THE ORGANIZATION

MAYOR:
Edward L. Hatley, Jr.

CITY COUNCIL:
Kevin Demeny – Ward One
Christine Poinsette – Ward Two
Jill Tipton – Ward Three
Roby D. Jetton – Ward Four

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

CITY MANAGER:
Ritchie Haynes

CITY ATTORNEY:
John M. Friguglietti, Jr., P.A.

STAFF

Daphne Ingram, Assistant to City Manager/City Clerk
Pamela McBryde, Finance Director
Tanya Osborne, Human Resources Director
Brian Greene, Chief of Police
Charles R. Heavner, Fire Chief
Todd Elmore, Water Resources Director
Nathan Eurey, Public Services Director
Laura Morris, Community Relations Director
David Ramsey, Business Services Director
Chris Jones, Technology & Innovation Director
Jean Derby, Planning & Zoning Director
Brent Turner, Electric Operations Director

MAYOR:

The Mayor is the chief elected official of the City of Lincolnton. The Mayor is elected, at large, for a four-year term. The Mayor is the presiding officer of the Lincolnton City Council. The Mayor votes to break a tie vote and does not have veto power. The Mayor appoints members to various municipal boards and commissions, issues special proclamations, meets with citizen groups, and represents the City at various local, state, and national meetings. The Mayor serves as the City's Chief Ambassador, meeting with visiting dignitaries and business representatives. The Mayor plays an important role in the development of Lincolnton's municipal policy.

CITY COUNCIL:

The Lincolnton City Council is the Legislative Body of the City of Lincolnton. The City Council is comprised of four members. Members of the City Council are elected at large but must file for election by ward. Two members of the City Council stand for election every two years and are elected to four-year terms.

The City Council appoints the City Manager and the City Attorney; is responsible for passing all ordinances and resolutions; approves the annual operating and capital budgets; sets the ad valorem tax rate; sets utility rates; makes appointments to various boards, commissions, and agencies of the city; and adopts long-range plans and policies.

CITY MANAGER:

The City Manager, the Chief Administrative Officer of the City of Lincolnton, is appointed by the City Council and serves at its pleasure. The City of Lincolnton adopted the Council-Manager form of government in 1982.

The City Manager provides management control and coordinates all city government activities. He is the City's administrative head and sees that the city and state's laws are faithfully executed. He attends all meetings of the City Council, recommends for adoption such measures as he shall deem pertinent, and makes reports from time to time concerning the affairs of the City. He is responsible for the preparation of the annual budget and represents the City on various boards, commissions, and committees on city, state, and national levels.

CITY ATTORNEY:

The Lincolnton City Attorney, the chief legal authority of the City, is appointed by the City Council and serves at its pleasure.

The City Attorney represents the Mayor and City Council, the City Manager, and various department supervisors of city government. He attends all City Council meetings and has the responsibility to advise the City Council on all legal, procedural, and conduct of meetings. He represents the City in all legal matters, personnel hearings, zoning administration, and civil or criminal court procedures.

CITY COUNCIL

Ed L. Hatley, Mayor
Christine Poinsette, Mayor Pro-Tem
Kevin Demeny
Roby D. Jetton
Jill Tipton

Lincolnton NC
Near the City. Near the Mountains. Near Perfect.

CITY MANAGER
Richard Haynes
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CITY CLERK
Daphne Ingram
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CITY ATTORNEY
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BUDGET ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING REVENUES AND AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 FOR THE CITY OF LINCOLNTON

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Lincolnton

SECTION 1. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the General Fund for the operation of the City 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 City:

City Manager/Clerk	$ 277,901
Human Resources	335,963
Finance	62,395
General Expense	2,051,320
General Debt Service	330,800
Police	4,815,450
Fire	4,871,910
Public Works	104,435
Street	1,318,806
Equipment Services	290,280
Solid Waste	944,675
IT General Services	273,755
Planning/Zoning	442,523
Bus & Comm. Development	127,695
Recreation	1,234,100
	$ 17,482,008

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

Ad Valorem Levy	$ 7,300,000
Prior Year Taxes	50,000
Boger City Fire Tax	1,510,000
NC Vehicle Tax System (NCVTS)	540,000
NCVTS-License Fee	175,000
Discount on Taxes	(110,000)
Interest on Taxes	20,000
Lease/Rental Vehicle Tax	30,000
Local Sales & Use Tax	5,000,000
Pilot-Housing Authority	35,000
Controlled Substance Tax	4,000
Firefighters Relief Fund Tax	2,000
Alcohol/Beverage Tax	44,000
Franchise Tax	800,000
Solid Waste Disposal Tax	7,000
Grants-Other	5,000
Pilot-Water & Sewer	373,782
Pilot-Electric	34,476
Lease Revenue-Restaurant	24,000
SRO Reimbursement	360,000
Cemetery Lot Sales	35,000
Officers Fees	2,500
PD Inspection Fees	2,000
Parking Violations	4,000
Zoning Department Fees	12,000
Fire Department Fees	25,000
Solid Waste Rollout Container	1,500
Rec-Admission & Concession	30,000
Rec-Registration & Entry Fees	100,000
Rec-Sponsorships	1,500
Rec-Vending Machine Income	3,000
Rec-Rental Fees	7,000
BC&D-Event Fees	3,000
Rec-Miscellaneous Revenue	500
Interest-General Fund	252,000
Sale of Capital Assets-GF	10,000

