



**TOWN OF ROBBINS**  
**Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting**  
**Thursday, May 09, 2024 – 6:00 PM**  
**Robbins Fire Department**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. INVOCATION – Mayor**

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mayor**

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD NC G.S. 160A-81, 160A-81.1**

*Carol Wright-Speed bumps on Lake Street and mill pond is being disrespected with trash*

*Terry Williams- Concerning Virginia Street / Rockingham Street being closed*

**V. CONFLICT OF INTEREST – *Does any Commissioner have a conflict of interest concerning agenda items the Board will address in this meeting?***

**VI. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

*All items below are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. No separate discussion will be held except on request of a member of the Board of Commissioners.*

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Bradshaw.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Phillips, Commissioner Britt, Commissioner Stewart, Commissioner English

- A. Board of Commissioner April Meeting Minutes
- B. Special Board of Commissioner Meeting Budget Notes
- C. Budget Amendment 9

**VII. RECOGNITIONS**

- A. Presentation of Jody Dunlap and Zack Prevatte Certification by Chief Haddock  
Sent them to complete in service training to teach and helps law enforcement in our town to teach classes and save money for the town for this service.

**VIII. PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Budget Presentation 2024-2025

Presented by Clint Mack

Despite the shortfall in property tax revenues, we have analyzed and prioritized expenditures and can fully support the Board of Commissioners initiative to lower property taxes \$.01 to \$.70 per \$100 of value for a fourth consecutive year. The most significant financial accomplishment this year I'd like to report is the final reconciliation of the \$1.6 million State Funded Revolving Loan (SFRL) related to jumpstarting the FEMA Hurricane relief projects. The Town of Robbins staff continues to perform at a high level daily, by managing and remaining compliant with the fifteen government-issued financial grants. Last year deliberately overfunded certain line items such as contract services and capital outlay to achieve more of the town's goals. Engineering assessments, phase I EPA reports, cost analysis, project pre-planning, and contractors are a few of the expenses that I assess will not be needed next year now that we can focus on the execution phase of these goals. This is an example of the fiscal flexibility the town can have without cutting any significant operational costs if needed. Fund 30 remains stable primarily due to reduced water purchasing costs reduced by nearly 50%. The lack of water loss on our side of the transfer point has supplemented any unexpected maintenance and infrastructure repairs needed throughout the year. We also have made an investment in the future of our water service by contracting an engineering plan for a significant water line expansion project outside the town limits. Now that water quality and waste are under control, water revenue is now simply attacking the supply/demand curve. Every customer subscribing to our water service, whether residential or commercial, makes a direct impact on revenues. The expansion project is planned to be submitted as a state appropriations request along with a comprehensive downtown economic development plan. because of the significant billing data transfer to Wooten Co. to conduct a full and accurate rate study, our high collection percentages, and the staff's rigid enforcement of billing policies, I recommend no water/sewer rate changes until clear empirical data recommends a rate increase. Rural area academia highlights that the downtown or the commercial business district is a key financial revenue source for municipalities. Currently of the 46 building fronts in downtown, 25 of them are non-revenue producing classified as non-profit services, administrative/government, or vacant. We will have a more detailed plan throughout the year but we are aiming to work with property owners, realtors, renters, and economic development experts to engage the community in being not only residents of Robbins but also consumers of Robbins. Of all the factors discussed in the message, the single most important factor relative to Robbins' success or failure continues to be our employees. The dedication each one of them shows daily goes far beyond their job description and more importantly it's done out of pride and conviction. This budget proposal accounts for a 5% pay raises for all non-contracted employees this fiscal year, with the additional goal of readjusting the longevity pay scale later in the year.

**IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- A. Order to Close portion of Rockingham Street  
Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Bradshaw.  
Voting Yea: Commissioner Phillips, Commissioner Britt, Commissioner Stewart,  
Commissioner English

- B. Call to Public Hearing to Approve Budget Ordinance for FY 2024-2025 on June 13, 2024

**X. OLD BUSINESS**

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Proclamation of Public Works Week  
Motion made by Commissioner Britt.  
Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Bradshaw, Commissioner Phillips, Commissioner Stewart, Commissioner English
  
- B. Proclamation of Police Week  
Motion made by Commissioner Britt.  
Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Bradshaw, Commissioner Phillips, Commissioner Stewart, Commissioner English

**XII. MANAGER'S REPORT**

- A. April 2024 Manager Report  
Report Accurate  
Community Zoning May 16th referencing Project Luxury at First Baptist from 4 pm-6 pm  
Miles with the Manager will be First Friday of every month.  
Bradshaw requested an update on the Longitude planning meeting. Mack stated he has a quote and hopes to have something by the next meeting.

**XIII. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS**

Stewart: Thank the town staff for their hard work with the budget, it takes a lot of time and a lot of effort, and appreciate that a lot.

Bradshaw: n/a

Britt: Congratulations guys I know that took a lot of work.

Phillips: Thanks to our town staff across the board from management on down, all of our employees do a good job with the town. I hear positive feedback across every department. happy with the budget and happy it's the 4th year in a row we have been able to lower taxes for citizens of Robbins.

Dockery: Piggyback off Commissioner Phillips on cutting taxes for 4 consecutive years in a town of 5 cent realizes that putting the investment back into the community of \$48,190, that's really a lot of money for a little town. That would pay a full-time employee if we needed it. That's an investment we have put back into the citizens of this community, I'm thankful and glad we are able to do that. On the lighter side of the comment, I am excited that Carthage has accepted our challenge of a softball game, and their mayor their town manager is gonna meet

with me and our town manager in June and we will lay out the ground rules. We will see where it goes from there. I have gotten a whole lot of comments. It kinda blew up on Facebook and there is a lot of buzz about this softball game the good thing is there is a good possibility to raise some money to put towards our Ellie Jean Project, handicap accessible park.

**XIV. CLOSED SESSION (if needed)**

(3)To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged.

Motion made by Commissioner Phillips.  
Voting Yea: Commissioner Phillips, Commissioner Britt, Commissioner Stewart, Commissioner English

**XV. COMMISSIONER'S UPCOMING MEETING/EVENTS**

May 11 & 18th Yoga at the Greenspace 8 am

May 27 Memorial Day- Town Hall Closed

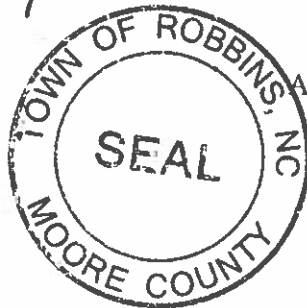
June 7 Miles with the Manager 8:30 am

June 13 Board Meeting 6 pm

June 14 Concert at the Greenspace 7 pm-9 pm

This the 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2024.

Cameron Dockery Mayor  
Cameron Dockery, Mayor



ATTEST:

Jessica C. Coltrane  
Jessica C. Coltrane, Town Clerk, CMC