

CITY OF EDEN, N.C.

A regular meeting of the City Council, City of Eden, was held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 308 E. Stadium Drive. Those present for the meeting were as follows:

Mayor:	Neville Hall
Council Members:	Gerald Ellis
	Jerry Epps
	Kenny Kirkman
	Greg Light
	Bruce Nooe
	Tommy Underwood
	Jason Wood
City Manager:	Jon Mendenhall
City Attorney:	Erin Gilley
City Clerk:	Deanna Hunt
Media:	Roy Sawyers, Rockingham Update

MEETING CONVENED:

Mayor Hall called the regular meeting of the Eden City Council to order and welcomed those in attendance. He wished Mike Moore, of Mike Moore Media, the best as he was absent due to health issues.

He wanted to recognize an incident that had happened that afternoon involving a child who had fallen into the river. Eden Police Officers Josh Roberts and Timothy Knight jumped into the river and brought the child to the bank where Lt. Andy Johnson was waiting to take the child to an area where life-saving measures were performed. Firefighter Mike Farmer was on scene along with Rockingham County EMS. Everyone who responded did an incredible job. The City was very proud and appreciative. It was a tremendous show of heroism.

Pastor Joel Clark, of New Saint Paul Baptist Church, gave an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Audrey Cohen, sixth grader at Holmes Middle School, and Karragan Utter, first grader at Central Elementary School, the children of Police Sgt. Joey Utter.

PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS:

- a. Proclamation: Older Americans Month

Mayor Hall called Senior Center Director Carla Huffman forward and he wished her a happy birthday.

He read the proclamation.

Ms. Huffman said the Rockingham County Silver Arts showcase was in the chambers and invited everyone to view it. It was artwork from senior citizens from all over the county. Seniors strengthened the community and the Senior Center made a big difference. She wanted to do a presentation about the center in the future so that people would know all the services they offered. She loved her job and was blessed to work with seniors. Her mother came to the center and helped her and had authored an essay to read to the Friends Group at the center. Ms. Huffman thought it applied to Council and to the community and she wanted to read it: "Thank you to each of you, thank you for showing up. Thank you for never missing a meeting. Thessalonians 3 said we thank God for you, because of you we have great joy. Because of you, God is changing lives. When you show up, it makes a difference. When you speak a kind word to someone, it makes a difference. Thank you for being a group where everyone is welcome. Thank you for being here to greet people who have just found the Senior Center and they need people in their lives. Remember, God is enough. He uses our hands to wave at people, he uses our faces to express joy when we see others and greet them as they come in the door. He uses us to surround others and strengthen and encourage them. God uses simple ordinary actions to make a difference in the lives of those around us. You are called to make a difference in others' lives just by being there. The Senior Center is a family strengthened by each other's presence, just by being welcoming and encouraging others, they make a difference and make people feel welcome." They were making a difference in the lives of the citizens in Eden. She was

preparing a presentation to advertise the Senior Center and had asked seniors to write impact stories. She would read from one of those statements: The Senior Center was a lifeline. It connected her to people not only in Eden but in Rockingham County. She moved from New York in 2013. She never seemed to fit in or be accepted anywhere. She was bullied in high school, causing depression and even a suicide attempt. In the Senior Center, she found a place where she belonged and was accepted. In 2019, she was diagnosed with stage four appendix cancer and beat it. In 2020, she moved to Eden and on March 20, the world shut down. In September 2021, she found the Senior Center and started coming to art and stretch/balance classes and signed up for Senior Games. Now the Senior Center was family who she had chosen to be a major part of her life and she would be sad without it. Ms. Huffman thanked Council and the City for supporting the senior program.

PROCLAMATION
Older Americans Month 2024

WHEREAS, May is Older Americans Month, a time for us to recognize and honor Eden’s older adults and their immense influence on every facet of American society; and

WHEREAS, through their wealth of life experience and wisdom, older adults guide our younger generations and carry forward abundant cultural and historical knowledge; and

WHEREAS, older Americans improve our communities through intergenerational relationships, community service, civic engagement, and many other activities; and

WHEREAS, communities benefit when people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds have the opportunity to participate and live independently; and

WHEREAS, the City of Eden must ensure that older Americans have the resources and support needed to stay involved in their communities - reflecting our commitment to connectedness; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Neville Hall, Mayor of the City of Eden, do hereby proclaim May 2024 as Older Americans Month. This year’s theme, “Powered by Connection,” emphasizes the profound impact of meaningful interactions and social connection on the well-being and health of older adults in our community. I call upon all residents to join me in recognizing the contributions of our older citizens and promoting programs and activities that foster connection and support for older adults.

By: Neville Hall, Mayor
Attest: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

b. Proclamation: Public Works Week

Mayor Hall read the proclamation after which he asked those employees from the department present to stand for recognition.

PROCLAMATION
Public Works Week 2024

WHEREAS, since 1960, National Public Works Week has been celebrated to energize and educate the public on the importance of public works in their daily lives: planning, building, managing and operating at the heart of their local communities to improve everyday quality of life.

WHEREAS, this year’s theme is “Advancing Quality of Life for All.” The City of Eden Public Works Department contributes to advancing and enhancing our quality of life, no matter where we live within the City. Public works professionals provide essential services that lead to healthier, happier, more vibrant communities.

WHEREAS, public works professionals advance the quality of life by providing an infrastructure of services in transportation, water, wastewater, and stormwater treatment, public buildings and spaces, parks and grounds, emergency

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management and first response, solid waste, and right-of-way management. They are what make our communities dynamic places to live and work.

WHEREAS, we ask you to join us in celebrating the quiet work of these City of Eden Public Works professionals who make life better for all of us.

BE IT NOW PROCLAIMED THAT I, Mayor Neville Hall do hereby designate the week May 19-25, 2024 as Public Works Week in the City of Eden; I urge all citizens to recognize the substantial contributions our public works professionals make to protecting our City's health, safety, and quality of life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand at the City of Eden, North Carolina this 21st day of May, 2024.

By: Neville Hall, Mayor

Attest: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

SET MEETING AGENDA:

A motion was made by Council Member Epps to set the meeting agenda as amended. Council Member Ellis seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

There were none at this time.

REQUESTS AND PETITIONS OF CITIZENS:

Mayor Hall asked City Attorney Erin Gilley to read the policy for speakers and she did.