Miscellaneous Revenue-GF	3,000
Sales of Personal Assets	2,000
ABC Revenue	90,000
ABC Law Enforcement	20,000
Miscellaneous Other Revenue	2,000
WEX-Fuel Rebates	3,500
July 4th Donations/Other	13,500
Veterans Banner Project	1,000
Issuance of Debt-GF	300,000
Revenue-SBE Principal	30,000
Interest-SBE	3,750
Reimbursement from Powell Bill	120,000
Appropriation from Fund Balance-GF	200,000
	$ 17,482,008

SECTION 3. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Powell Bill Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore established for this City:

Powell Bill Construction/Other	$ 327,000

SECTION 4. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Powell Bill Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025:

Powell Bill Allocation	$ 325,000
Investment Income	2,000
	$ 327,000

SECTION 5. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Water and Sewer Fund for the operation of the water and sewer utilities for the fiscal beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore approved for the City:

Water & Sewer Fund	$ 8,983,500

SECTION 6. 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:

Investment Income	$ 150,000
Charges for Service-Water	3,600,000
Charges for Service-Sewer	4,350,000
Connection Charges	680,000
Other Operating Revenues	203,500
	$ 8,983,500

SECTION 7. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Electric Fund for the operation of the electric utility for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore approved for the City:

Electric Fund	$ 7,877,425

SECTION 8. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Electric Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025:

Investment Income	$ 75,000
Contractor Sales Tax	2,000
Electric Sales	6,765,600
Electric Municipal Operations	667,875
Other Operating Revenue	366,950
	$ 7,877,425

SECTION 13. There is hereby levied a tax rate of fifty cents ($0.50) per one hundred ($100) valuation of property as listed for taxes as of January 1, 2024, for the purpose of raising the revenue listed as “Property Taxes” in the general fund in Section 1 of this ordinance.

This rate is based on a total valuation of property for the purposes of taxation of $1,618,100,000 and an estimated rate of collection of 99.00%

There is hereby levied a municipal vehicle tax of $20 per registered and tagged motorized vehicle resident in the city.

There is hereby levied a tax rate by the County of twelve and ½ cents ($0.1250) per one hundred ($100) valuation of property as listed for taxes as of January 1, 2024, for the purpose of raising the revenue listed as "Boger City Fire District Taxes" in Section 3 of this ordinance.

SECTION 14. Electric Rates No Increase.

SECTION 15. Water & Sewer Rates No Increase.

SECTION 16. Appropriations are authorized by fund totals. The City Manager is authorized to reallocate fund appropriations among line item objects of expenditures and revenues as necessary during the budget year.

SECTION 17. Copies of this Budget Ordinance shall be furnished to the Clerk to the Governing Board and Finance Director to be kept on file by them for their direction in the disbursement of funds.

TOTAL GROSS BUDGET $34,669,933

Adopted this 6th day of June, 2024

Attest:

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Daphne Ingram
City Clerk

Edward L. Hatley
Mayor

2024-25 CMO Recommendations/Highlights

General Fund $17,482,008

- No tax rate increase
- Property Tax Revenue - $7,300,000
- Boger City Revenue - $1,517,000
- Sales Tax Revenue - $5,000,000
- Pay Study Group A - $810,000
- Retirement Rate Increase-General~13.81 (7%); Police-15.17 (8%)
- Allotted $236,000 to General Expenses for Capital
- Allotted $33,500 to the Police Department for Capital
- Allotted $17,500 to the Fire Department for Capital
- Allotted $300,000 to the Solid Waste Department for Capital
- Allotted $100,000 to the Planning Department for Capital
- Allotted $200,000 to the Parks & Recreation Department for Capital
- Fund Balance Available $9.7M = 55% ***(per FY22/23 financial statements)***

Water and Sewer Fund $8,983,500

- No rate increase
- Allotted $167,000 to the Water Treatment Plant Department for Capital
- Allotted $510,000 to the Distribution and Collection Department for Capital
- Allotted $135,000 to the Wastewater Treatment Plant Department for Capital
- Allotted $284,000 to the Public Services Building Project
- Fund Balance Available $5.5M= 58% ***(per FY22/23 financial statements)***

Electric Fund $7,877,425

- No rate increase
- Allotted $300,000 to the Electric Department for Capital
- System Maintenance Increase - $50,000
- Fund Balance Available of $6.8M = 87% ***(per FY22/23 financial statements)***

Powell Bill Fund $327,000

- Paving of City Streets - $167,405
- Maintenance of City Streets - $120,000

- Fund Balance Available $361,415 = 110% ***(per FY22/23 financial statements)***