

CITY OF EDEN, N. C.

The regular meeting of the City Council, City of Eden, was held on Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 308 E. Stadium Drive. Those present for the meeting were as follows:

Mayor:	Wayne Tuggle, Sr.
Council Members:	Donna Turner
	Jim Burnette
	Angela Hampton
	Jerry Epps
	Darryl Carter
	Neville Hall
	Jerry Ellis
City Manager:	Brad Corcoran
City Clerk:	Sheralene Thompson
City Attorney:	Erin Gilley
Representatives from Departments:	
News Media:	Katie Mann, Eden News

MEETING CONVENED:

Mayor Tuggle called the regular meeting of the Eden City Council to order and welcomed those in attendance. He explained that the Council meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. and works from a prepared agenda; however, time would be set aside for business not on the printed agenda.

INVOCATION:

Mr. A.C. Brock, Pastor, Leaksville United Methodist Church, gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITIONS & PROCLAMATIONS:

- a. Proclamation: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Mayor Tuggle read the following proclamation in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. *This proclamation was also read on January 18th at the annual NAACP banquet.*

**A PROCLAMATION
DESIGNATING JANUARY 20th
TO HONOR DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**

WHEREAS, January 20, 2014, marks the observance of the Federal legal holiday, established by Public Law No. 98-144, to honor the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and

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WHEREAS, this holiday should serve as a time to remind all Americans of what Dr. King did for our country and to continue his dream of peace, love and justice through service to others, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day is not only for remembrance and celebration but for a Day of Service to strengthen communities, empower individuals and bridge barriers, and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for the City of Eden to support and contribute to community efforts in the observance of the Federal holiday honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that I, Wayne R. Tuggle, Sr., Mayor of the City of Eden, hereby designate January 20, 2014 be set aside as

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day

in Eden, North Carolina, and to recognize this day as “A Day On, Not A Day Off” and apply Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s life and teachings of community service to inspire others to serve.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 18th day of January, 2014.

By: Wayne R. Tuggle, Sr., Mayor
City of Eden

ATTEST:

Sheralene S. Thompson, CMC, MMC
City Clerk

b. Eden Chamber of Commerce Annual Review of Services and Programs

Ms. Jean Ann Wood, President, Eden Chamber of Commerce, came forward to give an annual review of the Chamber of Commerce Services and Programs.

She explained that over the past year they have distributed countless city and state maps, phone books, business cards, brochures and travel and tourism information to residents, visitors, and newcomers. She noted that the most requested telephone number is the license plate agency.

Also over the past year they have had visitors from Austin, Texas; Boca Raton, Florida; Port Washington, New York; Springfield, Oregon; Zanesville, Ohio; Springfield Missouri, Melbourne, Arkansas, as well as North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia visitors. She explained that some folks were here for reunions and special events while others were relocating here for work or retirement.

She explained that in concert with RCC and the Reidsville and Western Rockingham Chambers of Commerce, the Leadership Rockingham class of 2012-13 successfully graduated and the class of 2013-2014 enrolled 18 area leaders from businesses, nonprofit and local government. This program was strong and they appreciate the business community support. She noted that graduation for this program is scheduled for May of 2014.

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Ms. Wood explained that the 2013 Business Expo celebrated 11 years and the 2014 Business Expo was scheduled for April 30 and May 1.

In the summer of 2013 Get Fit Eden was launched where citizens were encouraged to be active 3 times a week for at least 30 minutes each time. She noted that over 400 people registered for the program.

She explained that continuing with economic development awareness the Chamber, with the City of Eden and sponsoring businesses, hosted a Blue Print Eden breakfast. This event took a candid look at the Ruger recruitment project and its economic impact on the region.

They also welcomed new businesses to the community with official ribbon cuttings throughout the year and hosted many workshop opportunities for Chamber members with information sessions. They also partnered with Eden Drug to help fill backpacks for school children.

She stated that the Chamber of Commerce hosted a monthly 30 minute Community Accents show highlighting a member business or service on WLOE/WMYN radio and Chamber staff and leadership assisted the Travel and Tourism with events such as Shagging on Fieldcrest and Riverfest.

The annual Temptations in the Garden celebrated two years at Willow Oaks Plantation showcasing local restaurants and the brewery and in November the Chamber partnered with American Express by promoting Shop Small Saturday for locally owned businesses.

They also worked with the News & Record by producing 12 community newsletters on the first Sunday of the month in the Rockingham Section and they also publish an annual business directory and newcomers guide.

She stated that throughout the year they welcomed 23 new members who invested in their Chamber. They also appreciate the faithful 300 plus member investors including the City of Eden in fulfilling their mission of promoting supporting and enhancing the business interest of their members, the quality of life of their citizens and the solicitation of development for continued growth.

She thanked all of the city officials and employees who partner with the Chamber throughout the year on committees, events, and marketing. They also wanted to thank Mike Dougherty for his continued service on their Board of Directors and Greg Light who joins their Board in 2014.

She closed by explaining that they officially open 2014 with their Annual Dinner event where they recognize community leaders including the Eden Citizen of the Year and the Lifetime Achievement Award which this year they would be renaming. That event was scheduled for next Tuesday night at Santana's.

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Mayor Tuggle expressed appreciation for the Chamber and all that they do.

SET MEETING AGENDA:

A motion was made by Council Member Ellis seconded by Council Member Carter to set the agenda. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

There were no public hearings.

