

FY 86 Audit Completed

The City's independent auditor, Baird and Company, has completed the audit of the City's financial statements for the year ending December 31, 1986. Their report shows that for the sixth consecutive year, the City has received an unqualified audit opinion, meaning that the basic financial statements of the City are fairly presented in conformity with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

The charts to the right depict the sources of revenue and the functional areas of expenditure for the General Fund for the year ended December 31, 1986.

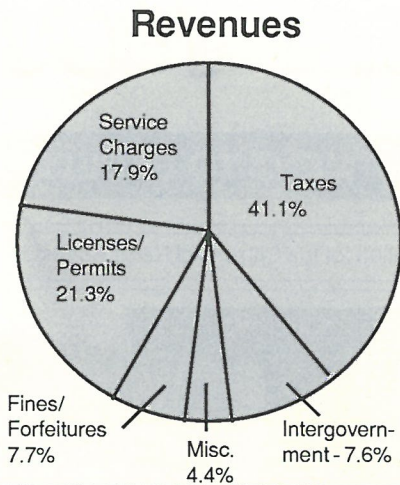
Total revenues collected in the General Fund totalled \$3,579,104 in fiscal year 1986, an increase of 8.5% over fiscal year 1985. Property tax revenues totalled \$1,470,050, representing 41.1% of total revenues in the General Fund. Business license and permit fees, showing signs of an improving building industry in North Augusta, increased from \$705,187 in 1985 to \$763,912 in fiscal year 1986. Intergovernment revenues, or state shared revenues, showing signs of strain within the state's budget, increased very slightly from \$270,571 in 1985, to \$273,085 in 1986. Service charge revenues, revenues from fines and forfeitures, and miscellaneous revenue remained stable during 1986.

Total expenditures in the General Fund were \$3,440,961 in 1986, an

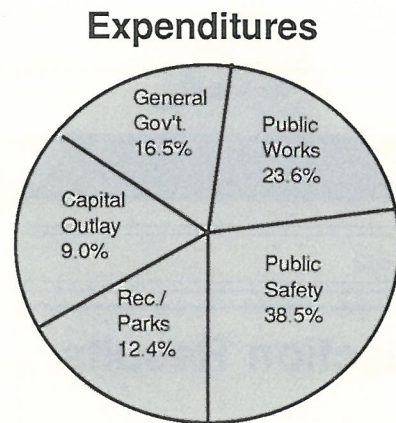
Investments Source Of Revenue For City

In order to hold tax and utility rates down, the City of North Augusta earns interest revenue by investing its available money. The City uses a pooled cash concept to maximize the funds available for investment. Statutes authorize the City to invest in obligations of the United States Treasury, Certificates of Deposit, federal and government agency securities, repurchase agreements, and the South Carolina State Treasurer's Investment Pool.

In fiscal year 1986, the City's investment program earned \$65,675 in the General Fund, \$32,127 in the Special Revenue Funds, \$33,112 in the Capital Projects Fund, and \$204,596 in the Enterprise Fund, for a total of \$335,510 in investment income.



increase of 11.6% over 1985. Expenditures for the general government function decreased from 16.7% of the total general government expenditures in 1985 to 16.5% in 1986. Public safety expenditures increased by \$155,464 in 1986. This increase was due primarily to the addition of two public safety officers and increased vehicle liability insurance premiums. Expenditures for capital outlay as a percentage of total expenditures increased more than any other functional area, from 8.2% in 1985 to 9.0% in 1986.



The Waterworks and Sewer System revenues were allocated totally to the expenses of the system. The detail of the expenses in the utility system are as follows:

Operations & Maintenance	- 48.9%
Debt Service	- 19.7%
Equipment & Capital Improvements	- 31.4%

A copy of the audit is available for public inspection at the Municipal Building between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

Water Conservation Saves Money

As warmer weather approaches, the utility department offers the following suggestions to help its customers conserve water:

--Water your lawn less frequently, using sprinklers that spray low, broad drops which allow water to seep into the ground, promoting deeper root systems that better withstand dry weather. Avoid

watering too heavily because the soil cannot absorb too much water all at once and the extra will just run off. Leaving the hose running for 4 hours will use about 1,500 gallons of water.

--Mulch flower and vegetable gardens, shrubs and trees to hold more moisture in the soil and to control weeds. In the garden, a soaker hose is the most efficient way to water because it puts water close to the roots and reduces evaporation.

--A toilet leak can waste hundreds of gallons of water a day. Since many leaks are silent, put a few drops of food coloring or a dye capsule in the toilet tank and wait 15 minutes. If the color shows up in the bowl and the toilet has not been flushed, you have a leak to repair.

--Keep a jar of drinking water in the refrigerator, rather than letting the water run in the sink until you get cold water. Or, to avoid opening the refrigerator door, keep ice water in a picnic jug on the kitchen counter.

--Shorten your shower. A shower uses 5 to 10 gallons of water a minute. Use a kitchen timer as a reminder. Consider installing flow restrictors and water-saving shower heads. They are inexpensive and easy to install.

