



**ROCKY MOUNT TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**July 11, 2022
7:00 p.m.**

The following members
Of Council were present:

Mayor Steven C. Angle
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

Vice Mayor Jon W. Snead was absent

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
Kevin Adkins, Water Treatment Plant Superintendent
Tim Burton, Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent
Vincent Copenhaver, Finance Specialist, CPA
Jessica Heckman, Planning & Zoning Administrator
Mark Lovern, Interim Chief of Police
Mark Moore, Assistant Town Manager
Daniel Pinard, Cultural Economic Development Director
Dennis "Moe" Potter, Wastewater Treatment Plant
Shawn Richardson, 1st Sergeant of Investigations
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 for members 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. Mayor Angle led the Council in amending the agenda to review the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program Landowner Agreement, to be discussed under the Consent Agenda.

Motion: To approve the amended agenda

Motion By: Council Member Lee

Seconded: Council Member Stockton

Motion Discussion: None

Ayes: (5): Council Member Casey, Council Member Lee, Council Member, Council Member Newbill and Council Member Stockton

Approved (5 to 0)

4. Special Items

4.1 Recognition to Ms. Linda P. Woody for Her Retirement

Mayor Angle recognized Ms. Woody's 22 years of service to the Town of Rocky Mount as the Town's Finance Director. Mayor Angle read aloud the resolution drafted for Ms. Woody and thanked Ms. Woody for her service.

5. Public Hearing

Mayor Angle moved the meeting into recess to hold the public hearing.

Planning Administrator Heckman presented to Council a proposed amendment to the Town's Zoning Ordinance providing for changes to temporary use regulations such as mobile food units and itinerant vendors participating in private or public events without pre-approval by the Town Council. The proposed amendment was reviewed and recommended by the Planning Commission at their July 5, 2022 meeting.

An ad was placed in the Franklin News Post to meet the legal requirements of holding this public hearing.

Mayor Angle moved the meeting back into regular session.

Motion: To table approval of the ordinance and call a joint committee meeting of the EDA and PC, to form a committee with members from EDA, PC, Town Council, and local restaurant owners and food truck vendors to review and discuss the ordinance.

Motion By: Council Member Lee

Seconded: Council Member Moyer

Motion Discussion: None

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

Approved (5 to 0)

6. Approval of Draft Minutes

- June 13, 2022 – June Regular Meeting Minutes
- June 23, 2022 – Special Called Council Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the draft minutes as presented.

Motion By: Council Member Stockton

Seconded: Council Member Casey

Motion Discussion: None

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

Approved (5 to 0)

7. Approval of Consent Agenda

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

- 7.1 Miscellaneous Action
 - Lease Agreement with U.S. Cellular for Cellular Tower
 - Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program Landowner Agreement
- 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 the consent agenda as presented

Motion By: Council Member Newbill

Seconded: Council Member Casey

Motion Discussion: None

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

Approved (5 – 0)

8. Hearing of Citizens

Mr. Greg Maxwell, 385 Green Meadow Lane, Rocky Mount, VA spoke regarding the homeless population in Rocky Mount sharing that despite a person's education or background; anyone could be homeless.

Ms. Kathy Spangler, 63 Shameka Lane, Rocky Mount, VA spoke regarding the homelessness in Rocky Mount sharing that a homeless shelter was needed in town.

Mr. Brian Hochstein, 2403 Goldfield Court, Greensboro, NC spoke regarding the millions of dollars spent on the Harvester Performance Center as well as the use of free tickets to shows.

Ms. Linda Hardy, 30 Hilltop Drive, Rocky Mount, VA spoke regarding the noise, traffic problems and the vehicles that speed through Franklin Heights on Bernard Road.

Mr. Steven Caplin, 20 Warren Street, Rocky Mount, VA spoke regarding the homelessness in Rocky Mount sharing that there are approximately 20 homeless encampments in Franklin County.

Mrs. Ellen Holland, 410 Hilltop Drive, Rocky Mount, VA spoke regarding possible funding to help the homeless in Rocky Mount through West Piedmont Planning District Commission.

9. Old Business

(none at this time)

10. New Business

10.1 Mary Elizabeth Park Playground Replacement & Shelter Addition

Included in the FY2023 Capital Improvement Plan is to replace the playground park equipment as well as the shelter with a concrete pad underneath it as well as six picnic tables, constructed on the side closest to the pickleball and basketball courts in the park. The playground will be ADA accessible.

Improvements are proposed for next year for Mary Bethune Park. The Town has made improvements to Gilley's Park as well.

Presented to Council was a quote from All Recreation of Virginia, Inc.

Motion: To approve the request as presented

Motion By: Council Member Moyer

Seconded: Council Member Stockton

Motion Discussion: None

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

Approved (5 – 0)

10.2 Floyd/Franklin Intersection – VDOT Smart Scale Application Proposal

Town Manager Wood briefly spoke introducing the project. Mr. Todd Daniels with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) shared a few details of the process regarding the project.

Concerns were voiced from members of Council regarding milk trucks, and firetrucks not being able to pass through the proposed Rt 40 (Franklin Street) at Floyd Avenue roundabout.

Mr. Todd Daniels with VDOT spoke to Council regarding the proposed Smart Scale project, discussing some of the logistics involved with the project.

The item was sent to the Streets, Sidewalks, and Streetlights committee to meet and discuss a recommendation to present to Council.

The deadline for the application to be submitted to VDOT is August 1, 2022.

11. Committee Reports

None at this time

12. Referrals to Planning

None at this time

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

Town Manager Wood announced that Mr. Phillip Young had been selected to be the new Police Chief for the Town of Rocky Mount. Mr. Young will begin on or about August 15, 2022.

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: 7:53 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).7 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; and 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 and Building Regulations)

Motion By: Council Member Moyer

Second: Council Member Stockton

Motion Discussion: None

**Ayes: (5): Council Member Casey, Council Member Lee, Council Member Moyer,
Council Member Newbill and Council Member Stockton**

Approved (5 – 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: 8:50 p.m.

Motion By: Council Member Lee

Seconded By: Council Member Stockton

Motion Discussion: None

**Ayes: (5): Council Member Casey, Council Member Lee, Council Member Moyer,
Council Member Newbill and Council Member Stockton**

Approved (5 to 0)

Action: Meeting was adjourned

Steven C. Angle, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rebecca H. Dillon, Town Clerk