REQUESTS AND PETITIONS OF CITIZENS:

No one spoke at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. Boards and Commissions Appointments.

Nominations:

Planning Board – Ward 7 – Frank Wyatt

Tree Board – Ward 7 – Myra Hinton

Tree Board – Mayor – Jane Lloyd

A motion was made by Council Member Burnette seconded by Council Member Hall to approve the nominations of Frank Wyatt to Planning Board (Ward 7); Myra Hinton to Tree Board (Ward 7); and Jane Lloyd to Tree Board (Mayor). All Council Members voted in favor of this motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Consideration of Proposed Amendment to City Code Chapter 10-6.3(B)(3)(c).

There has been a significant adjustment in the eligibility calculations for full retirement benefits under the federal Social Security Administration. Eligibility for 100% of social security payments occurs at age 65 years of age for any citizen born prior to 1943. For anyone born between 1943-1954, full eligibility will occur at age 66 or later. The later the person is born, the older the eligibility age is. If someone were to choose to draw social security before his date for full eligibility, he would be forced to draw a reduced percentage of the payment for the rest of his life.

Currently, the City of Eden Code § 10-6.3 (B) (3) (c) states that (City provided) "... health and dental care coverage for retirees will be discontinued when the retiree becomes eligible for Medicare (65th birthday) or social security disability."

Without amendment to the Code, City retirees' health coverage would terminate upon their 65th birthday. Medicare would be available, but they would likely have to purchase a supplement to Medicare. They could choose to begin drawing their social security benefit payments at age 65 in order to help purchase the supplement, but they would draw a reduced percentage of their social security payment for the rest of

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their lives. If they waited to draw benefits until they were eligible for 100% of their social security payment, then they would be terminated from the City plan at age 65 and have no social security payment to assist supplementing Medicare's insurance plan until they became fully eligible.

According to the federal social security website <http://www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10024.pdf>, if you were born from 1943 to 1960, the age at which full social security retirement benefits are payable increases gradually to age 67.

Staff does not believe this was the intent of the City's provision of health coverage. The current code was based upon the premise that the City's insurance benefits would terminate upon age 65, when the retiree could receive full social security payments and be Medicare eligible.

Based upon the foregoing, Staff recommends the following amendment to this Code section, which would ensure no lack in coverage for our retirees until they are fully eligible to receive 100% of social security benefits. If they choose to draw social security earlier at a reduced rate and they are eligible for Medicare at that time, the City would terminate the benefits. We believe this language will adapt to the ever increasing age at which full social security benefits are payable. The new language would read as follows:

(c) "The city's payment of premiums for group health and dental coverage for retirees will be discontinued when:

1. the retiree begins to draw social security benefits and becomes eligible for Medicare; or
2. the retiree becomes eligible for 100% of social security benefits; whichever event occurs first between items 1 and 2; or
3. the retiree becomes eligible for social security disability."

Staff recommendation to Council is that you adopt the proposed amendment to this Chapter of the City of Eden Code. I have attached a proposed amendment showing the new language in red. Please consider this ordinance at your January 21, 2014 meeting and do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Ms. Erin Gilley, City Attorney, explained that this was an amendment to the personnel code. This came about in response to a change or increase in the age of eligibility for Social Security retirement benefits. She explained that this affects specifically our retirees. The code as it exists right now drops retirees from our insurance at age 65. The Social Security Administration is gradually increasing age eligibility for retiree benefits and that age is past 65 now and is increasing up to age 67. In response to this the amendment will keep retirees on the insurance until they become eligible to start drawing 100 percent of their Social Security retirement benefits or they start drawing their benefits and are eligible for Medicare, whichever comes first.

Council Member Ellis asked if the retirees would be notified of these changes to which Ms. Gilley replied that the insurance company will notify them.

Council Member Burnette asked if any of the retirees had dropped through the cracks to which Ms. Gilley replied that she thought they were ahead of the game at this point. She added that this was also happening nationally.

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Mayor Tuggle explained that Council Member Carter would be recusing himself because he is a city retiree in the system.

A motion was made by Council Member Burnette seconded by Council Member Epps to accept the proposed amendment to City Code Chapter 10-6.3(B)(3)(c). Council Member Carter recused from voting due to the fact that he is a retiree. Council Members Burnette, Epps, Turner, Ellis, Hall, and Hampton voted in favor of this motion.

b. Consideration of Request to Adopt an Ordinance for the Demolition of a Structure at 1210 Fieldcrest Road under the City of Eden Human Habitation Ordinance.

The memorandum to Council included a section of the Human Habitation Standards Ordinance relating to the steps to be taken when an owner fails to comply with an order to repair or demolish and a copy of the Complaint and Notice of Hearing Before Housing Inspector Under Housing Code which sets out the violations. The City of Eden Human Habitation Standards Ordinance and the enabling legislation permit the City Council, upon adoption of an Ordinance, to order the repair or demolition of the structure. An estimate for the demolition of the structure on this property is \$3,400.00. Once the demolition is done at the City's expense, actions can be taken to recoup the funds in the same manner as the collection of special assessments.

Mayor Tuggle asked Ms. Kelly Stultz, Director of Planning & Inspections, to come forward.