ADMINISTRATION

City of North Augusta - Incorporated 1906
Mayor-Council form of government, with City Administrator.

Mayor: Thomas W. Greene

Council: Edward O. Ertle
William L. Gray
James L. Harris
Lark W. Jones
Earl Sasser
Ellen S. Smith

City Council meetings are held every first and third Monday at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers on the second floor of the Municipal Building at 400 East Buena Vista Avenue.
CITIZENS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.



Baseball season is in full swing at Riverview Park.

Baseball/Softball League Play Begins At Riverview Park

Everyone is invited to come out to Riverview Park this summer and enjoy all the action of baseball and softball. The Parks and Recreation Department has scheduled a calendar full of league play during the weeknights, and tournament play on the weekends. There is no admission charge during the week, and only a minimum charge for the weekend tournaments. Concession stands, plenty of restrooms, and a playground for the kids are all available near the fields. Everyone is encouraged to bring out the whole family for a night of fun at Riverview Park.

A number of tournaments listed below are already scheduled this summer. These tournaments feature all age groups and should prove to be very entertaining.

Date	Tournament
May 29-31	Delta Airlines Softball
June 19-20	U.S. Slo-Pitch Softball Invitational
June 26-28	Two State Invitational Softball
June 27-July 3	Dixie Youth 10 Year Old District All Star
July 3-5	North Augusta Rangers Amateur Baseball
July 11-17	Dixie Youth Sub-District (11 & 12 year olds)
July 20-24	S.C. Dixie Boys (13 & 14 year olds)
August 20-22	S.C. Amateur Softball Association - Mens Church Class C State Tournament

Summer A Busy Time At Community Center

Many events are planned at the Community Center during the spring and summer months. Presently scheduled are wedding receptions, school proms, dance recitals, class reunions, seminars, and industrial meetings. In addition, the Community Center staff is presently planning the first Christmas Craft Show at the Center. Any craftsman that would like to participate in the show should contact Carol Ratchford, Center Supervisor, at 278-2358. The date of the

craft show is Sunday, December 13, 1987.

The Community Center may be reserved up to one year in advance. Reservations are made on a first-come, first-served basis. Many individuals and organizations have already reserved the Center for the summer and fall months. Those considering the use of the Community Center are urged to call as far in advance of their event as possible in order to reserve the date desired.

Summer Playground Program Begins June 15th

The Parks and Recreation Department's annual summer playground program begins June 15, 1987. Open to children ages 6 to 15 years old, the summer program features organized games, volleyball, kickball, goal line soccer, horseshoes, badminton, basketball, one pitch ball, relays, board games, and much fun for all. Classes are held from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. each day at the Parks and Recreation Department on East Buena Vista Avenue. The six-week program ends July 24th. Each child should bring his or her own lunch, and the department will provide drinks.

The cost of the program is \$30.00 per child, or \$50.00 for two or more children in a family. Individual class registration for special instruction in such activities as tennis, cheerleading, and dance is \$15.00, or \$20.00 for two or more children registered in the same class.

More information on the summer program may be obtained by calling the Parks and Recreation Department at 278-2358. Registration will be June 15, 1987, at the department's office.

Baseball Camp Scheduled June 15-19 At Riverview Park

The 1987 University of South Carolina at Aiken Pacer Baseball Camp will make its annual stop at Riverview Park June 15-19. The camp will run from 9:00 A.M. - 12 noon each day for young persons between the ages of 8 and 17. The registration fee is \$50.00. Camp applications are available at the Parks and Recreation office on East Buena Vista Avenue, and at the concession stands at Riverview Park.

The Pacer Baseball camp will include instruction in the following areas:

- Fundamental baseball skills.
- Offensive and defensive strategies
- Pitching
- Game Time

More information on this camp may be obtained by calling the Department of Parks and Recreation at 278-2358.

Officials Offer Fire Safety Tips

A significant increase in the number of structural fires has occurred in the City this year. In the first four months of this year there were 27 such fires, compared to a total of 10 structural fires during the same period of 1986. The Department of Public Safety offers the following fire safety tips that all should be aware of in case of fire:

1. Keep doors closed. Before retiring for the night, be sure all doors are closed from one room to another, especially the bedroom doors. This prevents you from being asphyxiated in your sleep should a fire start. It also decreases the spreading of fire to other rooms.

2. Test doors before opening. If you hear a strange noise outside your door, check to see if floor panels are hot or if there is any evidence of smoke. If you suspect fire on the other side, don't open the door. Exit through your emergency escape route (usually a window) and attempt rescue of others in the family from outside the house.

3. If you feel you must open the door, do it the right way. First, brace your shoulder against the door, feet apart, with your front foot two feet from the door to act as a stop. Next, keep your head turned from the door opening. After pressure is released, get down on your hands and knees and cautiously open the door. Remember, fire heats and expands air causing pressure on doors. Opening a door could cause an explosion.

