

**Madison Board of Aldermen
Regular Meeting
Madison Municipal Building
June 13, 2024
6:00 p.m.**

Members Present: Mayor William Phillips
Alderman Virginia Hoover
Alderman Tom Rogers
Alderman Micky Silvers
Alderman Michael Scales

Members Absent: Alderman Alan Hensley, Alderman Matt Bullins

Staff Present:
Town Manager: Amy Roberts
Police Chief: Richard Hester
Finance Director: Tina West
Fire Chief: Jim Ritchey
Town Clerk: Daniel Bare

Others Present:
Mavis Dillon, WRCC
Bobbie Webster, Madison Merchant's Guild
Anna Wheeler, DRBA
Lindsay Pegg, Rockingham County Tourism

Call to Order

Items 1A & B: Moment of Silence & Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Phillips called for a Moment of Silence after which he asked that everyone stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 2: Approval of Agenda for June 13, 2024

MOTION, by Alderman Silvers, seconded by Alderman Hoover, to approve the June 13, 2024, Agenda. Ayes: Aldermen Scales, Hoover, Rogers, Silvers and Mayor Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Item 3A: Consideration & Approval 2024-2025 Budget

Mayor Phillips opened & closed the public hearing at 6:05 pm as no one wished to comment on the 2024-2025 budget.

MOTION, by Alderman Silvers, seconded by Alderman Rogers, to approve the 2024-2025 budget. Ayes: Aldermen Scales, Hoover, Rogers, Silvers and Mayor Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

TOWN OF MADISON
2024-2025 BUDGET ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF MADISON, NORTH CAROLINA:

Section 1. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the General Fund for the operation of the Town Government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore established for this Town.

GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	
Mayor and Board of Aldermen	13,325.00
General Administration Department	197,863.00
Finance Department	286,460.00
Computer Department	42,500.00
Inspections & Zoning Department	111,048.00
Municipal Building Department	20,300.00
Other Services Department	189,404.00
Police Department	1,856,256.84
Fire Department	358,377.00
Street Department	810,830.00
Sanitation Department	163,000.00
Cemetery Department	30,539.20
Non-Departmental - General Fund	285,815.00
Total	\$4,365,718.04

Section 2. It is estimated that the following revenue will be available in the General Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.

GENERAL FUND ESTIMATED REVENUES	
Ad Valorem Tax Current Year	2,150,000.00
Ad Valorem Tax Previous Years	18,000.00
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	5,000.00
Tax Penalties & Interest	5,000.00
Taxes: County Fire District	120,000.00
Interest Earned on Investments	108,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenues	2,500.00
Donations	20,000.00
Utilities Franchise Tax	425,000.00
Solid Waste Disposal Tax	2,000.00
Wine And Beer Tax	9,000.00
NCDOR- Local Sales Tax Option	700,000.00
ABC Net Revenues	150,000.00
Court Costs	500.00
County Contribution - Fire Department	2,400.00
Building Permits	20,000.00
Building-Mechanical Permit	3,500.00
Building-Plumbing Permit	2,000.00
Zoning Permits, Etc.	400.00
Electrical Inspections	3,500.00
Cemetery Revenues	5,000.00
Other Administrative Fees	5,100.00
Returned Check Fee	100.00
Sanitation Fees-Residential	155,000.00
Accounting Services-M-M Rec Community Center	5,000.00
Revenues From Fund Balance	448,718.04
Total	\$4,365,718.04

Section 3. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Water and Sewer Fund for the operation of the water and sewer utilities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore approved for the Town.

WATER AND SEWER FUND EXPENSES	
Water Line Department	154,146.00
Water Plant Department	555,746.00
Sewer Line Department	259,608.00
W & S Fund Debit Payment	747,200.00
Total	\$1,716,700.00

Section 4. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Water and Sewer Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.

WATER AND SEWER FUND ESTIMATED REVENUES

Utilities Water	865,000.00
Utilities Sewer	790,000.00
Water Taps	8,000.00
Sewer Taps	7,000.00
Late Payment Fees	22,000.00
Reconnect Fees	15,000.00
Returned Check Fees	200.00
Interest Earned On Savings	4,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenues	500.00
Rockingham County W & S Services	5,000.00
Total	\$1,716,700.00

Section 5. The following amounts are appropriated for Powell Bill expenditures beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.

