplemental Retirement Plan Contributions

The city will make an employer contribution to a supplemental retirement plan for non-law enforcement employees during Fiscal Year 2025 – 2026. If employees contribute to the supplemental retirement plan, the City will match dollar for dollar up to a maximum of three percent (3%).

Section 11. Offering of City's Health Insurance in lieu of Council Member Stipend

The City approved a motion at its June 2, 2020, Regular Meeting, to allow City Council members the option for the City of Roanoke Rapids to pay for their health insurance as all or a portion of their compensation as long as it does not exceed the allowed compensation. The city continues this action into the FY 2025-26 budget year.

Section 12. Utilization of Budget Ordinance

This Ordinance shall be the basis of the financial plan for the City of Roanoke Rapids municipal government during the 2025–2026 fiscal year. The Budget Officer shall administer the Budget and he shall ensure that operating officials are provided guidance and sufficient details to implement their appropriate portion of the Budget. The Finance Department shall establish and maintain all records which are in consonance with this Budget Ordinance, and the appropriate Statutes of the State of North Carolina.

ADOPTED this 17th day of June 2025.

ATTEST:

Emery G. Doughtie, Mayor

Traci V. Storey, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Geoffrey P. Davis, City Attorney

City Manager Traynham stated the City does struggle with revenue sources. The tax base is not growing very quickly; it is stable for an aging community. Without as much new development, the property tax values are one thing to look at. In the upcoming year they will need to reevaluate their needs based upon the tax values and look at those resources especially with any state directed revenues for any anticipated changes. She called their attention to the operating expenses on the second page of the draft ordinance. Absent of the Theatre debt payment and based on their current revenues, they would be able to make things happen and would be able to have a balanced budget without the use of fund balance this year. She stated the light is at the end of the tunnel as far as that debt is concerned with the last payment in 2032.

She authorized expenditures by department are broken down. The budget does include the technology improvements that they are still in the process of implementing and will get to use them full term during the upcoming fiscal year. This budget does address a few of the needs, especially with staffing recruitment and retention, to incorporate the third party pay and classification study, Option 3, that provides all employees with at least a 3% COLA. The implementation of Option 3 of the salary study represents approximately a 3.54% increase in salary line items all together. This will go long way to help employees especially in a time of rising costs of living. They deserve to be paid competitively and fairly in the market.

City Manager Traynham stated the budget itself is very conservative as far as their expenditures are concerned and they do have a lot of needs. They have millions of dollars in physical and structural needs throughout the community. Unfortunately, they cannot rely on their regular funding revenue streams to help sustain and pay for the things they have neglected over years of time. A lot of the City's facilities are outdated. These things did not happen overnight, and they will not be able to cure them overnight. They are in the process of developing the City's first strategic plan

which they will be finishing up in the next couple of months. She feels as they are going into the new fiscal year that they will have a real sense of direction as they prepare for the fiscal year 2027 budget and by starting the process much earlier. Budgeting is not just something they do once a year, it occurs by practice every day. They may need to consider taking on some financing debt or looking into general obligation bonds that may require voter referendum before the City takes on major debt. They are finding with feedback out of the strategic planning efforts, citizens are willing to support increases in taxes if it helps improve quality of life facilities, especially parks and recreation facilities. People are more willing to consider a short-term increase in taxes to improve the parks and recreation facilities as opposed to a new public safety building, for example. That is something they are looking into and need some consultation with their bond council.

She said the vision for this community remains strong and everyone wants it to be better not just for themselves, but for the future. Decisions and things they do today, they will probably not experience the benefits, but they are setting forth that course for the future of the community. They want to see it thrive, but they need to be sustainable and do things they can continue to be able to afford to do.

City Manager Traynham restated without the Theatre debt, the General Fund expenditures total \$18,883,914. Adding \$952,140 in Theatre debt brings the total budget to \$19,836,054 using \$748,783 in fund balance one time. The fee schedule is relatively the same as the current year. There has been a slight increase in trash collection fees, but they try to keep fees responsible and affordable for residents. The proposed budget ordinance includes other designations such as retirement and insurance plans.

Mayor Doughtie questioned the large difference in the amount under Authorized Expenditures, General Government of the previous draft ordinance and one presented tonight. City Manager Traynham stated it was consolidating some of the department line items, there was no increase in the total amount of expenditures. The new version of the ordinance comes from the new finance software system where the previous document used the former software system. The same funds are there; they are just categorized into other departments. The General Government also includes the Theatre payment.

Mayor Doughtie asked if they were provided with information showing how much the increase in salaries and benefits increased the budget. He believed they had recommended some merit opportunities and asked if that had already been done in next year's budget. City Manager Traynham replied yes, the proposed budget includes the salary study option. She said she believed it was approximately \$500,000. Human

Resources Director Caudle confirmed City Manager Traynham was correct, it was just shy of \$500,000 increase and that is all in, so any salary changes plus fringe benefits.