Ms. Stultz explained that the first action on this house was initiated on June 7, 2011, for improper plumbing and unsafe ceilings. The owner was ordered to vacate and close the house until the repairs could be made. In August of 2012, the house burned beyond repair and a new action was filed ordering that the house be demolished. The property has been sold twice since the house burned and the owners had asked for time to remove the structure; however, no action has been taken.

Council Member Ellis asked if the owners were present to which Ms. Stultz replied that they came in today and paid the nuisance.

Mayor Tuggle commented that this has been an ongoing thing and it seems like over and over again they give them chance after chance to which Ms. Stultz agreed.

Ms. Gilley added that the house has been sold twice and there is a Lis pendens which is a document at the court house that has been filed on record, so they were aware of the action prior to buying it.

Ms. Stultz stated that as soon as staff found out they had they sent the letters.

Council Member Epps asked, so the estimate was \$3400 to which Ms. Stultz replied that was the low estimate.

Mayor Tuggle asked if that was pretty typical, \$3500 to \$5000.

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Ms. Stultz replied that for a house that size it was a good price, sometimes if they are larger or the lot is more difficult it could be higher.

Council Member Carter asked if they normally put a lien against the property to try to recover some of this stuff and how would that affect it if it has been sold. He asked if the new owners pay the lein.

Ms. Gilley asked if he meant the owners now to which Council Member Carter replied that she had said someone was purchasing it. Ms. Gilley explained that she said someone has purchased it since the beginning action was started but no one was purchasing it now. She explained that it would go against the ones that own it now.

Council Member Hall asked if the price has dropped for each of those transactions or were they obviously buying it to be demolished property or was it holding its value somewhat.

Ms. Gilley replied that she did not know what they purchased it for.

Ms. Stultz added that the stamps on it show no values, 0 dollars on the two transfers.

Council Member Hall stated that it may have been a deed transfer and not necessarily a sale. He asked about the nuisance fees that they paid today.

Ms. Stultz replied that the city had mowed the grass a number of times to which Council Member Hall stated, so that had nothing to do with what they were proposing to which Ms. Stultz replied no.

A motion was made by Council Member Hall seconded by Council Member Carter to approve and adopt an ordinance for the demolition of a structure at 1210 Fieldcrest Road under the City of Eden Human Habitation Ordinance. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion.

- c. Approval and Adoption of Resolution in Support of Continuing Operation of the Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Educational Center.

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONTINUING OPERATION
OF THE BETSY-JEFF PENN 4-H EDUCATIONAL CENTER**

WHEREAS, the Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Educational Center, once a part of the historic Chinqua-Penn Plantation, is in danger of being closed as part of a Statewide downsizing of North Carolina's 4-H program; and,

WHEREAS, since its dedication in May of 1964 after being built and donated to North Carolina State University by Betsy Penn, this Center has hosted more than 200,000 children, living up to its mission of inspiring youth by helping them gain interpersonal life skills, ecological knowledge and community awareness through experimental learning; and,

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WHEREAS, not only is the Penn 4-H Center a strong youth education tool that brings students from across the state with this year's summer camps currently enrolling children representing over half of North Carolina's counties but also is an adult tourism initiative that draws people to Rockingham County for their weekend seminars and retreats; and,

WHEREAS, the loss of this educational facility would impact negatively not only the youth of our State but Rockingham County's tourism as many of these families and visitors also take the time to seek out other local attractions while in the area; and,

WHEREAS, it is believed that youth who take part in such educational pursuits are less likely to get involved in drugs and illegal activity but instead make the kinds of decisions that lead them to be productive members of society;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the City of Eden Council, do support and request that the necessary funding be found to ensure the Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Educational Center continues to operate so that it can positively affect the lives of thousands of North Carolina children for another 50 years.

This the 21st day of January, 2014.

Wayne Tuggle, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Sheralene Thompson, City Clerk

Mayor Tuggle asked Ms. Judy Wall to come forward.

Ms. Wall explained that she was chair of the Betsy-Jeff Penn Advisory Board. On behalf of the Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Educational Center Advisory Board and the more than 200,000 children that have attended the center over the past 50 years, she wanted to thank them for passing the resolution in support of continuing operation. She explained that the center was dedicated May 17, 1964 as a gift from Betsy Penn to North Carolina State 4-H program in honor of her late husband Jefferson Penn. The center's nearly 200 acres of fields, lake and streams were given to the citizens of North Carolina by Betsy Penn who built the facility and then donated it to North Carolina 4-H in 1964. She noted that they have had some struggles since October 16, 2013 but she was pleased to say that the center was open and will be receiving the first school group the latter part of February.

She explained that the Educational Center was more than a 4-H Camp. It provides educational field trips for schools in North Carolina and Henry County, Virginia. School group attendance for the last five years has averaged 3,584. Residential camps and day camps were offered in the summer with over 50 counties in North Carolina that have already designated Betsy-Jeff Penn for summer camp in 2014. That was quite an accomplishment and they feel like there will be some additional. Facilities were also available for conferences, retreats, class and family reunions, etc., when not being utilized. This was a year round business operation. On Saturday, May, 17, 2014 they will be celebrating their 50th anniversary. She asked them to come join the celebration in Betsy Penn's legacy as details would be forthcoming.

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Mayor Tuggle asked how long the reprieve was for so to speak. He stated that he knew that when it was going on, he had sent a letter out and looked at some of the information and if he was not mistaken he thought the numbers that went to Betsy-Jeff Penn were like two or three times more than some of the other places they were going to leave open.

