



**ROCKY MOUNT TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**December 12, 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 Mark H. Newbill
Council Member Billie W. Stockton

Council Member Robert L. Moyer was absent.

The following staff
members were also
present:

John T. Boitnott, Town Attorney
Robert J. Wood, Town Manager
Brad Basham, Assistant Fire Chief
Vincent Copenhaver, Finance Director, CPA
Rebecca H. Dillon, Town Clerk/Executive Admin. Assistant
Jason Divers, 1st Sergeant of Patrol
Kevin Adkins, Water Treatment Plant Superintendent
Dennis "Moe" Potter, Interim Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent
Amy Gordon, Assistant Finance Director/Human Resources Director
Jessica Heckman, Planning & Zoning Administrator
Mark Moore, Assistant Town Manager
Daniel Pinard, Cultural Economic Development Director
Brian Schofield, Public Works Superintendent
Phillip Young, Chief of Police/RMPD

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 those members present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Angle led in saying the pledge of allegiance. Mayor Angle then asked for everyone to observe a moment of silence for former Town Council Member Sadie W. Tuning who passed away on December 8, 2022.

3. Approval of Agenda

Prior to the meeting, Council received the agenda for review and consideration of approval. Mayor Angle amended the agenda to include the VDOT Resolution on the dais, under the Consent Agenda.

Motion: To approve the amended agenda

Motion By: Council Member Casey

Seconded: Council Member Stockton

Motion Discussion: None

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

Approved (5 to 0)

4. Special Items

4.1 Presentation of the FY21-22 Financial Report

Ms. Emily Viers with Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates formally presented a summary of the FY21-22 Financial Report to Council and those in the audience. Some of the Town's prior Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports were submitted to the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) and the Town received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. Ms. Viers expects the Town to receive a certificate for the financial report being shared this evening as well. The Town was given a clean, unmodified opinion.

The Finance and Human Services Committee met prior to the Council meeting where a presentation of the annual reports were made to the committee and members of Council

in attendance. Chairman of the Finance and Human Services Committee, Vice Mayor Jon Snead, recommended Town Council accept the audit.

Motion: To accept the FY21-22 Financial Reports as presented.

Motion By: Vice Mayor Snead

Seconded: Council Member Casey

Motion Discussion: None

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

Approved (5 to 0)

4.2 Resolution of Gratitude for Years of Service from the Town of Rocky Mount to Mr. Robert L. Moyer as a Council Member.

Though Council Member Moyer was not able to be in attendance due to illness, Mayor Angle will see that he receives the items given to him at a later date.

4.3 Resolution of Gratitude for Years of Service from the Town of Rocky Mount to Mr. Jon W. Snead as Vice Mayor

Mayor Angle read aloud the resolution prepared. Then, Vice Mayor Snead shared his appreciation for having held public office not just as Vice Mayor, but prior to that as a Council Member too. Vice Mayor Snead challenged the remaining Council members he had served with to carry on the government for all.

4.4 Resolution of Gratitude for Many Years of Service from the Town of Rocky Mount to Mr. Steven C. Angle as Mayor.

Vice Mayor Snead read aloud the resolution prepared. Mayor Angle shared that he did have some comments, but that he would save them for the end of the meeting.

4.5 Service Awards – Mr. Brandon MacPherson
– Mrs. Cherie Compton
– Mr. Brandt Gawor

Neither Mr. MacPherson nor Mr. Gawor were able to be present but their awards will be given to them at a later date. Mrs. Compton was present to receive her award and gave thanks to Council for receiving it.

4.6 Recognition and Honor to Mrs. Rebecca H. Dillon in Achievement of Receiving the Rank of Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC).

Mayor Angle presented a plaque and a lapel pin to Town Clerk Dillon as he read aloud the letter he received congratulating Town Clerk Dillon for achieving the prestigious award of becoming a Certified Municipal Clerk. The designation is given upon earning it through

education and experience as well as being a member of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks.

