



**ROCKY MOUNT TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**August 14, 2023
6:00 p.m.**

The following members
of Council were present:

Mayor C. Holland Perdue III
Vice Mayor Billie W. Stockton
Council Member A. Ralph Casey
Council Member David K. Clements
Council Member J. Tyler Lee
Council Member Benjamin K. Mullins
Council Member Mark H. Newbill

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
Michael "Kevin" Adkins, Water Treatment Plant Superintendent
Vincent Copenhaver, Finance Director
Jessica H. Heckman, Planning & Zoning Administrator
Mark Lovern, 1st Sergeant, RMPD
Daniel Pinard, Economic & Cultural Development Director
Dennis "Moe" Potter, Wastewater Treatment Plant
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 C. Holland Perdue III presiding.

1. Roll Call

The Town Clerk called each member of the Rocky Mount Town Council by name to account that all members were present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Perdue led in the pledge of allegiance.

3. Approval of Agenda

Prior to the meeting, Council received the agenda for review and consideration. Mayor Perdue amended the agenda to add 4.5 under the consent agenda to approve a contract for a paving project of Franklin Street and from Hatcher Street to Claiborne Avenue. Details regarding the contract were placed on the dias for each Council member to review prior to the meeting.

Motion: To approve the amended agenda

Motion By: Council Member Mullins

Seconded: Council Member Casey

Motion Discussion: None

Ayes: (6): Vice Mayor Stockton, Council Member Casey, Council Member Clements, Council Member Lee, Council Member Mullins, and Council Member Newbill.

Approved (6 to 0)

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

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

4.1 Approval of Draft Minutes

Town Council Regular Meeting Draft Minutes – July 10, 2023

Town Council & Planning Commission Joint Worksession Draft Minutes –
July 24, 2023

4.2 Miscellaneous Action

4.3 Miscellaneous Resolutions/Proclamations

4.4 Departmental Monthly Reports

Community Development Department

Finance Department

Fire Department

Police Department

Public Works Department

Wastewater Department

Water Department

4.5 Paving Project of Franklin Street and from Hatcher Street to Claiborne Avenue.

Motion: To approve the consent agenda as presented

Motion By: Vice Mayor Stockton

Seconded: Council Member Mullins

Motion Discussion: None

Ayes: (6): Vice Mayor Stockton, Council Member Casey, Council Member Clements, Council Member Lee, Council Member Mullins, and Council Member Newbill

Approved (6 – 0)

5. Special Items

5.1 Recognition to Mr. John Speidel for His Years of Service to Rocky Mount

Mayor Perdue read the resolution to Council commending Mr. Speidel for his fifty-five combined years of service in the combined roles in which he served the Town.

5.2 150th Anniversary Highlight

Economic & Cultural Development Director Pinard shared with everyone about Brooks Grocery known as Brooks & Company. The grocery store was a busy place at the intersection of Main and West Court Street in uptown Rocky Mount. The store was started by J.B. Brooks in 1898, bought by Samuel Phelps and Lee M. Waid in 1913. The small grocery store operated providing fresh fruit and vegetables as well as fresh meat from their slaughter house. During the great depression, the grocery store ran lines of credit to poor families to help those that could not afford to feed themselves. A third partner,

Filmore Brooks, served the community through the grocery store as well. Lee. M. Waid served on the colored school board and within the juvenile justice system before passing in 1957. In 1959, the former Franklin County training school was named after Lee. M. Waid and today is an elementary school. Samuel Phelps' son Waid Phelps, became the first Black person elected to serve on the Rocky Mount Town Council in 1970 and did so until his death in 1985.

6. Hearing of Citizens

No one at this time

7. Closed Meeting and Action

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

Time: 6:06 p.m.

Virginia Code Section:

7.3 Section 2.2-3711(A).5 Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry, or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the businesses or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community.

7.2 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: To go into closed session

Motion By: Council Member Lee

Second: Vice Mayor Stockton

Motion Discussion: None

Action: To go into a closed meeting

Ayes: (6): Vice Mayor Stockton, Council Member Casey, Council Member Clements, Council Member Lee, Council Member Mullins, and Council Member Newbill

Approved (6 – 0)

Going Into Closed Session

Returning from Closed Session

Town Clerk Dillon Stated the Recording had Resumed

Time: 6:35 p.m.

Mayor Perdue Called for a Roll Call Vote for each Council Member to Certify Discussion During the Closed Meeting.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS REQUIRED:

MEMBERS	ATTENDANCE	VOTE
Vice Mayor Stockton	Present	Certify
A. Ralph Casey	Present	Certify
David K. Clements	Present	Certify
J. Tyler Lee	Present	Certify
Benjamin K. Mullins	Present	Certify
Mark H. Newbill	Present	Certify
Mayor, C. Holland Perdue III	Present	Certify

Certified: (7): Vice Mayor Stockton, Council Member Casey, Council Member Clements, Council Member Lee, Council Member Mullins, Council Member Newbill, and Mayor C. Holland Perdue III

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, August 14, 2023, 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

Motion: To come out of closed session

Motion By: Council Member Lee

Second: Vice Mayor Stockton

Motion Discussion: None

Ayes: (6): Vice Mayor Stockton, Council Member Casey, Council Member Clements, Council Member Lee, Council Member Mullins, and Council Member Newbill

Approved (6 – 0)

8. **Adjournment**

Motion: To adjourn

Time: 6:39 p.m.

Motion By: Council Member Lee

Seconded By: Vice Mayor Stockton

Motion Discussion: None

Ayes: (6): Vice Mayor Stockton, Council Member Casey, Council Member Clements, Council Member Lee, Council Member Mullins, and Council Member Newbill

Approved (6 – 0)

Action: Meeting was adjourned

C. Holland Perdue III, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rebecca H. Dillon, Town Clerk