Ms. Wall agreed and explained that their Task Force just submitted to North Carolina State a sustainable business model that they hope that they will agree with. That was the way they foresee putting them in the black as they have been in the red for several years. So they just have everything crossed that things were going to work out. She added that they have a lot of support from the local community as well as their legislators.

Council Member Burnette asked if she knew what the driver was to keep some of the centers open that had much less attendance.

Ms. Wall replied, economics. She added that in the fall of 2012 North Carolina State mandated a change in the program for just Betsy-Jeff Penn. It did not work out. Their enrollment for 2013 was the lowest and she had records that go back to the early 80's, and it was the lowest it had ever been up to the 80s. So that just really created a big downfall. However at this point they were already over 40% more this year than they were last summer because the 4-H Program has to designate in November where they have to attend camp and that was a plus for recovery.

A motion was made by Council Member Ellis seconded by Council Member Epps to approve and adopt the resolution in support of continuing operation of the Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Educational Center. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion.

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

- a. Eden Police Department 2014 Report to the City Council PowerPoint Presentation.

Mayor Tuggle asked Police Chief Reece Pyrtle to come forward for the presentation.

Chief Pyrtle presented the following information:

CRIME IN NORTH CAROLINA
ANNUAL SUMMARY REPORT OF 2011 AND 2012 UNIFORM
CRIME REPORTING DATA

STATEWIDE CRIME INDEX RATE PER 100,000 PERSONS

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Year	Index Crime Rate	Violent Crime Rate	Property Crime Rate	Violent Crimes Rate				Property Crime Rate			Arson
				Murder	Rape	Robbery	Agg. Assault	Burglary	Larceny	MVT	
2010	3,955.3	373.9	3,581.4	5.1	21.4	105.0	242.3	1,125.8	2,263.0	192.6	20.7
2011	3,919.8	354.6	3,565.2	5.4	20.8	100.7	227.8	1,116.1	2,271.7	177.4	18.8
Percent Change	-0.9%	-5.2%	-0.5%	+5.9%	-2.8%	-4.1%	-6.0%	-0.9%	+0.4%	-7.9%	-9.2%

Year	Index Crime Rate	Violent Crime Rate	Property Crime Rate	Violent Crime Rate				Property Crime Rate			Arson
				Murder	Rape	Robbery	Agg. Assault	Burglary	Larceny	MVT	
2011	3,942.2	356.6	3,585.6	5.3	20.8	101.2	229.3	1,119.3	2,288.3	178.0	18.9
2012	3,767.2	358.6	3,408.6	5.1	20.6	98.2	234.7	1,030.4	2,210.5	167.6	19.2
Percent Change	-4.4%	+0.6%	-4.9%	-3.8%	-1.0%	-3.0%	+2.4%	-7.9%	-3.4%	-5.8%	+1.6%

Chief Pyrtle noted there was a slight decrease. He then moved on to the next slide which was the Crime in Eden.

CRIME IN EDEN
ANNUAL SUMMARY REPORT OF 2011 AND 2012
UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING DATA
STATEWIDE CRIME INDEX RATE PER 100,000 PERSONS

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Year	Index Crime Rate	Violent Crime Rate	Property Crime Rate	Violent Crimes Rate				Property Crime Rate		
				Murder	Rape	Robbery	Agg. Assault	Burglary	Larceny	MVT
2010	5,814.2	578.9	5,235.3	0	31.5	119.6	427.9	1,459.9	3,498.6	276.9
2011	5,235.7	437.4	4,798.4	6.4	12.9	57.9	360.2	1,189.9	3,299.7	308.7
Percent Change	-11.0%	-24.4%	-8.3%	+100%	-59.0%	-51.6%	-15.8%	-18.5%	-5.7%	+11.5%

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				Murder	Rape	Robbery	Agg. Assault	Burglary	Larceny	MVT
2011	5,229.3	437.4	4,791.9	6.4	12.9	57.9	360.2	1,189.9	3,293.2	308.7
2012	4,691.0	600.8	4,090.2	6.4	25.6	153.4	415.4	1,182.3	2,613.9	294.0
Percent Change	-10.3%	+37.4%	-14.6%	0%	+98.4%	+164.9%	+15.3%	-.6%	-20.6%	-4.8%

He explained that the crime that he was specifically talking about was departmental offenses which were violent crimes that included murder, rape, robbery, and aggravated assaults. Burglary, larceny, and motor vehicle theft were property crimes. In 2011-2012 this report indicated that they had another decrease in their about 10.3% which was a good trend however their violent crime did go up a little but that was based largely on aggravated assaults.

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CRIME IN ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

**CRIME RATES PER 100,000 BY AGENCY
THREE YEAR TREND**

		Violent Crime Rate	Property Crime Rate	Crime Index Rate
Eden Police Department	2010	578.9	5,235.3	5,814.2
	2011	437.4	4,791.9	5,229.3
	2012	600.8	4,090.2	4,691.0
Reidsville Police Department	2010	389.4	6,039.5	6,428.9
	2011	309.5	6,156.3	6,465.8
	2012	364.6	5,592.2	5,956.8
Madison Police Department	2010	2,036.2	6,561.1	8,597.3
	2011	400.2	5,513.6	5,913.7
	2012	533.6	6,091.6	6,625.2
Mayodan Police Department	2010	890.7	9,676.1	10,566.8
	2011	403.1	9,028.6	9431.7
	2012	282.1	7,214.8	7,497.0
Stoneville Police Department	2010	414.5	3,523.3	3,937.8
	2011	189.2	4,825.0	5,014.2
	2012	283.8	1,797.5	2,081.4
Rockingham County Sheriff's Department	2010	131.0	2,315.8	2,446.9
	2011	122.6	2,452.8	2,575.5
	2012	141.6	2,323.3	2,464.9

Chief Pyrtle noted that ours has continued to decrease which is good.