5. **Public Hearing**

5.1 Disposition of Real Property on Weaver Street in the Franklin County Rocky Mount Industrial Park

Council Goes Into Recess

Franklin County Department of Economic Development was contacted by a local shipping company, J&S Hauling, interested in purchasing a vacant parcel in the Franklin County-Rocky Mount Industrial Park parcel ID number 2040038405. Franklin County and the Town of Rocky Mount jointly own the 3.05-acre parcel. Staff recommended that Council authorize the transfer of property as well as any paperwork needed to complete the transfer of property to take place. The transfer is contingent upon authorization of the sale by the Franklin County Board of Supervisors. An ad was placed in the Franklin News Post to meet the legal requirements of holding this public hearing.

Council Goes Back into regular Session

Motion: To approve the authorization to transfer the property contingent upon authorization of the sale by the Franklin County Board of Supervisors.

Motion By: Council Member Lee

Seconded: Council Member Stockton

Motion Discussion: None

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

Approved (5 to 0)

6. **Approval of Draft Minutes**

- November 14, 2022 – Regular Meeting Draft Minutes

Motion: To approve the draft minutes as presented.

Motion By: Vice Mayor Snead

Seconded: Council Member Newbill

Motion Discussion: None

Ayes: (5): Vice Mayor Snead, Council Member Casey, Council Member Lee, 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

7.2 Miscellaneous Resolutions/Proclamations

VDOT Resolution

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 Stockton

Seconded: Vice Mayor Snead

Motion Discussion: None

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

Approved (5 – 0)

8. **Hearing of Citizens**

No one came forward.

9. **Old Business**

None at this time

10. **New Business**

10.1 Disposition of Real Property on Weaver Street in the Franklin County Rocky Mount Industrial Park

This item was covered during the public hearing.

10.2 Policy for the Remote Participation of Members of Town Council

A state statute was adopted that allows for remote participation in meetings of the Town Council, Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, and the Economic Development Authority of the town. Town Attorney Boitnott prepared a draft policy for Council which was included in the Council packet for review. Remote participation can be exercised if a Council, Board, or Commission member either has a personal matter or an illness and cannot be physically present for the meeting. The member not physically present would be able to participate in the meeting remotely while taking part in the discussion, the voting process, and the closed meeting part of the meeting once the policy is adopted.

Motion: To approve the adoption of a Policy for the Remote Participation of Members of Town Council as presented.

Motion By: Council Member Stockton

Seconded: Council Member Casey

Motion Discussion: None

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

Approved (5 – 0)

10.3 Selection of Contractor for Town Hall Improvements

In the current Capital Improvement Projects, funding was approved in the amount of \$100,000 for repairs and improvements to be made to and around the Municipal Building. The quote given to the Town was a total of \$103,850.97. Through state procurement, the Town secured a state contract and contractor with Gordian. The Town procurement policy requires bids at and above \$100,000 to come before Council for approval. The remaining funds of \$3,850.97 needed for the project will be covered in the current Town operational budget.

Motion: To approve the repairs and improvements needed for Town Hall previously approved for a certain amount in the FY2023 Capital Improvement Projects with the balance being funded from the current Town operational budget.

Motion By: Council Member Stockton

Seconded: Council Member Newbill

Motion Discussion: None

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

Approved (5 – 0)

11. Committee Reports

None at this time

12. Referrals to Planning

None at this time

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

Mayor Angle and Assistant Town Manager Moore were on Rise 'N Shine.

Council Member Newbill as well as several other Council members thanked Public Works for cleaning up after the Rotary Club Christmas Parade on Sunday.

Council Member Stockton thanked Mayor Angle for the leadership he had displayed while on Council and while fulfilling his Mayoral duties. Council Member Stockton applauded the Mayor for knowing the difference between right and wrong in making certain decisions. Council Member Stockton thanked Mayor Angle for his tenure during the 10 years that Council Member Stockton served the Town with him.

Council Member Stockton thanked Vice Mayor Snead for the friendship the two men shared and for his service to the Town, while they served with each other for the past 8 years.