Dan Grieg, 407 Dogwood Lane, was commander of American Legion Post 254 in Eden. He wanted to report on the results of the post home, which was also the home of the Rockingham County Veterans Honor Guard. They had recently done a renovation starting out with a total replacement of the roof which entailed tearing off four layers of existing roof material with the very bottom layer being tar and gravel. There were water leaks coming through in several locations and a sizeable area that had rotted boards. Two bids were received for the roofing materials – for \$26,000 and \$16,500. Alvarez Roofing provided the low bid. With help from Sandra Meadows of the Eden Chamber of Commerce, they held a fundraiser with donors from all over the U.S. providing a portion of the funds. The City was also making funds available for renewal projects in the downtown Draper area with \$5,000 awarded on completion of a project costing \$15,000 or more. Since their project qualified, they were off and running. He thanked the City for giving the Post a great start on their project. There were also several local generous donors who stepped up and provided enough funds for the completion. Alvarez Roofing did an excellent job replacing several boards. He was on the roof with them everyday and could attest to the excellent job they did. Once the roof was completed, they were able to move to the inside of the building. He had been in discussions with Home Depot in Danville, Va., about a program they had which helped veteran organizations with remodels. Their project coordinator met with him at the building and she made a list of materials that would be needed to do a remodel, encouraging him to think of everything the Post would need for the project. She then took the list to the executives at Home Depot for approval. Final approval came through with Home Depot donating new ceiling tiles, new LED lighting, new paint for all the interior walls with five complete paint kits and 20 gallons of paint. They also provided new cabinets, a new commode and two full pallets of luxury vinyl plank flooring complete with a flooring installation kit. Home Depot also sent a team of volunteers to work with volunteers from the Post to do the painting, replacing ceiling tiles, and installing the flooring. Home Depot volunteers came on their own days off to do the work. Success of the project was largely due to a joint effort of the City, Home Depot, and many volunteers from the Post working together to make improvements to an older building in the downtown area of Draper. An open house and ribbon cutting were held with the Eden Chamber of Commerce. The building had been rededicated to be used for serving veterans and their families. He invited any veterans present to come

to their monthly meeting the second Thursday at 7 p.m. He once again thanked the City for its generous donation for the purpose of repairing the roof. It was the key to remodeling the entire project and they were very grateful.

Mayor Hall thanked Mr. Greig and said he was there for the ribbon cutting. It was an impressive use of the space and remodel. The group and volunteers did a great job. It looked good and he was glad it was there to provide services for the veterans. He thanked him for his service.

Stephanie Lemons, 150 Dallas Street, said she was there to express concern about the recent near drowning at Leaksville Landing. According to a post by the Eden Police Department, a 3-year-old fell into the river and had to be rescued by officers from the Police and Fire Departments. She wanted to extend her sincere gratitude to Officers Roberts, Knight and Johnson, and Firefighter Mike Farmer, as well as everyone else involved in the rescue for their bravery and quick response. Her concern was with the lack of safety measures at the river landings and along the rivers within the City. The City, along with Rockingham County government, and their related tourism and economic development departments, heavily promoted Eden's rivers for tourism and recreation to citizens and visitors alike. With the promotion came the responsibility to ensure the safety for each and every person using the rivers. She was at the meeting in good faith to request the following improvements to help prevent incidents like that one and other recent incidents happening in the future. She recommended installing safety equipment such as floatation devices and rescue ropes at all City-owned river landings and along the rivers at reasonable distances as well as popular areas where swimmers and boaters typically stopped to swim. She also suggested providing clearly labeled maps as well as permanent signage at each landing to show the flow of the river at each landing point. It should include defined rapid classes in the specific paths, the direction of the river from point to point, and the distances between the landings. It would also be recommended to install pathways and signage for areas that could serve as emergency escape routes close to the rivers and highways where users of the rivers could exit if an emergency situation occurred. It would help protect those unfamiliar with the rivers as they had all seen had caused incidents in the past. The measures would be a low-cost investment for the City with the potential to save lives. She thought the rivers were a wonderful asset to the City and community. Along with the asset came the responsibility of protecting those who used it. She thanked Council for their time and consideration of the necessary safety improvements. She hoped Council would discuss and implement the measures to enhance the safety of the community and visitors.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There were none at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

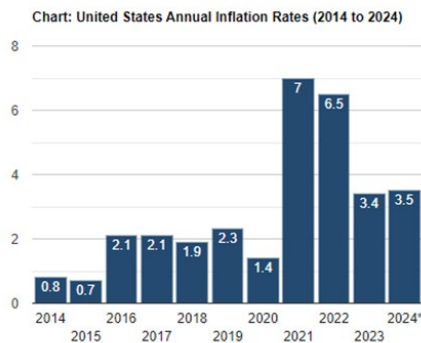
- a. Presentation of Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget Message and Budget Ordinance; consideration to call a public hearing for adoption of the Budget Ordinance.

City Manager Jon Mendenhall read the following budget message:

I present for your review and consideration the proposed budget for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024. I am able to report to you that the City will discharge all of its financial obligations for the current budget year in the proper manner. Last fiscal year as the City came out of a very high inflationary environment (global inflation at a 40-year high), the concerns over ongoing inflation were noted and persist even now as evidenced by interest rates, the costs of certain goods/services, and ongoing labor scarcity. The downside risk to the overall economy and to the municipal budget cannot be downplayed, the threat of a serious economic recession continues to grow as evidenced by yield curves and upticks in unemployment claims. Based on the very real risk of recession continuing provision has been made for the ongoing potential of downside risk so that the City and its critical services to the public are protected and maintained in the face of and despite the current operating environment.

Additionally, special provision has been made, as required by law, to address the revaluation of real property throughout Rockingham County that became effective January 1, 2024. This provision deals with the impacts of an increase in real property values as outlined below and the corresponding need to adjust the tax rate in such a manner as to attenuate this increase in real property values. This means several things:

- Based on the increase in combined (real, personal and public utility) values, the revenue neutral tax rate could potentially be \$0.45 based on a total reassessed valuation of \$1,289,272,656.
- The tax base has grown organically and through economic development efforts a total of \$514,184,691 or 57% in the last 5 years. Accordingly, approximately 24.1% of this increase in valuation is due to inflation while the balance is due to improved economic conditions in the local economy.
- From 2011 to 2019 the total combined valuation for the City of Eden decreased from \$910,328,571 to \$901,071,375 representing over a period of 8 years a decrease of 1%, the overall economy however as measured by CPI increased approximately 13%, during this period City property owners effectively saw an actual loss of value of 14%.
- The City of Eden, working proactively and in partnership with other units of local government – primarily the county and state, has sought to improve local economic conditions and is now blessed with a 32.96% betterment of property values, an unemployment rate at 4% which is the lowest in nearly 30 years, and a proposed property tax rate at the lowest level in 50 years.
- An accompanying exhibit showing the 10 lowest taxed full-service cities in the Piedmont-Triad Region, and a comparison of rates intra-county, as well as historic rates from 1975-2024 accompanies this message as Exhibit I.
- It is recommended that a general rate decrease occur, the recommended rate being reduced from \$0.609 to \$0.52, a rate cut of \$0.089.
 - This results in an 18% decrease in the tax rate for real and personal property, overall real property taxes paid will increase 11%, personal property taxes paid will decrease 18%. Inflation since the last revaluation in 2019 has increased 24.1% as depicted in the following graph.