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CRIME IN EDEN

INDEX OFFENSES
TEN YEAR TREND

Offenses	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Murder	2	4	2	0	1	2	1	0	1	1
Rape	1	1	5	3	3	1	5	5	2	4
Robbery	28	25	19	32	20	20	27	19	9	24
Agg. Assault	38	21	49	29	42	49	55	68	56	65
Violent Crime	69	51	75	64	66	72	88	92	68	94
Burglary	283	234	308	298	239	215	204	232	185	185
Larceny	784	691	701	685	609	605	482	556	512	409
MVT	72	44	30	40	49	48	34	44	48	46
Property Crime	1,139	969	1,039	1,023	897	868	720	832	745	640
<u>Index Crime Total</u>	<u>1,208</u>	<u>1,020</u>	<u>1,114</u>	<u>1,087</u>	<u>963</u>	<u>940</u>	<u>808</u>	<u>924</u>	<u>813</u>	<u>734</u>

Chief Pyrtle explained that the total offenses have continued to decrease and this year they have had a 10 year low. He explained that they want to work on their violent crime but aggravated assaults were those assaults that involve the use of a weapon or the threat of a weapon or they can be classified based on the severity. He added that it can be a little subjective but it is really depending on how it is reported. He stated that one of the things that he thought would be interesting when he did this report for them next year was that across the county they are getting ready to get on the same records management system so although the criteria may be a little bit different at least it will be more apples to apples and oranges to oranges.

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Mayor Tuggle asked if those types of criteria vary across the county as well as the state and the federal and how much similarity.

Chief Pyrtle explained that it was consistent but it was the way you report it. A lot of time, and he was not going to say just in Rockingham County, but reports are taken based on solvability. They are signed out on solvability and he was proud to tell them that the Eden Police Department, if you file a report, a report will be taken and assigned to an investigator regardless of the solvability factor and a follow up will be done. Every time, not just every now and then.

Mayor Tuggle asked if he was saying some people will not take it because they did not think it was solvable.

Chief Pyrtle explained that he was saying there occasionally, if you go out somewhere and something happens and you are out of town somewhere the report may be taken based on the solvability of the crime.

**CRIME IN ROCKINGHAM COUNTY
INDEX OFFENSES**

THREE YEAR TREND

		Violent Crime	Property Crime	Crime Index Total
Eden Police Department	2010	92	832	924
	2011	68	745	813
	2012	94	640	734
Reidsville Police Department	2010	57	884	941
	2011	45	895	940
	2012	53	813	866
Madison Police Department	2010	45	145	190
	2011	9	124	133
	2012	12	137	149
Mayodan Police Department	2010	22	239	261
	2011	10	224	234
	2012	7	179	186

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Stoneville Police Department	2010	4	34	38
	2011	2	51	53
	2012	3	19	22
Rockingham County Sheriff's Department	2010	73	1,290	1,363
	2011	71	1,420	1,491
	2012	82	1,345	1,427

**CRIME IN EDEN
INDEX OFFENSES AND CLEARANCES**

THREE YEAR TREND

Type of Crime	Index Offense	Year	Offenses	Offenses Cleared	Percentage Cleared	Statewide Cleared
Violent Crime	Murder	2010	0	0	-	84.0%
		2011	1	0	0%	85.4%
		2012	1	1	100%	82.5%
	Rape	2010	5	7	140%	60.9%
		2011	2	1	50%	59.4%
		2012	4	4	100%	62.3%
	Robbery	2010	19	7	37%	40.0%
		2011	9	6	67%	40.9%
		2012	24	16	67%	43.2%
	Agg. Assault	2010	68	58	85%	66.9%
		2011	56	50	89%	67.7%
		2012	65	58	89%	65.4%
Property Crime	Burglary	2010	232	96	41%	18.4%
		2011	185	45	24%	18.3%

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		2012	185	63	34%	18.8%
	Larceny	2010	556	213	38%	28.5%
		2011	512	200	39%	28.9%
		2012	409	165	40%	30.7%
	MVT	2010	44	21	48%	23.0%
		2011	48	23	48%	23.7%
		2012	46	18	39%	23.1%

Council Member Burnette asked Chief Pyrtle to define “cleared”.

Chief Pyrtle explained that meant the case was either cleared by arrest, exception (if a victim refused to cooperate) it means that the leads are exhausted in that instance.

