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The 2011 Consolidated Municipal Budget totaling \$27,544,483 was approved by the City Council on November 15, 2010. The City's mill levy for 2011 (2010 tax year) remains at 77.20 mills. Revenue from 68.69 mills will be collected for General Fund operating purposes and revenue from 8.51 mills will be applied to the City's Capital Projects Fund. The 2011 budget includes no tax or utility fee increases.

The major funds and functional areas of expenditures for 2011 are:

2011 CONSOLIDATED MUNICIPAL BUDGET						
Fund	Personal Services	Operations & Maintenance	Lease Purchase	Capital	Debt Service	Total
General Fund	\$8,757,921	\$3,897,221	\$404,683	\$24,500	\$0	\$13,084,325
Tax Increment Financing Fund	0	0	0	200,000	0	200,000
Sales Tax 2 Fund	18,563	0	0	500,000	0	518,563
Recreation Fund	0	7,000	0	0	0	7,000
Firemen's Fund	0	33,000	0	0	0	33,000
Street Improvements Fund	0	45,000	0	243,988	0	288,988
Riverfront/Central Core Fund	0	0	0	0	507,493	507,493
Capital Projects Fund	0	152,800	0	50,000	425,087	627,887
Sanitation Services Fund	1,801,363	1,103,031	358,163	6,650	0	3,269,207
Stormwater Utility Fund	415,540	92,474	7,878	53,600	0	569,492
Gross Revenue (Utilities)	0	28,000	0	0	2,008,487	2,036,487
O & M (Utilities)	2,289,623	3,585,842	105,637	80,400	0	6,061,502
Depreciation Fund (Utilities)	0	0	0	316,539	0	316,539
Savannah Bluff Lock & Dam	0	24,000	0	0	0	24,000
TOTAL	\$13,283,010	\$8,968,368	\$876,361	\$1,475,677	\$2,941,067	\$27,544,483

Merry Christmas 
AND *Happy New Year*

Tax Notices Mailed IN JANUARY

Tax notices on real and personal property and on merchants' inventory for the 2010 tax year will be mailed to property owners in January. Tax payments are due by May 1, 2011. For those property owners whose taxes are escrowed by a mortgage company, tax notices will be mailed directly to the mortgage company.

The City tax office is located in the Finance Department on the first floor of the Municipal Center, 100 Georgia Avenue. Questions about taxes should be directed to 803-441-4215.

2011 Business License Renewals DUE FEBRUARY 1

Business license renewal applications for calendar year 2011 will be mailed to current license holders during the last week of December. Completed applications must be returned to the City on or before February 1, 2011 to avoid a 10 percent delinquent payment penalty. The penalty will increase by an additional five percent each month until the application and fee are received.

License holders should carefully examine the information on the application to confirm its accuracy. Corrections or additions should be written directly on the application form. Once properly completed and signed, the application should be returned to the City with the correct fee. The turnaround time on a properly completed business license application is usually ten days or less.

The business license office is located on the first floor of the Municipal Center, 100 Georgia Avenue. Questions about business license renewals can be addressed by calling the City's Business License Clerk at 803-441-4214.

Winter Base Period for SEWER RATES IN EFFECT

The City of North Augusta uses a "Winter Base Sewer Rate System" for calculating sewer service charges. Three months of actual water usage are used to calculate sewer charges for the remaining nine months of the year. The three month base period covers the three water meter readings taken between December 10 and March 9. Water meter readings are based on the actual water consumed for the month preceding the reading.

Each utility customer is billed a sewer service charge based on actual water consumption during the three winter base months. The average consumption of these three months is then used for the remaining nine billing periods of the year. New customers with no winter base history are charged an amount equal to the average of all residential sewer customers. For more information about the Winter Base Period, please call 803-441-4212.

City Initiates ONLINE CONVENIENCE FEE

For several years, the City of North Augusta has offered the convenience and security of online payments for taxes, utilities and recreation program fees. To support the costs associated with this service, the City, beginning January 1, will charge \$3.00 for each payment made through the City's website www.northaugusta.net. The fee does not apply to face-to-face, electronic funds transfer or mailed transactions.

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

POLICE & FIRE EMERGENCY ----- 911

PUBLIC SAFETY

Non Emergency----- 279-2121
Administration----- 441-4251
Records/Court Services----- 441-4271
Investigations ----- 441-4274

PARKS, RECREATION & LEISURE SERVICES

Riverview Park Activities Center----- 441-4300
Activities Coordinator----- 441-4311
Community Center ----- 441-4290

GENERAL SERVICES & FINANCE

Taxes----- 441-4215
Utility - New Service/Disconnects----- 441-4219
Utility Billing Services ----- 441-4212
Business Licenses (Non-Contractor) ----- 441-4214
Human Resources ----- 441-4205
Events and Facilities Supervisor ----- 441-4350

ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS

After-Hours Emergencies----- 279-2121
Engineering----- 441-4223
Building Standards----- 441-4227
Code Compliance ----- 441-4258
Permits----- 441-4227
Business Licenses (Contractors) ----- 441-4227
Animal Control ----- 441-4298
Sanitation Services----- 441-4223
Sanitation - New Services ----- 441-4219
Stormwater Management ----- 441-4295

PUBLIC UTILITIES

After-Hours Emergencies----- 279-2121
Utility - New Service/Disconnects----- 441-4219
Utility Billing----- 441-4212
Water and Sewer Repairs ----- 441-4240
Streets and Drains Repairs----- 441-4240

PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Zoning----- 442-4221
Planning----- 442-4221
Economic Development ----- 442-4221

ADMINISTRATION

Mayor ----- 441-4202
City Administrator ----- 441-4202

OTHER FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS

North Augusta Chamber of Commerce ---- 279-2323
Nancy Carson Library----- 279-5767
North Augusta Health Center----- 278-3621
Comcast (cable)----- 706-733-7212
S.C. Electric & Gas----- 442-2000
A T & T ----- 1-888-757-6500
S.C. Department of Transportation-- 1-800-442-1368
Magistrate----- 202-3580
Arts & Heritage Center ----- 441-4380

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS are held every first and third Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the council chambers of the Municipal Center. Citizens are encouraged to attend these meetings.



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P.O. Box 6400, North Augusta, SC 29861-6400
or call 803-441-4221.