POWELL BILL EXPENSES

Powell Bill St Allocation	75,000.00
Total	75,000.00

Section 6. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Powell Bill fund beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.

POWELL BILL REVENUES

Powell Bill Revenues	75,000.00
Total	75,000.00

Section 7. The following amounts are appropriated for the PEG Video fund beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.

PEG VIDEO FUND EXPENSES

PEG Video Fund Expense	25,500.00
Total	\$25,500.00

Section 8. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the PEG Video Fund beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.

PEG VIDEO FUND ESTIMATED REVENUES

PEG Video Fund Revenue	25,500.00
Total	\$25,500.00

Section 9. The following amounts are appropriated in the Special Police Fund Expenses beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.

SPECIAL POLICE FUND EXPENSES

Salaries and Benefits - School Reserve Officer	155,446.00
Total	\$155,446.00

Section 10. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Special Police Fund beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.

SPECIAL POLICE FUND ESTIMATED REVENUES

Interest Earned on Investments	65.00
Grant - County School Grant	155,381.00
Total	\$155,446.00

Section 11. The following amounts are appropriated in the Police Anti-Drug Fund beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.

POLICE ANTI DRUG FUND EXPENSES

Anti-Drug Expense		620.00
	Total	\$620.00

Section 12. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Police Anti-Drug Fund beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.

POLICE ANTI DRUG FUND ESTIMATED REVENUES

Interest Earned on Investments		7.00
Revenues from State		5.00
Revenues from Fund Balance		608.00
	Total	\$620.00

Section 13. The following amounts are appropriated in the Historical Preservation and Restoration Fund beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.

HISTORICAL PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION FUND EXPENSES

Historic Preservation		101.00
	Total	\$101.00

Section 14. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Historical Preservation and Restoration fund beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.

HISTORICAL & PRESERVATION FUND ESTIMATED REVENUES

Interest Earned On Savings		2.15
Contributions		98.85
	Total	\$101.00

Section 15. The following amounts are appropriated in the Perpetual Care Trust Fund beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.

PERPETUAL CARE TRUST FUND EXPENSES

General Funds Contribution		1,800.00
	Total	\$1,800.00

Section 16. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Perpetual Care Trust Fund beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.

PERPETUAL CARE TRUST FUND ESTIMATED REVENUES

Interest Earned on Savings		1,800.00
	Total	\$1,800.00

Section 17. An ad valorem Tax Rate of \$.70 per One Hundred Dollars (\$100) valuation of taxable property, as listed for taxes as of January 1, 2024, is hereby levied and established as the official tax rate of the Town of Madison for fiscal year 2024-2025. Said rate is based on a total projected valuation of \$287,724,053 and an estimated rate of collection of 98.88%. Motor Vehicle total assessed value is \$18,859,036 with an estimated collection rate of 100%. As a result of the 2024 Rockingham County Revaluation, the Revenue Neutral tax rate, adjusted for growth, is \$0.59 per One Hundred Dollars (\$100) valuation of taxable property, as listed for taxes as of January 1, 2024. G.S. 159-11.

Section 18. Special Authorization; Budget Officer:

The Budget Officer is hereby authorized to transfer appropriations within a fund outlined under the following conditions:

a. The object of expenditure amounts may be transferred within a department without limitation and without a report being requested.

b. These amounts may be transferred up to \$1,000.00 between departments of the same fund with an official report on such transfers at the next regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

c. The budget officer may not transfer any amounts between funds nor from any contingency appropriation within a fund.

ADOPTED THIS 13th DAY OF JUNE 2024 AND EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024.

William Phillips, Mayor

ATTEST:

Daniel Bare, Town Clerk

Item 4: Public Comments

Mavis Dillon, WRCC reminded the Board of the Chamber Coffee event occurring on June 20, 2024 at Gioia Dell'Amore at 8:00 am. Bobbie Webster, Madison Merchant's Guild reminded the Board of the Beach n' BBQ Festival on July 20, 2024 and a raffle supporting Lieutenant Patterson.

