



ROCKY MOUNT TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**February 14, 2022
7:00 p.m.**

The following members

of Council were present: Mayor Steven C. Angle

Vice Mayor Jon W. Snead

Council Member Billie W. Stockton

Council Member A. Ralph Casey

Council Member Mark H. Newbill

Council Member J. Tyler Lee

Council Member Robert L. Moyer (in at 7:08pm)

The following staff
members were also
present:

John T. Boitnott, Town Attorney

Robert Wood, Town Manager

Mark Moore, Assistant Town Manager

Daniel Pinard, Cultural Economic Development Director

Mark Lovern, Interim Chief of Police

Brian Schofield, Public Works Superintendent

Kevin Adkins, Water Treatment Plant Superintendent

Tim Burton, Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent

Linda P. Woody, Finance Director

Regular Council Meeting of the Rocky Mount Town Council (hereafter referred to as "Council") was held in the Council Chambers of the Rocky Mount Municipal Building located at 345 Donald Avenue, Rocky Mount, Virginia, with Mayor Steven C. Angle presiding.

1. Roll Call

The Acting Town Clerk called each member of the Rocky Mount Town Council by name to account that each one was present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Angle led in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Agenda

Prior to the meeting, Council received the agenda for review and consideration of approval.

Motion: To approve the agenda as presented

Motion By: Council Member Newbill

Seconded: Council Member Stockton

Motion Discussion: None

Ayes: (6): Council Member Moyer, Vice Mayor Snead, Council Member Stockton,
Council Member Lee, Council Member Newbill and Council Member Casey

Approved (6 to 0)

4. Special Items

None at this time

5. Public Hearing

None at this time

6. Approval of Draft Minutes

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Motion: To approve draft minutes as presented

Motion By: Council Member Stockton

Seconded: Vice Mayor Snead

Motion Discussion: None

Ayes: (6): Council Member Moyer, Vice Mayor Snead, Council Member Stockton,
Council Member Lee, Council Member Newbill and Council Member Casey

Approved (6 to 0)

7. Approval of Consent Agenda

This month's consent agenda consists of the following items:

- 7.1 Miscellaneous Action
- 7.2 Miscellaneous Resolutions/Proclamations
- 7.3 Departmental Monthly Reports
 - Community Development Department
 - Finance Department
 - Fire Department
 - Police Department
 - Public Works Department
 - Wastewater Department
 - Water Department

Motion: To approve consent agenda

Motion By: Vice Mayor Snead

Seconded: Council Member Newbill

Motion Discussion: None

Ayes: (6): Council Member Moyer, Vice Mayor Snead, Council Member Stockton, Council Member Lee, Council Member Newbill and Council Member Casey

Approved by unanimous vote

8. Hearing of Citizens

None at this time

9. Old Business

9.1 Continuing Discussion of Commercial Vehicles and Utility Trailers in Residential Districts

Town Manager Robert Wood presented staff recommendations requesting that the matter be referred to the Community and Economic Development Council Committee and that the Community and Economic Development Council Committee consider holding a joint meeting with the Planning Commission's Ordinance Committee.

10. New Business

10.1 Chug for the Jug, 5k

The Chug for the Jug 5K Event is scheduled for Saturday, April 30, 2022 beginning at 8:00 a.m. at Franklin County High School. The course this year is the same as last year. The presenter/race director is Ms. Karen Dillon. Ms. Dillon has met with your police department and together they have reviewed all information and police department has approved the plans for the race.

Motion: To approve the Chug for the Jug 5k

Motion By: Council Member Lee

Seconded: Vice Chair Snead

Motion Discussion: None

Ayes: (6): Council Member Moyer, Vice Mayor Snead, Council Member Stockton, Council Member Lee, Council Member Newbill and Council Member Casey

Approved (6 to 0)

10.2 Kingdom Run 5k

The Kingdom Run 5K is a benefit scheduled for Saturday, August 6, 2022. The race will begin at 8:00 a.m. The course begins and ends at the location of Rocky Mount Church of God at 1360 North Main Street in Rocky Mount. The event organizer is Pastor Robert S. Meredith. Pastor Meredith has met with your police department who reviewed and approved the plans for the benefit.

Motion: To approve the Kingdom Run 5k

Motion By: Council Member Lee

Seconded: Vice Mayor Snead

Motion Discussion: None

Ayes: (6): Council Member Moyer, Vice Mayor Snead, Council Member Stockton, Council Member Lee, Council Member Newbill and Council Member Casey

Approved (6 to 0)

10.3 Discussion of Lot 20 Spring Street

Assistant Town Manager Mark Moore presented and gave history of subject property 20 Spring Street. In 2014, the Town razed the house on 20 Spring Street owned by Ms. Caroline Gravely. Subsequently, the Town placed a lien on the property for \$20,575.00. Ms. Thurman has reached out to the town to ask if we would consider a deeding over of the lot at 20 Spring Street to the Town in exchange for a settlement of the lien owed on the property. The assessed value to the property is \$25,000. As of January 26, 2021, Ms. Thurman has paid in full Town taxes totaling \$2,380.76 and Franklin County taxes totaling \$301.56 on the property in question. Attorney John Boitnott did a summary on how the process would go if the motion was made to take the property to satisfy the lien and where the Town would stand in that scenario. An open discussion ensued.

Motion: To approve the request to receive and move forward with the transferring of property located at 20 Spring Street.