- The foregoing will result in raised revenue that will:
 1. Balance the reduction of personal property (motor vehicle) revenue received by decreasing the property tax rate.
 2. Provide ongoing, prudent fiscal management that seeks to forefend against both inflation and the potential for recession that ongoing inflation may cause.
 3. Provide for expense increases in electric utility costs caused by green energy initiatives. Electric utility costs in the current year were up by 23.8%.
 4. Provide for the potential of market-based adjustments should labor costs and surrounding labor markets continue to see inflationary pressures.

This budget as presented is a spending plan for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025. Pursuant to NCGS 159-8, the budget presented is balanced as required by law. In this budget the operating expenditures of the City reflect the ongoing impact of inflation (energy costs up 23.8% in 1 year); however,

careful and precise expenditures are being provided for in order to enhance the public safety, improve the general welfare, and to continue to guard the public health. It should be noted that no new financing is a part of this budget, rather all the new items are being paid for on a PAYGO basis meaning “paid for as you go” rather than financed, this is the third year in which the City has enjoyed the benefits of PAYGO. The City was not paying the high interest rates found in the economy.

The expenditures of note for this budget are enumerated below:

Public Safety

- 4 new police cars – to maintain the vehicle replacement plan for law enforcement
- Hurst tool and positive pressure fans – tools for fire/rescue

General Welfare

- Resurfacing streets: sections of Green, Jones, Shedd, Riverview, Turner and Monroe Streets; Short Morgan, Von Ruck and Peter Hill Roads; N. Hundley and Clarkway Drives, and Carolina Avenue
- Funding the employee pay program for the fiscal year and funds set aside for market-based adjustments should conditions warrant

Public Health

He noted that people said the county did public health. The City did a lot of drinking water and that was public health, as well as solid waste.

- Additional solid waste transportation trailer for the transport of solid waste from the transfer station to the landfill for disposal
- Repair of additional sludge scraper at the water treatment plant sedimentation basins
- Upgrade of variable frequency drives for pumps at the water treatment plant, this is spanning two fiscal years due to lead times
- Conversion from gaseous chlorine to sodium hypochlorite at the water treatment plant and the wastewater treatment plant, this is spanning two fiscal years due to lead times
- Rehabilitating a clarifier at the wastewater treatment plant
- Replacement of waterlines in the vicinity of and related to the bridge replacement at Meadow Road and NC 14; to improve the drinking water supply system for residents
- All sanitary sewer collection system work related to the Environmental Protection Agency Administrative Order of Consent is being provided for as part of grant funds, a separate project budget accounts for these improvements apart from the annual budget. The City was in the final hundred-day push to be done by September. Large cash flows going out to the tune of almost \$8 million. Four different crews were working on four different contracts. Staff was at peak production on the EPA project. The project would begin to wind down, first with the pump stations and then with the line work.

This budget proposal includes that there be a property tax rate decrease to \$0.52. A rate escalator of \$0.95 on all water-sewer fees is proposed this fiscal year in order to maintain the provision of clean drinking water and the proper treatment of wastewater due to rising cost associated with inflation, primarily energy and chemical costs, and to prepare to pay substantial debt service associated with the Environmental Protection Agency Administrative Order of Consent. In the last two years inflation has increased in the water/sewer/trash consumer price index by 10.68%, the rate escalator proposed is equivalent to a 10.99% adjustment from the 2022 rates, this can be broken down into a 10.68% inflation increase and a 0.31% revenue increase.

A pass-thru fee increase is proposed of \$2.00 in the solid waste fee from \$21.75 to \$23.75 in order to pass-thru the cost of landfill disposal that was increased \$2 by Rockingham County government. In the last two years inflation has increased in the water/sewer/trash consumer price index of 10.68%.

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The proposed general fund budget is \$20,243,400 with the ad valorem tax rate of \$0.52 per \$100 of valuation.

The proposed water and sewer fund budget is \$13,138,300.

The proposed self-insurance fund budget is \$3,356,900.

I commend and applaud each resident, volunteer, elected official, and employee for their hard work, sense of community, and togetherness during this past year and encourage their continued hard work as we begin the next fiscal year. I especially thank Mrs. Tammie McMichael, Mrs. Amy Winn, and Mrs. Michelle Wyatt for their assistance in the preparation of this budget. Copies of the proposed budget are being made available to the news media and copies for the public to view will be available at City Hall in the Office of the City Clerk. As provided by law, above and herein the budget is thus submitted this the 21st day of May, 2024 in the County of Rockingham, City of Eden.

Mayor Hall thanked staff for presenting a proposed, balanced budget. They worked diligently to get as much as possible with spending as little as they could. The department heads did a great job and the Finance Department was top notch.

Council Member Nooe noted there were numbers included above revenue neutral and how much inflation was. He asked Mr. Mendenhall if he looked at the overall increase citywide or countywide in incomes. He asked if those numbers were available over the same time period. He knew the budget was what it was but he was curious how the citizens would be impacted with the increases.

Mr. Mendenhall said the numbers could be calculated. He asked if Council Member Nooe was referring to the difference between revenue neutral and the proposed rate.

Council Member Nooe said he was curious if people were keeping up with inflation as far as personal income.

Mr. Mendenhall said he would be happy to look and provide those.

Mayor Hall asked Mr. Mendenhall to review exhibit one of his budget message as there was important information in it the public needed to hear.