FINAL THANKS:

Mayor Angle began by thanking the citizens of the Town of Rocky Mount for their confidence the citizens displayed in allowing Mayor Angle to serve them. Mayor Angle shared that serving the citizens of the Town of Rocky Mount was the second biggest honor of his life next to his wife Lisa agreeing to marry him. Mayor Angle thanked the former Council Members that he had the pleasure to serve with over the years as he called each one by name.

Mr. Steve Agee, Mr. Doug Beatty, the late Mrs. Ann Cook, the late Mr. Hunt Cooper, and Mr. Bobby Cundiff

Mr. Arnold Dillon, Sr. whom Mayor Angle expressed a special thanks and a great gratitude to for “taking an interest in him” when first elected to Council and really trying to teach him and develop him as a Council member and help him understand what was involved in actually being a Council member with the issues that were going on at the time. Mayor Angle shared he appreciated all of Mr. Dillon’s guidance regarding local government.

Mayor Angle continued: the late Mr. Posey Dillon, Mr. Jerry Greer, the late Mr. James Larry, the late Mr. John Lester, Ms. Ann Love, the late Mrs. Peggy Love, the late Mrs. Alice Mills, the late Mr. Willie Mills, Mr. Benjamin Pinckard, the late Mr. Charles Santrock, Mr. Roger Seale, the late Mr. Broaddus Shively, Mr. Robert Strickler, the late Mrs. Sadie Tuning, Mr. Gregory Walker, and the late Robert Wray.

Mayor Angle thanked the Town Managers that the Town of Rocky Mount has had. Mayor Angle was grateful he was able to work with all of the Town Managers that have served the town. Mr. Mark Henne, Mr. Keith Holland, Mr. Jack Gross, and Mr. C. James Ervin.

Mayor Angle thanked former Staff members, Ms. Linda P. Woody, the late Patricia H. Keatts.

Mayor Angle thanked all past and current Department Heads.

Mayor Angle thanked the current Staff members, Mr. Robert J. Wood, Mr. Mark W. Moore, Ms. Jessica Heckman, Mrs. Cherie Compton, Mr. Vincent Copenhaver, Mrs. Amy D. Gordon.

Mayor Angle thanked Town Clerk Rebecca H. Dillon and shared that there really was no way to thank Mrs. Dillon enough for all she has done to keep the Council informed, all paperwork to the Council in a timely manner, etc. Mayor Angle shared that all Mrs. Dillon does for the Council was just invaluable and thanked Mrs. Dillon very much.

FINAL THOUGHTS TO TOWN COUNCIL:

Mayor Angle then addressed each and every one of his constituents on Council, Council Member Ralph Casey, Council Member Billie Wayne Stockton, Vice Mayor Jon Snead, Council Member Mark Newbill, Council Member Moyer, Council Member Tyler Lee and shared that it had been an honor and a privilege to have served with each of them. Together all of the Council members were able to do amazing things for the Town of Rocky Mount and its citizens. Mayor Angle shared he was very proud to have accomplished so

much in his 32 years of serving the Town and its citizens that will be seen for many years to come. Mayor Angle encouraged the members of Council remaining on Council to go forward and always remember that "it is not about you; it is always about the citizens and the Town." "That statement has to be the foremost thing in your mind when you are considering things and getting ready to vote. How will it affect the citizens and the town has got to be the most important thing."

FINAL THOUGHTS TO THE NEWLY ELECTED:

Lastly, Mayor Angle wished the Newly Elected well as each one begins to take on their new roles that they have been elected to and he offered as did Vice Mayor Snead, if he could be of service in the future, not to hesitate to reach out as he would be glad to help.

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: 7:47p.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.

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: Vice Mayor Snead

Second: Council Member Stockton

Motion Discussion: None

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

Approved (5 – 0)

Action: To go into a closed meeting

Mayor Angle thanked everyone for attending; wished everyone a wonderful holiday season with family and friends, and a Merry Christmas to all.

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, December 12, 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.

C. Holland Perdue III, Mayor

15. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn

Time: 8:03 p.m.

Motion By: Vice Mayor Snead

Seconded By: Council Member Stockton

Motion Discussion: None

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

Approved (5 to 0)

Action: Meeting was adjourned

C. Holland Perdue III, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rebecca H. Dillon, Town Clerk