CRIME IN ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

**ARSON OFFENSES AND CLEARANCES
THREE YEAR TREND**

		Arson Offenses	Arson Offenses Cleared	Estimated Property Damage
Eden Police Department	2010	0	0	\$0
	2011	3	0	\$43,530
	2012	6	6	\$364,000
Reidsville Police Department	2010	5	2	\$12,300
	2011	2	0	\$2,000
	2012	8	6	\$23,086
Madison Police Department	2010	1	0	\$500,000
	2011	0	0	\$0
	2012	0	0	\$0
Mayodan Police Department	2010	0	0	\$0
	2011	0	0	\$0
	2012	0	0	\$0
Stoneville Police	2010	0	0	\$0

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Department	2011	0	0	\$0
	2012	0	0	\$0
Rockingham County Sheriff's Department	2010	1	1	\$1
	2011	1	0	\$900
	2012	4	0	\$304

CRIME IN ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

STOLEN AND RECOVERED PROPERTY
THREE YEAR TREND

		Stolen Property	Recovered Property	Percentage Recovered
Eden Police Department	2010	\$731,012	\$182,945	25%
	2011	\$803,293	\$155,339	19.3%
	2012	\$908,804	\$217,605	23.9%
Reidsville Police Department	2010	\$710,483	\$129,703	18.3%
	2011	\$665,526	\$201,961	30.3%
	2012	\$637,189	\$114,913	18.0%
Madison Police Department	2010	\$117,167	\$301	0.3%
	2011	\$42,324	\$0	0%
	2012	\$41,210	\$0	0%
Mayodan Police Department	2010	\$70,946	\$6,809	9.6%
	2011	\$51,078	\$7,389	14.5%
	2012	\$31,261	\$5,978	19.1%
Stoneville Police Department	2010	\$17,975	\$3,980	22.1%
	2011	\$18,041	\$744	4.1%
	2012	\$7,996	\$218	2.7%
Rockingham County Sheriff's Department	2010	\$8,738,364	\$6,247,499	71.5%
	2011	\$1,981,463	\$187,070	9.4%
	2012	\$2,998,089	\$269,532	9.0%

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EDEN POLICE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

	2010	2011	2012	2013
TOTAL CALLS	60,488	55,648	52,637	48,022
ROLL OVER CALLS	45,749	42,107	38,655	35,405
911 CALLS	14,739	13,718	13,982	12,617
TRANSFERRED 911 CALLS	3,083	3,115	3,117	2,979
CAD TRACKING NUMBERS	25,932	23,652	23,234	23,512

PATROL DIVISION

	2010	2011	2012	2013
CITATIONS	2,901	2,769	2,223	1,918
DWI ARREST	162	175	159	112
WARNING CITATIONS	1,477	1,037	940	713
CRASH REPORTS	402	384	378	497
ARREST	1,071	1,132	1,127	1,103
IVC	161	146	142	102

Chief Pyrtle explained that one of the things also was the IVC and that was their involuntary commitment. They did see a reduction this year but they were still spending a lot of time and it was very taxing on their resources.

Mayor Tuggle asked if he saw there being anything to try to improve that situation as far as the State goes.

Chief Pyrtle replied that he would be honest. They have mitigated that in this county probably as well as anybody in the State of North Carolina. They worked closely with all the agencies with the Attorney General's Office of this State, trying to address that issue not just with the Police Department's time that they were spending but also those individuals were not getting the assistance they need by sitting in the emergency room not getting helped.

Mayor Tuggle pointed out that sometimes that can take several days and it takes a patrolman off the street.

Chief Pyrtle agreed and added that sometimes when that happens and they were sitting with that individual, they will have officers that check on duty and go straight to the hospital and they will have somebody at the hospital off the squad around the clock until that individual was transferred.

Mayor Tuggle stated that he thought the general public really did not know how much time was spent with these involuntary commitments.

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Chief Pyrtle agreed that it was very taxing.

DETECTIVE DIVISION

	2010	2011	2012	2013
TOTAL CASES	2,406	2,206	2,230	2,081
TOTAL CASES CLOSED	1,458	1,149	1,575	1,538
PERCENTAGE CLOSED	60.5%	65.6%	70.6%	73.9%
CLOSED BY ARRESTS	808	803	828	823
PERCENTAGE CLOSED BY ARREST	33.5%	36.4%	37.1%	39.5%

TO ILLUSTRATE HOW TIME IS SPENT IN THE INVESTIGATIVE UNIT IN 2013. I HAVE PROVIDED YOU WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AND A BREAKDOWN OF HOURS FOR EACH CATEGORY FOR THE ENTIRE UNIT:

TRAINING:	592 HOURS
COURT/DA MEETINGS:	635.5 HOURS
VOICE STRESS TEST	31 TESTS
VIDEO LAB ANALYSIS:	39 EXAMINATIONS
SEARCH WARRANTS:	56 WARRANTS EXECUTED

ANIMAL CONTROL

IN 2013 ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS PICKED UP APPROXIMATELY 175 DOGS AND 300 CATS. SOME OF THESE ANIMALS WERE CLAIMED BY THE OWNERS. HOWEVER, MOST OF THE CATS WERE FERAL CATS AND NOT ELIGIBLE FOR ADOPTION. WE HAVE STARTED WORKING MORE CLOSELY WITH RESCUE GROUPS TO ADOPT OUT MORE ANIMALS.

D.A.R.E. PROGRAM

IN THE SCHOOL YEAR 2012-2013, APPROXIMATELY 260 5TH GRADE STUDENTS COMPLETED THE D.A.R.E. CURRICULUM. APPROXIMATELY 250 OTHER STUDENTS BELOW 5TH GRADE PARTICIPATED IN D.A.R.E. VISITATION.

G.R.E.A.T. PROGRAM

IN THE SCHOOL YEAR 2012-2013, APPROXIMATELY 283 6TH GRADE STUDENTS COMPLETED THE G.R.E.A.T CURRICULUM.