Mr. Mendenhall explained the exhibit was illustrative of what was going on in Rockingham County as far as comparable. The first table was what their neighbors were doing intra-county. The second was what was going on in the Piedmont region. The third was what was going on in Eden historically back to 1975. With help from the other municipalities and the county, the first table had been created detailing current rates, revenue neutral rates and new rates. He reviewed the rates of the county and each municipality as detailed below. They did not want to overburden or overtax the residents any more than necessary to get the basics of the operation done. If someone was way out of line, it led to a little bit of concern of a wage war erupting in pay between different employees in different localities or cost burdens that may not be completely there. They wanted to try to keep the spread the same and coordinate that, which meant they did not want to see someone going super low or super high which would cause concern from a management standpoint. They wanted to be the lowest if they could. From the table, they could see Eden's spread with Reidsville, Mayodan and the county was very good while the spread Stoneville and Madison was not because they were not lowering their rates sufficiently in line with the others in the county, although that was not a judgement call as they may have some things going on. The second table detailed the 10 lowest full-service municipalities in the Piedmont-Triad Region, meaning they had water/sewer, police and fire. They were 100 percent full service without fire or utility districts. Graham and Mebane may be misleading as they shared wastewater facilities in a joint partnership. He read each city and their rate from the table noting Eden would be the tenth lowest in the Piedmont-Triad and did not have I-40 or a university and were not a suburb of a larger city. Eden was truly blessed that its rates could be that low without the growth factors other cities had. The third table showed the history of tax rates in Eden. He pointed out the .52 rate would be the lowest since 1975 when it was .69. He reviewed the rates through the years.

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Exhibit I

Rockingham County 2024 New Rates

Unit	Current	Rev Neu	New	Delta Old-New	% Change	Current Eden	Current Rate Delta	New Eden	New Rate Delta	Spread Current v New
County	0.695	0.51	0.5801	0.1149	-0.165324	0.609	-0.086	0.52	-0.0601	0.0259
Eden	0.609	0.45	0.52	0.089	-0.146141	0.609	0	0.52	0	0
Madison	0.73	0.59	0.7	0.03	-0.041096	0.609	-0.121	0.52	-0.18	-0.059
Mayodan	0.695	0.5551	0.61	0.085	-0.122302	0.609	-0.086	0.52	-0.09	-0.004
Reidsville	0.73	0.58	0.64	0.09	-0.123288	0.609	-0.121	0.52	-0.12	0.001
Stoneville	0.69	0.59	0.69	0	0	0.609	-0.081	0.52	-0.17	-0.089

Lowest 10 Full Service Municipalities in PTRC Region

Unit	Rate	Growth Factors
Graham	\$ 0.2899	I-40
Elon	\$ 0.3500	University
Mebane	\$ 0.3700	I-40
Yadkinville	\$ 0.4200	
Haw River	\$ 0.4400	I-40
King	\$ 0.4700	I-74, suburb
Burlington	\$ 0.4836	I-40
Troy	\$ 0.4800	
Gibsonville	\$ 0.4900	I-40
Eden	\$ 0.5200	

Eden Historic Tax Rates

Year	Rate
1975	\$ 0.69
1980	\$ 0.77
1985	\$ 0.77
1990	\$ 0.66
1995	\$ 0.59
2000	\$ 0.57
2005	\$ 0.57
2010	\$ 0.62
2015	\$ 0.609
2020	\$ 0.609
2024*	\$ 0.52
*proposed	

Mayor Hall said what he was trying to point out was that Eden had the lowest rate in the county and the tenth lowest in full-service municipalities in the region. Eden would have the lowest tax rate it had had in 50 years.

Council Member Ellis noted from the lowest 10 tax rates in the Piedmont-Triad, six were in a single county. He told Mr. Mendenhall he had done a great job with that. Council discussed lowering the tax rate into the 40s during the budget retreat but were unable to because of inflation. It was still an outstanding job being able to get to .52. It was good for the citizens and spoke highly of the team at the City.

A motion was made by Council Member Epps to call a public hearing at the June meeting for adoption of the Budget Ordinance. Council Member Nooe seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

- b. Consideration to adopt an ordinance for the demolition of a residential structure at 522 Greenwood Street under Article 9, Building Maintenance Standards of the City’s Unified Development Ordinance.

Planning & Community Development Director Kelly Stultz wrote in a memo: Attached you will find a section of the Human Habitation Standards in Article 9 of the Unified Development Ordinance relating to the steps to be taken when an owner fails to comply with an order to repair or demolish. Also attached is a copy of the Complaint and Notice of Hearing which sets out the violations found at the initial inspection and a copy of the Findings of Fact and Order. The City of Eden Human Habitation Standards and the enabling legislation permit the City Council, upon adoption of an Ordinance, to order the repair or demolition of the structure. Five (5) bids were submitted to this department as follows:

Rabco Inc of NC	\$9,690.00
Big Dawg Construction LLC	\$10,000.00
New Rock Land Mgmt LLC	\$10,000.00
The Menher Group	\$12,200.00
Sam W. Smith, Inc.	\$30,000.00

Staff recommends that Rabco Inc of NC be awarded the bid for the demolition of the house with the lowest bid being in the amount of \$9,690.00. The Fire Department is not able to burn this house because of the distance between structures. 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. Special assessments are a lien only on the property in question. That means the best remedy available to us is foreclosure. There is no guarantee that these funds can be recovered.

Mayor Hall called on Ms. Stultz.

Ms. Stultz said it was a house staff had been working on for some time. Council had received pictures to see that it was completely overgrown and uninhabitable. Bids had been received from five companies. The low bidder had been Rabco Inc. of N.C. Staff recommended permission to remove the house from the neighborhood.

A motion was made by Council Member Kirkman to adopt an ordinance for the demolition of a residential structure at 522 Greenwood Street under Article 9, Building Maintenance Standards of the City's Unified Development Ordinance and award to Rabco Inc. of N.C. for \$9,690. Council Member Nooe seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

AN ORDINANCE AND ORDER FOR THE DEMOLITION OF PROPERTY
AT 522 GREENWOOD STREET, EDEN, NORTH CAROLINA

THIS ORDINANCE is issued pursuant to the provisions of North Carolina General Statutes §160D, Article 4 and Article 9 of the City of Eden Unified Development Ordinance.

WHEREAS, on the 18th day of September, 2023, the Director of the Planning and Community Development Department caused an examination of the dwelling owned by Bohdan Hamerski at 522 Greenwood Street, Eden, North Carolina and found it to be unfit for human habitation, that said property is more particularly described as follows: Being on Greenwood Street (formerly Railroad Street) in the City of Eden (formerly the Town of Leaksville); BEGINNING at a stake at the Southwest corner of G. W. Deshazo's lot; thence South with said Greenwood Street 66 feet; thence East parallel with said G. W. Deshazo's 165 feet; thence North parallel with said Greenwood Street 66 feet; thence West with said G. W. Deshazo's line to the BEGINNING 165 feet, more or less. See Deed Book 1529, page 2431. The above-described property being more commonly known as 522 Greenwood Street, Eden, North Carolina, and is being further identified by the Rockingham County Tax Dept. as PIN 7070-19-50-5368-00 and Parcel No. 107430.