Items 5A, B, & C: Consideration of Approval of Consent Agenda:

MOTION, by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Silvers, to approve the Consent Agenda including minutes from May 9, 2024 & May 28, 2024 meetings, as well as the Budget Report ending May 31, 2024. Ayes: Aldermen Scales, Hoover, Rogers, Silvers and Mayor Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Item 6A: Consideration & Approval of Downtown Riverpark Concept:

MOTION, by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Scales, to approve the Downtown Riverpark Concept. Ayes: Aldermen Scales, Hoover, Rogers, Silvers and Mayor Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Item 6B: Resolution Supporting Rockingham County Outdoor Recreation Master Plan:

The Board was presented a PowerPoint presentation by Anna Wheeler, DRBA & Lindsay Pegg, Rockingham County Tourism regarding the Rockingham County Outdoor Recreation Master Plan.

MOTION, by Alderman Silvers, seconded by Alderman Rogers, to approve the Resolution In Support of Pathways Trails Masterplan for Rockingham County Communities. Ayes: Aldermen Scales, Hoover, Rogers, Silvers and Mayor Phillips. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF PATHWAYS TRAILS MASTER PLAN FOR ROCKINGHAM COUNTY COMMUNITIES

WHEREAS, in December of 2022 the Rockingham County Commissioners and January of 2023 the City of Eden Council resolved to support Year of the Trail and,

WHEREAS, the Dan River Basin Association convened a stakeholder group representing diverse interests to guide and inform the planning process,

WHEREAS, multiple public meetings online, in-person and interviews were held for comments during development of the master plan for outdoor recreation,

WHEREAS, trails, blueways and parks re-connect people to the outdoors; improve community health and quality of life; attract visitors, new residents and businesses; and offer alternative transportation options; and,

WHEREAS, visitors spent a record \$88.19 million in 2022 in Rockingham County, an increase of 13.2% from 2021, making it the 22nd fastest-growing tourism revenue county in the state;

WHEREAS trails are the backbone of our state’s growing \$28 billion outdoor recreation economy; and

WHEREAS, the benefits of trails and blueways are well-known and a number of state, federal and private trail funding sources are available to meet needs associated with aging, youth fitness, education, transportation, fit communities, and other needs; and,

WHEREAS, trails and blueways need to be coordinated and planned as part of a larger regional strategy to stimulate economic growth and promote healthy communities; and,

WHEREAS, it is well-understood that building a trail system is a long-term undertaking, and segments will emerge over time, and modifications will be made as circumstances dictate; and,

WHEREAS, when funds become available to build trails, property would be acquired only from willing landowners and no condemnation will be used; and,

WHEREAS, adoption of the Outdoor Recreation Master Plan does not imply a commitment of funding by local governments for implementing the trails described therein.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Madison adopts the Rockingham County Outdoor Recreation Master Plan.

This the 13th day of June, 2024.

ATTEST:

Daniel Bare, Town Clerk

William Phillips, Mayor

Items 7A & B: Mayor/Manager Comments & Announcements:

Town Manager Amy Roberts reminded the Board about a prayer circle taking place at Town Hall on June 14, 2024 in support of Lieutenant Patterson, a replacement vehicle for the Police Department and the Corvette Show taking place at Gia Distillery on June 22, 2024. Ms. Roberts noted that Dalton Street, from Murphy to Decatur Street, will be closed during the Corvette Show starting at 11:00 am. Ms. Roberts thanked the Dan River Keeper for donating a gauge to help trace water levels at Madison River Park. The Board then agreed to meet at 3:00 pm on June 27, 2024 to approve the Year-End Budget Amendments.

Item 8A: Approval of Closed Session Minutes from May 9, 2024:

MOTION, by Alderman Silvers, seconded by Alderman Rogers, to approve the Closed Session Minutes from May 9, 2024. Ayes: Aldermen Scales, Hoover, Rogers, Silvers and Mayor Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Item 9: Adjournment

MOTION, by Alderman Rogers, seconded by Alderman Hoover, to recess the meeting until June 27, 2024, at 3:00 pm. Ayes: Aldermen Scales, Hoover, Rogers, Silvers and Mayor Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Daniel Bare, Town Clerk

William Phillips, Mayor