



**ROCKY MOUNT TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**August 8, 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
Kevin Adkins, Water Treatment Plant Superintendent
Tim Burton, Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent
Vincent Copenhaver, Finance Specialist, CPA
Jason Divers, 1st Sergeant of Patrol
Amy Gordon, Assistant Finance Director
Jessica Heckman, Planning & Zoning Administrator
Mark Lovern, Captain/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 all members present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Angle led in saying the pledge of allegiance after which a moment of silence was observed for Mrs. Ann Cook and Mr. Leland Mitchell. Mrs. Cook who recently passed away, had previously served as a Council Member to the Town of Rocky Mount. Mr. Mitchell who also recently passed away, was serving on the Franklin County Board of Supervisors at the time of his death.

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 add an item under Old Business regarding a proposed amendment to the Town's Zoning Ordinance. The agenda was also amended by adding a closed session item under Section 2.2-3711A.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.

Motion: To approve the amended agenda

Motion By: Vice Mayor Snead

Seconded: Council Member Moyer

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 Ms. Carrie Beck of the Crooked Road

Ms. Carrie Beck thanked Council for inviting her to the meeting and shared a few of the things that the Crooked Road was participating in. Ms. Beck shared with Council a Programming and Events Update within Council's packet.

4.2 Mr. Jeremy Holmes, Executive Director of the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission

Mr. Holmes shared with the Council that the Commission was created in 1969 by the General Assembly. The Commission's main charge within the Code of Virginia is to address issues of more than local significance. The Commission reviews activities that the region is facing and goes about trying to find solutions that are an efficient use of tax payer's dollars. Transportation planning, environmental work with elected officials and furthering Virginia as an outdoor destination are just a few of the items the commission has that are ongoing projects.

4.3 Introduction and Oath of Office for New Chief of Police, Mr. Phillip Young

Circuit Court Judge, the Honorable Timothy W. Allen, swore in the new Chief of Police, Mr. Phillip Young. Mr. Young comes to the Rocky Mount Police Department after many years with the Franklin County Sheriff's Department. Mr. Young is a native of Franklin County.

Judge Allen then gave the Law Enforcement Honor to all of the other remaining public servant agents in the room.

5. **Public Hearing**

(none at this time)

6. **Approval of Draft Minutes**

- July 11, 2022 – July Regular Meeting Minutes
- July 28, 2022 – Special Called Council Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the draft minutes as presented.

Motion By: Council Member Casey

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)

7. **Approval of Consent Agenda**

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

7.1 Miscellaneous Action

Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission Grant 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 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)

8. **Hearing of Citizens**

Mr. Brian Hochstein, 2403 Goldfield Court, Greensboro, NC spoke regarding the Harvester Performance Center, Midwood Entertainment, and the potential loss of revenue for the HPC.

Mr. Phillip Bane, 252 High Street, Rocky Mount, VA spoke regarding the building at 325 Franklin Street and the two alleged zoning violations.

9. **Old Business**

9.1 Proposed Amendment to the Town's Zoning Ordinance Providing for Changes to Temporary Use Regulations for Mobile Food Units.

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 events without preapproval by the Town Council. The proposed amendment was reviewed and recommended by the Planning Commission at their July 5, 2022 meeting.

Mayor Angle proposed that Council send the mobile food unit item to the Community and Economic Development Committee to review and make any changes the committee may deem to make within the written ordinance.

Motion: To send the item to the Community and Economic Development Committee for further discussion.

Motion By: Council Member Newbill

Seconded: Council Member Casey

Motion Discussion: None

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

Nays: (1): Council Member Lee

Approved (5 – 1)

10. New Business

10.1 Review and Consideration of Town Meeting Dates for 2023

Each year the new calendar of Town meeting dates is published.

Motion: To approve the meeting dates calendar as submitted

Motion By: Council Member Moyer

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)

10.2 Community Partnership for Revitalization Street Closure for Community Christmas Tree Lighting and Come Home to a Franklin County Christmas

The events are held by request of CPR.

Motion: To approve the request as presented

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)

10.3 Draft Procurement Policy Referral

The draft Procurement Policy was referred to the Finance & Human Services Committee to review and possibly update the policy.

Motion: To approve the referral as presented

Motion By: Council Member Stockton

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

The Streets, Sidewalks & Streetlights Committee met on July 25th. Representatives from VDOT were present to discuss the intersection at Floyd Avenue and Franklin Street. The committee recommended not to pursue any improvements at this time.

12. **Referrals to Planning**

None at this time

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

Mayor Angle and Town Manager Wood appeared on Rise 'N Shine today.

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: 7:39 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. (Industrial Park)

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 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: 8:00 p.m.

Motion By: Vice Mayor Snead

Seconded By: 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)

Action: Meeting was adjourned

Steven C. Angle, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rebecca H. Dillon, Town Clerk