WHEREAS, on the 27th day of September, 2023, the Director caused to be issued a Complaint and Notice of Hearing for the 17th day of October, 2023, which was served on the property owner by first class mail and certified mail, return receipt requested; the certified mail Compton was returned marked "Unclaimed" and "Unable to Forward;" the Complaint and Notice of Hearing was posted on the subject property on the 27th day of September, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the hearing was held on the 17th day of October, 2023, and the Director subsequently issued an Order to repair, alter, improve or vacate and demolish the dwelling located on the property; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the Order was served on the property owner posting it on the subject property on the 18th day of October, 2023; and by publishing the Order in the Rockingham Now on the 25th day of October, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the property owner did not appeal the Order and, pursuant to Article 9, Section 9.02(K)(2) of the City of Eden Unified Development Ordinance, a copy of the order has been mailed to any organization involved in providing or restoring dwellings for affordable housing that has filed a written request for such notice; and

WHEREAS, the Owner has had a reasonable opportunity to bring the property into conformity with Article 9, Section 9.02 of the City of Eden Unified Development Ordinance and he has failed to take any action to comply with the Director's Order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Eden that the Director is hereby ordered to proceed to effectuate the purpose of the Human Habitation Standards set out in Article 9, Section 9.02 of the City of Eden Unified Development Ordinance with respect to the property described above by demolishing the structures located thereon.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a certified copy of this Ordinance and Order shall be recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Rockingham County, North Carolina, and indexed in the name of Bohdan Hamerski in the Grantor and Grantee index.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the amount of the cost of demolishing the dwelling by the Director shall be a lien against the real property upon which the cost was incurred, said lien shall be filed, have the same priority, and be collected as the lien for special assessment provided by North Carolina General Statutes Chapter 160D, Article 10.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND EFFECTIVE, this 21st day of May, 2024.

CITY OF EDEN

By: Neville Hall, Mayor

Attest: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

- c. Approval and adoption of a resolution approving the real property conveyance to the Draper Volunteer Fire Department.

Ms. Gilley wrote in a memo: The City was requested by the Draper Volunteer Fire Department (DVFD) for a portion of property beside its station on 213 Main Street. DVFD currently has an easement and encroachment (into the unopened right of way) for a 92' x 20' area. They are requesting that the City convey (convert from easement to fee simple) that property to them with an additional amount of property totaling 120' x 20'. Additionally, they are also requesting an easement of 120' x 10' beyond that. The City is restricted in the way it can dispose of property, but is authorized by NCGS § 160A-277 to convey property to Volunteer Fire Departments if the land is to be used for constructing or expanding their facilities.

During the research, Staff discovered that the City would only be able to convey a 20' x 60' of property that the DVFD needs because the other 60' x 20' lies within an unopened right of way. The process has begun to close that portion of the unopened right of to facilitate this.

At this point, Staff has drafted a resolution that has been published in the newspaper, as required by statute, to authorize a conveyance of the 60' x 20' needed by DVFD and grant an easement of 120' x 10' beyond that. The Division of Design and Construction has reviewed this and desires to maintain any easements that the City has—which would be water and sewer. DVFD has agreed to obtain a survey showing the new property liens and easements that are reserved.

Staff recommends that you approve this Resolution. Please contact me with any questions you may have.

Mayor Hall noted Council Member Kirkman had recused himself as a member of the Draper Volunteer Fire Department. He called on Ms. Gilley.

Ms. Gilley said each member received a request from the Draper Volunteer Fire Department (DVFD) for a portion of property beside its station on 213 Main Street. The DVFD currently had an easement and encroachment for a 92' x 20' area. They requested that the City convey (convert from easement) that property to them with an additional amount of property totaling 120' x 20'. Additionally, they also requested an easement of 120' x 10' beyond that. It was the back of the City's property bordering the DVFD. The City was restricted in the way it could dispose of property, but was authorized by N.C. statute to convey property to volunteer fire departments if the land was to be used for constructing or expanding their facilities, which was the case in this situation. During the research, staff discovered that the City would only be able to convey a 20' x 60' of property that the DVFD needed because the other 60' x 20' was within an unopened right of way. The process has begun to close that portion of the unopened right of way so that property could be conveyed as well. Staff drafted a resolution to authorize a conveyance of the 60' x 20' needed by DVFD and grant an easement of 120' x 10' beyond that. The Division of Design and Construction reviewed it and required that the City maintain any water and sewer easements in that area. DVFD agreed to obtain a survey. Staff recommended Council approve the resolution.

A motion was made by Council Member Ellis to adopt a resolution approving the real property conveyance to the Draper Volunteer Fire Department. Council Member Underwood seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Council Member Underwood wanted to comment that the City needed to do whatever it could to help the DVFD out as they helped the City a lot.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REAL PROPERTY CONVEYANCE
TO DRAPER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Eden owns certain real property located on Fieldcrest Road, adjacent to 1431 Fieldcrest Road, Parcel ID # 110897, hereinafter referred to as "City Property"; and

WHEREAS, Draper Volunteer Fire Department owns property at 1422 Front Street that borders the back side of the City Property; and

WHEREAS, Draper Volunteer Fire Department intends to expand their facility and requires additional acreage to do so; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to North Carolina General Statute §160A-277, the City of Eden is authorized to convey land to volunteer fire departments that is to be used for constructing or expanding their facilities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Eden desires to convey the following portion of City Property to Draper Volunteer Fire Department for the purposes stated above:

Beginning at the northwestern corner of the City Property described above, Parcel # 110897, a common corner between City of Eden and unopened right of way between May Street and Main Street, proceeding in a southerly direction along City of Eden's western property line for 20 feet and thence 60 feet in a easterly direction making a new line parallel to City of Eden northern property line shared with Draper Volunteer Property at 1422 Front Street (Draper's southern property line), thence proceeding north 20 feet to the property line shared between City of Eden and Draper, thence proceeding with the shared property line in a westerly direction 60 feet back to the common corner of City of Eden and the unopened right of way and point of Beginning. Said area being a 20ft by 60 ft addition to Draper Volunteer Fire Department and a 20ft by 60 ft deletion from City of Eden property. Said area shall be subject to an official survey.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council for the City of Eden that the property listed above be conveyed to the Draper Volunteer Fire Department pending a survey and deed at no cost pursuant to §160A-277.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND EFFECTIVE this 21st day of May, 2024.

CITY OF EDEN

By: Neville Hall, Mayor

Attest: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

- a. City Manager's Report.

Mayor Hall called on Mr. Mendenhall.