Motion By: Vice Mayor Snead

Seconded: Council Member Casey

Motion Discussion: None

Ayes: (6): Council Member Moyer, Vice Mayor Snead, Council Member Stockton, Council Member Lee, Council Member Newbill and Council Member Casey

Approved (6 to 0)

10.4 Department of Criminal Justice Services Grant for the Town of Rocky Mount Police Department

Town Manager Robert Wood stated The Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services has awarded the Rocky Mount Police Department a grant to strengthen crime control for \$4,164 with no local cash match required. The Police Department will use this to defray overtime costs in crime control.

Motion: Approve the supplemental appropriation resolution for the Rocky Mount Police Department

Motion By: Vice Mayor Snead

Seconded: Council Member Lee

Motion Discussion: None

Ayes: (6): Council Member Moyer, Vice Mayor Snead, Council Member Stockton, Council Member Lee, Council Member Newbill and Council Member Casey

Approved (6 to 0)

10.5 Traffic Items: Left Turns at 216 Old Franklin Turnpike and Left Turns from South Main Street to West Court Street

Town Manager Robert Wood was asked to look at the left turns in and out of the Dollar Tree parking lot that are currently legal. Also left turns from South Main onto West Court Street that are already prohibited, but if a motorist turns right onto South Main from East Court Street, they will not see a “no left turn” sign on South Main before they get to West Court Street. Council also asked that Powder Creek Lane be reviewed also. Staff recommends that both of these matters be referred to the Streets, Sidewalks, and Streetlights Council Committee.

10.6 Parking Items: Franklin Street near Claiborne Avenue and Claiborne Avenue near Entrance to Public Parking

Mr. Wood stated that two parking items have been brought to his attention by a downtown business owner. The first is that people sometimes park cars on Franklin Street just “north” of Claiborne Avenue (in front of the Whole Bean Coffee House). There is clearly not enough room to park a car there without interfering with traffic on Franklin Street, and there are not any parking spaces marked on the pavement. The second is that when exiting the public parking behind the Whole Bean Coffee House, Center Stage Catering, etc., it is often difficult to safely make a left turn onto Claiborne Avenue due to the cars parked near the driveway for the parking area. Staff recommends that both of these matters be referred to the Streets, Sidewalks, and Streetlights Council Committee.

10.7 Utility Infrastructure for Subdivisions

Mr. Wood informed Council that staff have been approached by several people recently with questions regarding the Town’s policy on the extension of water and wastewater service to properties where a residential subdivision might be proposed—specifically, questions as to what the Town might be willing to pay for and what the sub divider would have to pay for. Staff recommends that this matter be referred to the Community and Economic Development Council Committee for further discussion.

10.8 Compensation and Benefits for Town Employees

Mr. Wood asked this item to be moved to closed discussion.

11. Committee Reports

Council recently referred a number of compensation and benefit related items to the Finance and Human Services Council Committee for further discussion and consideration. That Committee met, discussed the items, and referred them back to Council for consideration. At the Committee meeting two other items were discussed: 20 Spring Street (listed under new business on this Council meeting agenda) and a request to abandon an easement on Walnut Street (tentatively scheduled for the March Council meeting agenda).

12. Referrals to Planning

None at this time

13. Other Matters, Concerns and Rise 'N Shine Appearances

Robert Wood was on Rise N' Shine this morning he discussed some of the sold out shows at the Harvester, and the music at the Train Depot and the local businesses that had music events.

13. Closed Meeting and Action

Mayor Angle read aloud sections.

Enter Closed Meeting

Motion: To go into closed session under the Virginia Code Section cited below.

Time: 7:24 p.m.

Virginia Code Section:

Section 2.2-3711(A).1 Discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining or resignation of specific public officers, appointees or employees of any public body. (Town Manager's Office)

Section 2.2-3711(A).3 Discussions or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body.

Section 2.2-3711(A).5 Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing

in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body; Consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel. (Zoning & Building Regulations)

Motion By: Council Member Lee

Second: Council Member Stockton

Motion Discussion: None

Ayes: (6): Council Member Moyer, Vice Mayor Snead, Council Member Stockton, Council Member Lee, Council Member Newbill and Council Member Casey

Approved (6 to 0)

Action: To go into a closed meeting

Certificate of Closed Meeting Discussion:

Council certified unanimously that nothing was discussed in the closed meeting other than what was stated in the motion to enter the closed meeting. No action was taken during the closed meeting.

Whereas, the Rocky Mount Town Council has convened a closed meeting on Monday, February 14, 2022, pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

Whereas, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, requires certification by this Council that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law.

Now, therefore, Be It Resolved that the Rocky Mount Town Council hereby certifies that, to the best of each members' knowledge: (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under this chapter; and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed, or considered in the meeting by the public body.

Steven C. Angle, Mayor

14. Post Closed Session Action

Motion: Approve the premium pay policy

Motion By: Vice Mayor Snead

Seconded: Council Member Moyer

Motion Discussion: None

Ayes: (5): Council Member Moyer, Vice Mayor Snead, Council Member Stockton, Council Member Newbill and Council Member Casey

Approved (5 to 0)

Council Member Lee was not present when this item was voted on.

Motion: To raise the pay scale by \$1.50 per hour

Motion By: Council Member Stockton

Seconded: Council Member Moyer

Motion Discussion: None

Ayes: (5): Council Member Moyer, Vice Mayor Snead, Council Member Stockton, Council Member Newbill and Council Member Casey

Approved (5 to 0)

Council Member Lee was not present when this item was voted on.

15. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn

Time: 9:00 p.m.

Motion By: Vice Mayor Snead

Seconded By: Council Member Stockton

Motion Discussion: None

Ayes: (5): Council Member Moyer, Vice Mayor Snead, Council Member Stockton, Council Member Newbill and Council Member Casey

Approved by a unanimous vote

Action: Meeting was adjourned

Steven C. Angle, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cherie Q. Compton, Acting Town Clerk