4. Keep low. Heat and smoke always rise so air is better near the floor. Cover your face with a cloth. Breathe through your nose. Crawl to your destination.

Hallways and stairways are the most dangerous routes to travel.

5. If your clothes catch fire, smother the fire by wrapping a rug, blanket or coat around you, or roll slowly on the floor or ground until the fire is out. Protect your face by covering it with your hands. Never run! This only increases the fire hazard.

6. Prepare a plan for leaving your home in case of fire. Determine a way everyone can sound a family fire alarm. Remember, fire may prevent you from

reaching other rooms. Everyone should have an emergency escape exit. Make your own escape plan. Be sure everyone can open windows and screens easily. Have an outside meeting place to check if everyone is out. Arrange a special way to help infants and elderly (such as having an outside ladder handy to use). Don't waste time getting dressed or gathering valuables...in a fire, every second counts...act quickly.

7. Conduct regular fire drills with all members of your family.

Utility Customers Experience Discolored Water Problem

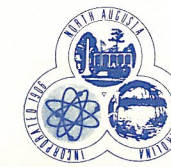
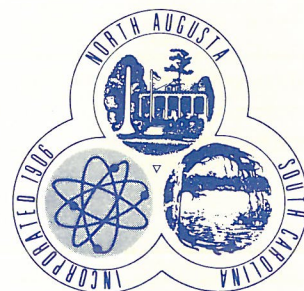
Several utility customers have recently experienced a problem with discolored water coming from their household faucets. This situation, although not a health hazard, can be disconcerting to those accustomed to clean water.

Red water results from the rusting of iron and steel water pipe. This pipe not only includes City water mains, but also household plumbing. This rust usually clings to the walls of the pipe, or is carried in solution, and presents no problems. Sudden surges of water, however, can dislodge the rust particles and, therefore, discolor the water. Stagnation of water in

dead-end or little-used lines can also result in discolored water.

Recent construction activity relating to the widening of Martintown Road has worsened this problem. Unauthorized use of fire hydrants has also been at fault. Although red water is common to nearly every water system in the country, the City utility department is making every effort to minimize this occurrence. If you notice the unauthorized use of fire hydrants, or experience a problem with red water, please call the Public Utilities Department at 279-9453. The City is committed to providing its customers with the cleanest and best water available.

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Election Results

Lark W. Jones	1,037
James L. Harris	907
Edward O. Ergle	834
Donald Denny	565
Joseph Ben Kinsey	556
Tommie Johnson	452

The Municipal Election Commission certifies that the successful candidates in the April 28, 1987, City Council election are Mr. Jones, Mr. Harris and Mr. Ergle.

O. Douglas Smith, Chairman
Municipal Election Commission



Public Safety Substation - City Council has authorized the firm of Virgo Gambill Rhoades to prepare architectural plans for the construction of a new public safety substation to be located on this site at the intersection of Interstate 20 and Five Notch Road. Construction of the facility is expected to begin later this year.

Citizens Urged To Take Measures To Prevent Assault

The man pictured below is wanted by local law enforcement officials in connection with several assaults in the C.S.R.A. area. The suspect is described as a black male, approximately six feet tall, weighing 200 pounds, and between the age of 28 and 32.



Anyone having any information about the man described above should contact the North Augusta Department of Public Safety at 279-2121.

The Department of Public Safety offers the following safety alert that all persons should follow to avoid the possibility of an assault:

--Never go out alone in the evening, if at all possible.

--When walking, alone or with a companion, stay in well-lighted and well-populated areas.

--Vary your daily schedule.

--When working late, especially alone, be sure doors and windows are locked, drapes drawn, and lights on throughout the office.

--Always park in lighted areas. Have your keys in your hand, check your car before entering, and lock your doors immediately.

--Have someone escort you to your car or watch to see that you reach it safely, especially at dusk or at night.

--Beware of shadowed places where a

person might hide; stairs, doorways, hedges, behind buildings, etc.

--When you go out at night, leave inside and outside lights on.

--Know who you let in your home; ask for identification.

--Be cautious, alert, and suspicious. Report anything out of the ordinary to the police.

If you are a victim of a sexual assault:

--Contact the police immediately.

--Do not remove any clothing worn at the time of the assault.

--Do not shower, bathe or douche.

--Do not disturb the area where the assault occurred.

Clip and Save

Sanitation Department Holiday Schedule

MEMORIAL DAY:

The Sanitation Department will be closed on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25th. Garbage normally collected this day will be collected Tuesday, May 26th. Customers on Tuesday's route will have their garbage collected on Wednesday, May 27th. Yard trash collection will be one day later than regularly scheduled during this week.

JULY 4TH:

The Sanitation Department will be closed Friday, July 3rd. Garbage normally collected this day will be collected on Thursday, July 2nd. Customers on Thursday's route will have their garbage collected Wednesday, July 1st. Normal yard trash collection scheduled for Friday, July 3rd, will be cancelled.