Mr. Mendenhall said an update on Fire Station 2 could be found on page three of the report. He read from the report: Work associated with the renovation of Fire Station 4 is ongoing, initiation of renovations of Fire Station 2 were requested by the department and they were authorized to begin using funds unspent from the Fire Station 4 renovation where bid returns were advantageous leaving a balance in that account. For the cost of what they thought Station 4 would be, the City was going to be able to repair Stations 4 and 2. The renovations to Fire Station 2 were projected to cost on average \$53/square foot; a plan of work particularly advantageous to the taxpayer and which foregoes any further delay awaiting CDBG funds.

He also wanted to echo the Mayor's commendation of the officers from the Dan River that day. There was a little boy alive that night due to Officers Josh Roberts and Timothy Knight, as well as Firefighter Mike Farmer. Police, fire and EMS worked well together and their actions exemplified the teamwork and comradery of the Eden's public safety personnel from the 9-1-1 call to the taking the child to the hospital. They threw around the word hero a lot and it was a good thing. He wanted to read the qualities of heroism – first, it was performed in service to others in need, whether that was a person, group or community, or defense of certain ideals. Second, it was engaged in voluntarily, even in military contexts or police circumstances. Heroism remained an act that required something beyond what was required by duty. That was what happened earlier. Nothing compelled those officers to jump in the water with 30 pounds of gear – it was voluntary. Third, a heroic act was one with recognition of possible risks and costs be it to one's personal risk or health or reputation in which the actor was willing to accept sacrifice. The officers could have died that day and they knew that when they jumped in the river. Finally, heroism was performed without external gain. They did not anticipate gaining anything by their actions but did it regardless. It was important from a management standpoint to commend who he thought were two heroes – they acted heroically that day. He wanted to commend them to City Council as their ultimate supervisors, and to the public who they were all accountable to. He wanted to say thank you to Officer Roberts and Officer Knight who were in his opinion their hometown heroes.

Mayor Hall noted the report had come out the week before and in it were 12 safety rules for using the river. He encouraged everyone to get a copy of the report, which was available at the meeting, online and in Eden's Own Journal, and share the safety rules with others.

City Manager's Report
May 2024
City Manager Jon Mendenhall

ADMINISTRATION

Marketing & Communications Office

On behalf of the City of Eden we would like to thank the Rockingham County Arts Council for their continued support of arts in Eden and Rockingham County. Just in the month of May they were major sponsors of our 2nd Annual youth Powwow and our Fiesta in the Park.

Thank you to Jenny Edwards and your board of directors for all you do for the arts in Rockingham County. We appreciate all your hard work!

We are accepting vendor applications for RiverFest coming up September 20 & 21. You can find applications at EDENNC.US or you may come by City Hall and pick one up. Get them in now. We sold out last year!

Our very popular Oink & Ale event is coming up Saturday, June 15 from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. along Monroe Street in Uptown Eden. Landslide – A Tribute to Fleetwood Mac will be performing along with beverages from area brewers, delicious food, barbecue cookers, ax throwing, mechanical bull, games and lots and lots of FUN. Admission is only \$10. Come join us.

LOOKING AHEAD we have Shaggin' on Fieldcrest coming up July 20, Summer Grown & Gathered August 8, Touch-A-Truck August 17 and RiverFest September 20 & 21. So much fun coming your way this summer!

Our rivers are ready for you and your adventures! We want you to have fun and stay safe. Here are some safety guidelines to remember while you are on the water:

1. Wear your life jacket! It's always possible to capsize in any water condition.
2. Make sure you know where you are going. Always tell a responsible person about your plans of where you will be and when you expect to return.

3. Check the weather forecast before you leave for your destination so that you can pack the proper equipment.
4. Know the water conditions. Sometimes the river will be high, low, or a dam may be releasing. This makes water conditions very different and it is important to know what to expect.
5. Know the rules to navigate the water. Find out what you need to know while on waterways.
6. Beware of Strainers. Strainers are fallen trees, bridge pilings, undercut rocks, or anything else that allows the current to flow through it while holding you. Strainers are deadly!
7. Never go boating or tubing while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
8. Know your paddling abilities and plan your outings accordingly.
9. Dress appropriately for weather conditions. Carry extra clothes in a dry bag in case you flip and go for a swim.
10. Never float or paddle over low-head dams, avoid fallen trees and other in-stream obstructions.
11. Do not stand up in a canoe or kayak, and avoid weight shifts that may cause capsize.
12. If it is your first time on the water, travel with an experienced person that has navigated that part of the river before.

Come out and watch the movies under the stars at our nostalgic EDEN DRIVE IN! Gates open at 6:30 p.m. on weekends and the first movies starts at dark. The grill is open for business and the Drive In is now twin with another screen.

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Recreation Division

Bridge Street Recreation Center: Bridge Street Recreation Center stays busy with daily walkers, fitness classes. Our children's Summer Day Camp program is full.

Mill Avenue Recreation: Pickleball is played Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday mornings. Summer Cornhole League starts May 13. Games will be held on Mondays at 6:15 p.m.

Mill Avenue Pool/Freedom Park Splash Pad: The pool and splash pad are still closed, but facilities will open on Memorial Day, Monday May 27. Both the pool and splash pad have been cleaned. A power upgrade is being installed as well as new lighting.

Freedom Park: Weekend tournaments with either adult or girls fast pitch softball are still being played. There will be new lighting added to the all-purpose fields. Also, a new dance floor has been added to the amphitheater.

Senior Center: The seniors are had a busy month playing pickleball, bingo, quilt making class, line dancing classes, watercolor classes and so many more fun activities. Please check out the Garden of Eden Senior Center Facebook page with a schedule full of events. Senior games have started and the closing ceremony is May 17.

PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Local Codes and Inspections

We are still receiving nuisance complaints either by phone or through our SeeClickFix App available to all citizens. While we still only have one inspector, complaints continue to be addressed in a timely manner and notices sent as needed. The inspector is also checking for other code violations as he sees them out in the field and submitting them to have notices sent to the property owners. Most abatements are being handled by outside contractors as Facility Maintenance is tied up with other duties.

Local Codes Inspections April 1- April 30, 2024

Local Code Notices Sent-	20
Local Codes Abated-	6
Permits Issued-	124
Total Inspections Completed	211

Board & Commissions

The Planning Board did not meet in April.

The Community Appearance Commission did not meet in April.

The Historic Preservation Commission met for the month of April but did not have adequate members present to establish a quorum.

The Tree Board met for the month of April and discussed future projects.

The Planning Board did not meet for the month of April due to there being no cases.

