



IN THE MONEY



Duties and responsibilities of the Treasurer of the City of Staunton

Presented by The Office of City Treasurer

Rick Johnson, Treasurer

- Bachelor of Science –Accounting major Virginia Tech
(Go Hokies!)
- 37 years public and private accounting experience
- Elected 2005 (now over 19 years governmental experience)
- Master Governmental Treasurer
- No party affiliation
- Staff of 3 deputy treasurer's and >\$300k budget.





Constitutional Office



- Along with the Commissioner of the Revenue, Commonwealth Attorney, City Sheriff, and Clerk of the Court.
- All are elected every 4 years except for Clerk which serves 8 year term.



Elected to Serve

The primary responsibility of the Treasurer to the citizens of Staunton is the **receipt** and **collection** of revenue, the **safekeeping** of revenue, and the appropriate accounting for and disbursements of such revenue.

The Treasurer is also responsible for the collection of certain state funds under the Code of Virginia.

Money in -74,805 receipts over \$129,000,000

- ✓ Utilities (water, trash, etc)
- ✓ Parks Recreation
- ✓ Schools
- ✓ Federal & State programs/grants
- ✓ Dog licenses
- ✓ Business Licenses
- ✓ Parking permits
- ✓ Parking meters
- ✓ Permits and Inspections
- ✓ Parking tickets
- ✓ Duck Pond money
- ✓ And of course –

TAXES

- Real Estate >\$30M on >11K bills
- Personal Property >\$8M on >18K bills
- Bank Franchise
- Public Service (Telecom, Gas, Electric, Railroad)

Delinquent Tax Collection

Treasurers have many collection tools for personal property:

- DMV stops
- Intercept VA state tax refunds and VA lottery winnings
- Wage liens (100% rather than garnishment 25%)
- Distress –asset seizure
- Bank lien
- After 4 years almost 99% of tax collected

Real Estate tax collection

Third party renters liens

Judicial Sale of property

- must be 2yrs delinquent

Efforts are made to arrange payment plans to avoid sale of properties

After 4 years 99.2% collected



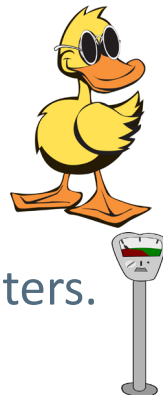
Safekeeping of the Revenue

- In conjunction with Finance, developed policies that provide safe investment of public funds.
- Internal controls
- 2 signatures on checks – Finance controls the processing of invoices and the Treasurer the printing of the checks
- Audited by APA (state funds) and by independent city auditors



Miscellaneous

- ❖ We serve as the Doggie DMV as all dogs are required by the date to be licensed in the locality they reside so we have to send reminder to owners.
- ❖ Counted 37,074 quarters from the duck feeders
- ❖ Counted 105,711 quarters from the parking meters.



Thank You!

Treasurer's office is open Monday – Friday
8:30-5:00PM.

Please contact us by any of the methods
listed or even better yet – stop by to see me
or my excellent staff – Chris, Brady and
Rachel!



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