Council Member Burnette commented that first the GREAT Program, they hear all kinds of rumors of gangs. He asked what the status was.

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Chief Pyrtle explained that he was not going to sit there and tell them that they did not have an issue as any type of issue with gangs was alarming. He could tell them that they were identifying a group acting in concert to create any type of havoc or create a criminal enterprise, they focus their resources on that group and react. He explained that they try to mitigate anything that they do and hold them accountable for their actions and they have done that. He added that they have adjusted their work hours and addressed individual groups.

Council Member Burnette stated that he wanted to commend him on the crime rate, however, he noticed that generally speaking for the last several years that even though the crime rate index was going down and the property crimes seem to be going down, the violent crimes seem to be headed in the other direction. He asked if there was any explanation for that.

Chief Pyrtle replied that he could not explain that but one thing they looked at was that last year they did see a reduction in violent crime and they try to address that with programs and it was part of their Project Safe Rockingham County. They were trying to do programs such as that and also trying to make sure that they address career criminals, individuals that have a history of that type of crime and they move up on the list and they are held more accountable for their actions. They also work closely with the District Attorney's Office, and the U.S. Attorney's office holding the individual accountable for their actions. He added that he could tell them that they were very diligent about that. They were also working closely with the attorneys on criminal offenses involving firearms. He noted that he was very proud that their officers were trained in evidence collection and handling firearms so that the cases can be prosecuted more efficiently and he could tell them that he had been personally contacted by the U.S. Attorney thanking them for their effort and one of the city's investigators actually created a training guide on the collection of firearms and the U.S. Attorney's Office took that and shared it with other municipalities in the district as to how to collect and prosecute firearms.

Mayor Tuggle questioned that there has been three Project Safe Neighborhoods so far to which Chief replied that they actually had four. Mayor Tuggle stated that he thought he had been to all of them and it was really impressive seeing just all of the law enforcement, not just Eden and Rockingham County but it goes way beyond the borders into Virginia. It was really an impressive program.

Chief Pyrtle added that what really makes this unique was they incorporated the authorities from across the line into Virginia and to his knowledge it was the only one in the state that has reached out across state lines.

Mayor Tuggle questioned who identifies some of the 15 or 16 (criminals) that you have normally have there.

Chief Pyrtle replied that they work closely with the District Attorney, the U.S. Attorney and probation department and they identify them based on their criminal history and the amount or type of crimes and severity of the crime. They identify those individuals and

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they bring them in. For example, you highlight their name and you share with them an opportunity to change their ways and pattern of behavior, but if they did not, everybody in the State of North Carolina and Southern Virginia will know that their name has been highlighted and they could focus their attention on that person, if they continue that path.

Mayor Tuggle explained that for those who did not know about Project Safe they bring them in and give them an opportunity to get back on track and there was no coddling of anybody in there they lay it on the line, either you get on track or they will put you in jail or away.

Chief Pyrtle added that was the thing, their primary objective was to help them make a decision that will affect not just them but a generation. If successful at that they would not have to worry about that individual's children or grandchildren and that was where the difference was, one change can make a difference.

Council Member Hampton asked when the next one would be held to which Chief Pyrtle replied that it would be in May.

Mayor Tuggle asked Chief Pyrtle to get that out to the City Council. He noted that it would be well worth their while to see it and it was at the Ag Center in Wentworth.

Council Member Burnette commented that he knew really that Project Safe results were very good, but yet they were still seeing violent crimes going up. He stated that he guessed he would conclude from that the violent crimes were their new criminals.

Chief Pyrtle added, or unidentified, and they did have a lot of offenders who repeat and he believed that was driving it more and their aggravating assaults were driving it more. He explained that could be based on the severity or threat of a weapon. He agreed that they have had an unusually high number this year but he hoped next year they will see a reduction in that. When they get a case like that it was high on the priority list and they work hard, but there again investigating those types of cases, a lot of times it was getting cooperation from the victim and not just identifying the suspect.

Council Member Ellis stated that he had said he had 45 officers. He questioned how many reserves they had.

Chief Pyrtle replied there were four reserve positions but there were currently two vacancies.

Mayor Tuggle stated that as there were no other questions he commended Chief Pyrtle for his presentation.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Approval and Adoption of Minutes: December 17, 2013.

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b. Approval and Adoption of Budget Amendment 5.

When the City purchases vehicles and equipment with installment purchases, it is required to show the loan proceeds as revenue and the payment to the vendor as an expenditure in the financial statements. The attached amendment increases the General Fund revenue line item “loan proceeds” and increases the Solid Waste Department Capital Outlay – Vehicles line item for the garbage that was purchased with loan proceeds. The attached amendment also increases the Water & Sewer Fund revenue line item “loan proceeds” and the W/S Maintenance Department Capital Outlay – Off Road Equipment line item for the backhoe that was purchased with loan proceeds.

Subject: Budget Amendment # 5

	Account #	From	To	Amount
General Fund Revenues				
Loan Proceeds	10-3850-86000	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 301,100.00	<u>\$ 256,100.00</u>
General Fund Expenditures				
Solid Waste C/O Vehicles	10-4710-55000	\$ -	\$ 256,100.00	<u>\$ 256,100.00</u>
Water & Sewer Fund Revenues				
Loan Proceeds	30-3850-86000	\$ -	\$ 102,500.00	<u>\$ 102,500.00</u>
Water & Sewer Fund Expenditures				
W/S Maint C/O Off Road Equipment	30-7125-56000	\$ -	\$ 102,500.00	<u>\$ 102,500.00</u>

To allocate loan proceeds for the Solid Waste garbage truck and C&D backhoe.