Tree City USA Report

Staff received notification of the approval of the 2023 Tree City USA Report, marking 30 years the City of Eden has been a Tree City USA City. The City of Eden Tree Board has plans to celebrate the accomplishment with a 30 for 30 tree planting campaign, with a goal of planting 30 trees. More information can be provided by contacting the Tree Board staff representative Jeff Alderman.

Arbor Day Celebration

Staff celebrated Arbor Day 2024, by planting a tree with students at Douglas Elementary School on site on April 26, 2024.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

During the month of April, sworn police personnel completed spring in-service training. To include day time firearms qualifications, Haz Mat, fire extinguisher, blood borne pathogens and crowd management.

Chief Paul Moore and Deputy Chief Anthony Lovings graduated from UNC School of Government Municipal and County Administration program.

We have begun conducting a background investigation on one potential BLET candidate for the fall semester at RCC.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department responded to 73 calls for the month of April. The Fire Marshall completed 23 inspections in April. All paperwork on the new fire engine has been completed, and the order has been approved and submitted. Work associated with the renovation of Fire Station #4 is on-going, initiation of renovations of Fire Station #2 were requested and authorized to begin using funds unspent from Fire Station #4 renovation where bid returns were advantageous leaving a balance in that account. The renovations to Fire Station #2 are projected to cost on average \$53.00/sq ft; a plan of work particularly advantageous to the taxpayer and which foregoes any further delay awaiting CDBG funds.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Streets

Work has started the Fire Station 4 on Stadium Drive, removing concrete from the driveway and parking areas. Work is on-going for right of way mowing, street sign maintenance and litter control. Work continues on roadside vegetation and spraying, these crews are working diligently to maintain all of the City streets.

Construction

In March, we have graded, cut ditches, installed a total of 4 cross drains and graveled 1,600 feet of road at metro pump station. We have also seeded any disturbed areas. On Circle Drive we have pressure tested, chlorinated and flushed new a new water main. Everything has passed inspection. The water main is now on-line. We will be tying customers over the new main over the next couple of weeks.

Collections & Distribution

The Collection & Distribution Division continues to maintain water and sewer repairs as needed and have increased sewer main and manhole flushing. The mowing season has begun, C&D will clean and clear easements and outfalls as needed. Water leaks and sewer blockages remained close to the same as the previous month.

Solid Waste

Solid Waste Division is continuing to work on collection of solid waste and transferring/hauling it to the landfill. The amount of municipal solid waste (MSW) hauled in the past month was 422.38 tons. The amount of vegetative tonnage (brush) collected in April was 10.20 tons while bulk waste tonnage collected was 19.20 tons.

Fleet

The Fleet Division had 613 work orders which includes all outside repairs, road calls as well as regular service, tires and NC inspections.

Utilities

We received a letter confirming we would be receiving a grant made up of grant and 0% loan for the lead and copper inventory. We had a call with Synagro to discuss equipment maintenance and the basin project progress. Synagro responded to the NOV and NOD from the land application inspection and the response was accepted. Council approved the updated Asset Management Plan again along with an update 10-year CIP and resolution. With the complexity of the SEID grant and the low amount being offered, we have chosen to stop pursuing it. We will look for a better grant once we have more information to use as backing.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Approval and adoption of the April 16, 2024 regular meeting minutes.
- b. Approval and adoption of a resolution to accept a State Grant from the General Assembly.

Special Projects Manager Terry Shelton wrote in a memo: Staff is asking Council to accept a \$7,000,000 grant for wastewater improvements. This money will be used for wastewater projects that are tied to the EPA Remediation Plan. We do have to submit a completed application type Funding Form to receive this funding. This Funding Form requires a Resolution by Council accepting the offer of financial assistance. This financial assistance grant is offered to us by the Operations Appropriations Act of 2023(S.L. 2023-134) of the General Assembly of North Carolina.

RESOLUTION to accept State Grant from the General Assembly

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Operations Appropriations Act of 2023 (S.L. 2023-134) Section 12.2.(e) of the General Assembly North Carolina has authorized the making of grants to aid eligible units of government in financing the cost of construction of wastewater treatment works, wastewater collection systems, and water supply systems, water conservation projects, and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources has offered a State Grant from the Water Infrastructure Fund in the amount of \$7,000,000 for the construction of wastewater projects and wastewater collection system rehabilitation, and

WHEREAS, the City of Eden intends to construct said project in accordance with the approved plans and specifications,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDEN:

That the City of Eden does hereby accept the State Grant offer of \$7,000,000.

That the City of Eden does hereby give assurance to the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources that all items specified in the loan and grant offer, Section II - Assurances will be adhered to.

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That Jon Mendenhall, City Manager, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the appropriate State agency may request in connection with such application or the project; to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the application.

That the City of Eden has substantially complied or will substantially comply with all Federal, State and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances applicable to the project and to Federal and State grants and loans pertaining thereto,

Adopted this the May 21, 2024, at Eden, North Carolina.

By: Neville Hall, Mayor
 Attest: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

c. Approval of a pyrotechnics permit for Morehead High School’s graduation.

Fire Marshal Kevin Dunn wrote in a memo: The attached information includes an application for a pennit to display pyrotechnics at the Morehead High School Graduation on June 6 and with a rain date of June 7. The applicant is Jason Tuggle Morehead High School Principal, and it also includes a contract between Wetzel Pyrotechnics. Ryan Keith Murphy., and Morehead High School. Wetzel Pyrotechnics, Ryan Keith Murphy has also included their Federal Explosives License/ Permit, a Certificate of Insurance, and a copy of their Safety Procedures. According to the City Code Chapter 7 Article X: Fireworks Displays, The City Council may issue the applicant a permit to display pyrotechnics if the applicant has provided the required proof of insurance and the Fire Marshal has made the required certifications and satisfactory evidence has been produced to effect that the pyrotechnics will be used in connection with the conduct of concerts or public exhibitions.

d. Approval and adoption of Budget Amendment #11.

Assistant Finance Director Amy Winn wrote in a memo: The attached budget amendment allocates funds received from the State of North Carolina for Unauthorized Substance Excise Tax. These funds are generated due to cases that are worked by the Eden Police Department. The Police Department will use these appropriated funds to purchase replacement SRT Armor.

Subject	Budget Amendment # 11				
	Account #	From	To	Amount	
General Fund Revenues					
Police Unauthorized Substance Tax	10-3431-41800	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 17,000.00	<u>\$ 6,000.00</u>	
General Fund Expenditures					
Police Safety Equipment	10-4310-21300	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 56,000.00	<u>\$ 6,000.00</u>	

Appropriates funds received from State of NC for Unauthorized Substance Tax.