City Manager Traynham stated in their draft budget notebooks in the expanded version as well as online, show the departments broken down by those individual lines items such as salaries, overtime and other fringe benefits.

Attorney Davis clarified those numbers are clear in the proposed budget as far as those changes and is separated by department. City Manager Traynham and Human Resources Director Caudle have estimated those numbers together, but they can find the increases broken down by the department in their budget notebooks.

Councilman Bell stated that they can find the salaries and benefits under each department, and they have just consolidated the numbers.

Mayor Doughtie stated he understands City Council may vote to approve the budget tonight or could have a special meeting to consider the budget.

City Manager Traynham said the budget needs to be approved by July 1, 2025 so June 30th is the last day. A special meeting would need to be advertised properly in order to adopt the budget ordinance. Budget Ordinance No. 2025.20 before them provides the accomplishments set forth in the draft budget. If it is the pleasure of the City Council to vote on the budget tonight, they may or if they would like to schedule a special meeting to consider adoption, they need to identify the date and time sooner than later.

Mayor Doughtie said even if City Council votes on it tonight, he would like more details on the different areas on where the dollars are being spent so they would have more knowledge of the budget.

City Manager Traynham said the full budget with the expanded lines are included in their budget notebooks and has been available online since June 3, 2025.

Councilman Jackson asked if they would have plenty of funds to take care of everything with this budget and they would not need a tax increase. City Manager Traynham stated they need more funds, but right now a tax increase is not something they are prepared to take on unless it is the pleasure of the City Council to increase it. The budget has been prepared using the current tax rate.

Councilman Jackson stated they need to be careful because Roanoke Rapids has a median tax rate of 1.78% which is among the highest. The national average is 1.02%

While necessary for funding essential services, he realizes tax increases can negatively affect resident's finances and contribute to housing affordability challenges. It is important for policy makers to consider policies that balance the need for revenue with the desire to support affordable housing and economic stability. He asked if they could get that out of this budget.

City Manager Traynham replied this budget is incremental to get them where they need to be. They definitely need to look at it through their strategic planning efforts and budgeting for the upcoming year. They can only do what they can afford to do in the budget; there will be very minimal things. The statement he was asking her to agree with is an aspirational statement. It will be a tight budget, but their revenues are limited right now.

Mayor Pro Tem Bryant asked what would be the balance of the fund balance if they go with this budget. City Manager Traynham replied they have approximately \$3.5 million that is fully flexible in their discretionary spending. That does include the \$2 million proceeds from the sale of the Theatre. They have the ability to do that. Absent of using any fund balance, they would have to cut some major services or department. She added there is \$14 million in fund balance, but approximately \$3.5 million is truly available for discretionary spending.

Motion was made by Councilman Bell, seconded by Councilman Jackson and unanimously carried to accept the FY2025-2026 budget as is by adopting Budget Ordinance No. 2025.20.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Traynham thanked the department heads and staff for their hard work on the budget and the day-in and day-out needs of budgeting and being mindful of their spending. She stated it has been a month since the area was impacted by a surprise and sudden storm. Many have not slowed down since then. The area is having a lot of rain which is impacting the ability to mow grass and other needs. Next week at Ledgerwood, they will host a baseball tournament. It has taken a lot of effort from the Parks & Recreation staff to get the fields ready. They look forward to hosting the baseball tournament and bringing in visitors from out of town.

Finance Report

Finance Director Johnson reported for the month of May 2025, General Fund year-to-date receipts totaled \$18,034,527. General Fund year-to-date expenditures totaled \$17,091,478. As a result, year to date revenues exceeded expenditures by \$943,049.

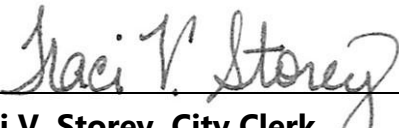
She said the City has the following revenues to collect for FY2024-2025:

- **Ad Valorem** Tax for May & June
- **Motor Vehicle** Tax for May & June
- **Sales & Use** Tax for April – June
- **Hold Harmless** Tax for April – June
- **Utility Franchise** Tax Quarterly Payment in June
- **Beer & Wine** Tax Payment in June
- **Residential and Commercial Solid Waste Fees** for June

Finance Director Johnson stated as of June 16, 2025, they have received the month of April Sales & Use Tax payment in the amount of \$471,000. They also received third quarter Utility Sales Tax distribution which was \$454,000.

Adjournment

There being no further business, motion was made by Councilman Bell, seconded by Councilman Stainback, and unanimously carried to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.



Traci V. Storey, City Clerk

Approved by Council Action on: July 15, 2025