Adopted and effective this 21st day of January, 2014.

Attest:

Sheralene Thompson, City Clerk

Wayne Tuggle, Mayor

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c. Approval and Adoption of Budget Amendment 6.

Project SAFE Rockingham County is a community and law enforcement initiative with the goal to improve the quality of life for all residents of Rockingham County by employing a comprehensive county-wide strategy to reduce gun and gang-related violent crime. This project is being funded by the Office of the District Attorney and the six local law enforcement departments in Rockingham County. The Eden Police Department is responsible for collecting the funds and expensing the proceeds of this project. The attached budget amendment appropriates the amount of funding that will be received from the other local governments and allocated this amount to an expenditure line item within the Police Department budget. Eden’s portion of this funding is already included in the FY 13-14 budget in the Contracted Services line item.

Subject: Budget Amendment # 6

	Account #	From	To	Amount
General Fund Revenues				
Project Safe Rockingham County	10-3431-73000	\$ -	\$ 27,300.00	<u>\$ 27,300.00</u>
General Fund Expenditures				
Police Contr Serv - Project Safe	10-4310-39401	\$ -	\$ 27,300.00	<u>\$ 27,300.00</u>

To allocate revenues received from local municipalities for the Project Safe Rockingham County program.

Adopted and effective this 21st day of January, 2014.

Attest:

Sheralene Thompson, City Clerk

Wayne Tuggle, Mayor

d. Approval and Adoption of Budget Amendment 7.

The attached budget amendment allocates proceeds from a Wal-Mart grant for Fire Department training. This amendment increases the Fire Grant and Fire Training line items.

Subject: Budget Amendment # 7

	Account #	From	To	Amount
General Fund Revenues				
Fire Grant	10-3434-42000	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
General Fund				

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Expenditures

Fire Training	10-4340-39500	\$	2,000.00	\$	3,000.00	<u>\$</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
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To allocate grant proceeds for Fire Department Training.

Adopted and effective this 21st day of January, 2014.

Attest:

Sheralene Thompson, City Clerk

Wayne Tuggle, Mayor

e. Approval and Adoption of Budget Amendment 8.

The attached budget amendment transfers money from the drug forfeiture account to the General Fund to cover expenditures in the drug forfeiture line items. Below is a breakdown of each line item and the specific expenditures.

Training & Travel	\$ 2,100
Communications & Computers	<u>\$ 5,100</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 7,200</u>

Subject: Budget Amendment # 8

	Account #	From	To	Amount
General Fund Revenues				
Police Fed/State Drug Forfeiture	10-3431-41900	\$ -	\$ 7,200.00	<u>\$ 7,200.00</u>
General Fund Expenditures				
Police Training/Travel Drug Forfeiture	10-4310-39501	\$ -	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,100.00
Police C/O Equip Depr/Drug Forf	10-4310-57200	\$ -	\$ 5,100.00	<u>\$ 5,100.00</u>
				<u>\$ 7,200.00</u>

Transferring money from the Federal Forfeiture bank account to the General Fund.

Adopted and effective this 21st day of January, 2014.

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Attest:

Sheralene Thompson, City Clerk

Wayne Tuggle, Mayor

f. Appointment of Ms. Deanna Hunt to the position of Deputy City Clerk.

As each of you is aware, Ms. Deanna Hunt has been working for the City since May 15, 2002. Her office is in the administration section of City Hall where she serves as our Accounting Technician with responsibility for payroll. In addition, she assists a number of staff members in a variety of different ways on a regular basis.

Ms. Sheralene Thompson, CMC, City Clerk recently informed me that she will be eligible for retirement in about 4 years. She and I discussed the future of the City Clerk position and we both believe the logical selection is Ms. Hunt. However, in order for Ms. Hunt to be eligible to attend the various Certified Municipal Clerk classes and ultimately achieve her Certified Municipal Clerk certification she has to have the title of "Clerk" in her job title whether it's City Clerk or Deputy City Clerk.

Although we are NOT adding any additional positions I would respectfully request that the City Council vote to formally appoint Ms. Deanna Hunt as Deputy City Clerk. She will continue with her duties as usual and will pick up some additional responsibilities in terms of training and classes associated with becoming a Certified Municipal Clerk and she will also be assisting and working closer with Ms. Thompson in an effort to become fully qualified as a possible candidate for the City Clerk position once it becomes open and available.

I believe it's important to plan ahead and I am confident that Ms. Hunt will do an excellent job. Please feel free to let me know if you have any questions concerning this item.

A motion was made by unanimous consent to approve the Consent Agenda items. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mike Dougherty – announced on Thursday we would be getting the Certified Retirement Community.

NC Secretary of Commerce Sharon Decker

Executive Director of the NC Division of Tourism, Film and Sports Development Wit Tuttell

Senate Pro-Tem Phil Berger

Council Member Ellis thanked Ms. Judy Wall for coming to the meeting and also wanted to let her know what 4-H means to the county.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by unanimous consent to adjourn. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion.

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Respectfully submitted

Sheralene S. Thompson, CMC, MMC, NCCMC
City Clerk

ATTEST:

Wayne Tuggle, Sr., Mayor