Adopted and effective this 21st day of May, 2024.

Attest:

 Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

 Neville Hall, Mayor

e. Approval and adoption of Budget Amendment #12.

Ms. Winn wrote in a memo: This budget amendment increases the General Fund Police Security revenue line item and increases the Police Department’s Police Security expenditure line item to reflect additional revenue received from police security charges.

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Subject: Budget Amendment # 12

	Account #	From	To	Amount
General Fund Revenues				
Police Security Charges	10-3431-41100	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 117,000.00	\$ 77,000.00
Police Security Fringe Benefits	10-3431-41200	\$ 10,400.00	\$ 21,400.00	<u>\$ 11,000.00</u>
				<u>\$ 88,000.00</u>
General Fund Revenues				
Police Security	10-4310-12500	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 128,000.00	<u>\$ 88,000.00</u>
				<u>\$ 88,000.00</u>

Appropriates additional revenue generated by police security.

Adopted and effective this 21st day of May, 2024.

Attest:

Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

Neville Hall, Mayor

f. Approval and adoption of Budget Amendment #13.

Ms. Winn wrote in a memo: The attached budget amendment appropriates funds received from the NC Office of State Budget & Management for the betterment of Freedom Park.

Subject: Budget Amendment # 13

	Account #	From	To	Amount
General Fund Revenues				
State Grant	10-3412-42000	\$ 627,800.00	\$ 1,627,800.00	<u>\$ 1,000,000.00</u>
General Fund Expenditures				
Recreation C/O Land Improvements	10-6120-52000	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 1,120,000.00	<u>\$ 1,000,000.00</u>
				<u>\$ 1,000,000.00</u>

Appropriates State grant funds received for the betterment of Freedom Park.

Adopted and effective this 21st day of May, 2024.

Attest:

Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

Neville Hall, Mayor

g. Approval and adoption of Budget Amendment #14.

Ms. Winn wrote in a memo: The attached budget amendment appropriates funds received for the PEG Channel grant in FY 22-23. These funds were used to replace the audio system in council chambers.

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Subject: Budget Amendment # 14

	Account #	From	To	Amount
General Fund Revenues				
GF Fund Bal Approp - PEG Channel Grant	10-3991-99800	\$ -	\$ 18,500.00	<u>\$ 18,500.00</u>
General Fund Expenditures				
PEG Channel Grant Expense	10-4135-34500	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 44,500.00	<u>\$ 18,500.00</u>

Appropriates fund balance from the FY 22-23 PEG Channel Grant.

Adopted and effective this 21st day of May, 2024.

Attest:

Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

Neville Hall, Mayor

h. Approval and adoption of Budget Amendment #15.

Ms. Winn wrote in a memo: The attached budget amendment allocates proceeds from a Purina donation. The donation is for the purchase of rescue equipment packs for the Fire Department and body armor for the Police Department. This amendment increases the Fire and Police Revenue and the Fire and Police safety equipment line items.

Subject: Budget Amendment # 15

	Account #	From	To	Amount
General Fund Revenues				
Fire Dept Misc Revenue	10-3434-41700	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Police Revenue	10-3431-41700	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 19,500.00	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>
				<u>\$ 4,000.00</u>
General Fund Expenditures				
Fire Safety Equipment	10-4340-21300	\$ 23,500.00	\$ 25,500.00	\$ 2,000.00
Police Safety Equipment	10-4310-21300	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 52,000.00	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>
				<u>\$ 4,000.00</u>

Appropriates donation from Purina for Fire rescue equipment packs and Police body armor.

Adopted and effective this 21st day of May, 2024.

Attest:

Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

Neville Hall, Mayor

i. Approval and adoption of Budget Amendment #16.

Ms. Winn wrote in a memo: The attached budget amendment allocates insurance proceeds received for a total loss of a Facilities & Grounds vehicle and lawnmower. Replacements have been ordered and charged to the C/O Vehicles and C/O Equipment line items in the Facilities & Grounds budget.

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Subject: Budget Amendment # 16

	Account #	From	To	Amount
General Fund Revenues				
Insurance Proceeds	10-3850-85000	\$ 25,700.00	\$ 53,500.00	<u>\$ 27,800.00</u>
General Fund Expenditures				
Facilities & Grounds C/O Vehicles	10-4190-55000	\$ -	\$ 14,100.00	\$ 14,100.00
Facilities & Grounds C/O Equip - Non Depr	10-4190-57000	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 38,700.00	<u>\$ 13,700.00</u>
				<u>\$ 2,7800.00</u>

Appropriates insurance proceeds received for damage to Facilities & Grounds vehicle and equipment.

Adopted and effective this 21st day of May, 2024.

Attest:

Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

Neville Hall, Mayor

A motion was made by Council Member Epps to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Wood seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Hall said the Draper Pool, Freedom Park Splash Pad and the Freedom Park Miniature Golf would all open for the season on May 27. June 1 was the Piedmont Pottery Festival at First Presbyterian Church from 9 to 3; June 8 was the Food Truck Rodeo on the The Boulevard from noon to 5; June 15 was Oink & Ale on Monroe Street from 6 to 9. June 29 was the Shenandoah concert at The Farmhouse at 7 p.m. Marketing & Special Events Manager Cindy Adams had been very busy, hosting the Fine Arts Festival reception at RCC. MHS students had been in for Shadowing Day, which he hated to have missed as he was out of town. The second annual Youth Powwow was very well attended, Fiesta in the Park was held, Spring Grown & Gathered was the previous week and it was always a highlight for people who could attend. The Argus Camera Group had been in town and he appreciated Ms. Adams facilitating that and having them visit the City for all those years.

Council Member Ellis noted that Mitchell’s Drugs had closed and he thanked them for their service to Eden for the many years they were open.

Main Street Manager Ken White said the Music in the Park, Cruz In and Jeep Meet would be Saturday, May 25 at Freedom Park. It was held the last Saturday monthly until September with a different band each month. The cruise in started at 5:30.

Council Member Epps wanted to echo the appreciation for the Police and Fire Departments, as well as EMS. They continually amazed him doing things that were great for the City. While everyone else was sleeping, they were still out there. He also thought staff should look into Ms. Lemons’ recommendations for safety on the rivers.

Council Member Underwood agreed with Council Member Epps. He wanted to thank the Public Works Department for the awesome job they did. He wanted to offer condolences and prayers to the family of a former firefighter – Wayne Burroughs – who had passed away the previous day. He thought Mr. Burroughs had been with the City about 30 years at Station 1.

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business to discuss, a motion was made by unanimous consent to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

ATTEST:

Neville Hall
Mayor