



**ROCKY MOUNT TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**May 9, 2022
7:00 p.m.**

The following members
Of Council were present:

Mayor Steven C. Angle
Vice Mayor Jon W. Snead
Council Member A. Ralph Casey
Council Member J. Tyler Lee
Council Member Robert L. Moyer
Council Member Mark H. Newbill
Council Member Billie W. Stockton

The following staff
members were also
present:

John T. Boitnott, Town Attorney
Robert J. Wood, Town Manager
Rebecca H. Dillon, Town Clerk/Executive Admin. Assistant
Mark Moore, Assistant Town Manager
Kevin Adkins, Water Treatment Plant Superintendent
Tim Burton, Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent
Vincent Copenhaver, Finance Specialist, CPA
Amy D. Gordon, Assistant Finance Director
Mark Lovern, Interim Chief of Police
Daniel Pinard, Cultural Economic Development Director
Dennis "Moe" Potter, Wastewater Treatment Plant
Brian Schofield, Public Works Superintendent

The 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 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 Lee

Motion Discussion: None

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

Approved (6 to 0)

4. Special Items

4.1 Special Recognition to Ms. Shannika W. Hubbard for Lifesaving Intervention - Mr. C.J. Police

Mayor Angle, Council, as well as the audience gave accolades to Ms. Shannika W. Hubbard for the role Ms. Hubbard played in saving the life of Mr. C.J. Police while having a medical emergency in Food Lion on December 21, 2021.

4.2 Special Recognition to Ms. Katie King for Lifesaving Intervention – Mr. C.J. Police
Mayor Angle, Council, as well as the audience gave accolades to Ms. Katie King for the role Ms. King played in saving the life of Mr. C.J. Police while having a medical emergency in Food Lion on December 21, 2021.

4.3 Introduction of Mr. Miles Henne – Eagle Scout – Celeste Park
Assistant Town Manager Moore introduced Mr. Henne to Council and shared Mr. Henne's contributions as an Eagle Boy Scout, to Celeste Park.

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: Council Member Casey

Motion Discussion: None

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

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

Planning Commission Reappointments

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: Council Member Moyer

Seconded: Council Member Newbill

Motion Discussion: None

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

Approved (6 – 0)

8. Hearing of Citizens

None at this time

9. Old Business

9.1. Appropriation Resolution for Fiscal Year 2023 Proposed Budget

Council was presented a draft budget and the draft budget was reviewed during two work sessions on April 12th and April 14th. The proposed budget was advertised for public input and a public hearing was held on May 2nd. There was no public input received at the public hearing.

MEMBERS	ATTENDANCE	VOTE
J. Tyler Lee	Present	Yes
Robert L. Moyer	Present	Yes
Mark H. Newbill	Present	Yes
Jon W. Snead	Present	Yes
Billie W. Stockton	Present	Yes
A. Ralph Casey	Present	Yes
Mayor, Steven C. Angle	Present	Yes

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Action: The Budget for FY2023, including Mayor Angle voting, was approved on a vote of 7 to 0 in favor of The Budget.

9.2. Resolution for Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Tax Rates and Fees

There were no proposed changes in the tax rates and fees for the upcoming fiscal year.

MEMBERS	ATTENDANCE	VOTE
J. Tyler Lee	Present	Yes
Robert L. Moyer	Present	Yes
Mark H. Newbill	Present	Yes
Jon W. Snead	Present	Yes
Billie W. Stockton	Present	Yes
A. Ralph Casey	Present	Yes
Mayor, Steven C. Angle	Present	Yes

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Action: The Tax Rates and Fees for FY2023, including Mayor Angle voting, was passed on a vote of 7 to 0 in favor of the Tax Rates and Fees.

10. New Business

10.1 Appointment of Elected and Non-Elected Representatives to Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission (RVARC)

Both Town Manager Wood and Council Member Newbill wished to continue serving as representatives of the Town of Rocky Mount as a non-elected member and an elected member, in that respective order.

Motion: To approve the appointments of Town Manager Wood as the non-elected member representative and Council Member Newbill as the elected member representative for the Town of Rocky Mount to the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission (RVARC).

Motion By: Council Member Lee

Seconded: Vice Mayor Snead

Motion Discussion: None

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

Approved (6 – 0)

10.2 Review and Consideration for Waiver of Fees for New Habitat Home to be Built on Bland Street

Town Manager Wood presented to Council, Habitat For Humanity submitting a request for the connection fees for water and sewer as well as the deposit to turn the water on be waived.

Motion: To approve the waiver of the connection fees for water and sewer as well as the deposit to turn the water on for the new Habitat home.

Motion By: Council Member Newbill

Seconded: Council Member Lee

Motion Discussion: None

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

Approved (6 – 0)

11. Committee Reports

11.1 Streets, Sidewalks & Streetlights Committee Meeting April 26, 2022

A Streets, Sidewalks and Streetlights committee was held on April 26, 2022 in which all of the neighboring businesses to the Rocky Mount Dollar Tree, located on Old Franklin Turnpike, were sent letters inviting them to the committee meeting regarding a no left turn sign being erected exiting the Dollar Tree parking lot. No businesses that letters were sent out to, were in attendance. The Chairman of the committee, Council Member Stockton, shared with Council that the recommendation of the committee was to erect signage stating no left turn from the Dollar Tree parking lot. However, Council Member Stockton also shared that a few citizens had phoned earlier that day to express to Council Member Stockton the idea of a sign saying no left turn from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

After some discussion, a motion was made and a second to erect signage for no left turns with no mention of times.

Motion: To implement the recommendation of the Streets, Sidewalks and Streetlights committee for signage to be installed stating no left turns exiting the Dollar Tree parking lot.

Motion By: Council Member Lee

Seconded: Council Member Snead

Motion Discussion: None

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

Nays: (1): Council Member Moyer

Approved (5 – 1) to implement the recommendation

12. Referrals to Planning

None at this time

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

Town Manager, Robert J. Wood was on Rise 'N Shine today.

Cultural Economic Development Director Pinard gave a monthly update to members of Council regarding events happening in the Town. Brochures, recently printed, were placed on the Diaz prior to the meeting. The brochures will be on display in area welcome centers and will be placed into the hands of town merchants as a tool to enable visitors to navigate the town while visiting. The Town was recently awarded the Marketing Leverage Program Grant thru the Virginia Tourism Corporation that helped cover the cost of the brochures. Also, the video that was made during the fall of last year, will be playing in three Virginia welcome centers for six months to help make visitors more aware of the Town and what the Town offers. The same grant also targeted social media marketing online and on Instagram.

The Band Room plans to open in Rocky Mount across from the Carilion Franklin Memorial Hospital. The Band Room would be a music store in addition to also providing patrons the opportunity for music lessons.

Anastasia's located on Franklin Street in downtown Rocky Mount, will be a speakeasy themed bar that will serve a small menu of exquisite cuisine that will be dine-in only.

14. Closed Meeting and Action

Mayor Angle read aloud the section.

Enter Closed Meeting

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

Time: 7:25 p.m.

Virginia Code Section:

Section 2.2-3711(A).3 Discussion 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.

Motion By: Council Member Moyer

Second: Council Member Lee

Motion Discussion: None

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

Approved (6 – 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

15. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn

Time: 8:20 p.m.

Motion By: Vice Mayor Snead

Seconded By: Council Member Lee

Motion Discussion: None

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

Approved (6 to 0)

Action: Meeting was adjourned

Steven C. Angle, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rebecca H. Dillon, Town Clerk