



**ROCKY MOUNT TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**December 11, 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  
Vincent Copenhaver, Finance Director  
Mark Lovern, Captain, 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.**

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**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 by adding an item to the consent agenda to move the January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Town Council regular meeting to January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Perdue also removed the Closed Meeting and Action items from the agenda.

**Motion:** To approve the amended agenda

**Motion By:** Vice Mayor Stockton

**Seconded:** Council Member Lee

**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. Special Items**

**4.1 Presentation of the FY22-23 Financial Report**

Ms. Emily Viers with Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates formally presented a summary of the FY22-23 Financial Report to Council and those in the audience. In the past, some of the Town's Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports were submitted to the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) and again this year, the Town will submit to them, and 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 financial reports was made to the committee and members of Council in attendance. Chairman of the Finance and Human Services Committee, Council Member Mark Newbill, recommended Town Council accept the audit.

**Motion:** To accept the FY22-23 Annual Financial Reports as presented.

**Motion By:** Council Member Newbill

**Seconded:** Vice Mayor Stockton

**Motion Discussion:** None

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

**Approved (6 to 0)**

#### 4.2 150<sup>th</sup> History Highlight

The Community Partnership for Revitalization (CPR) has worked for over 30 years in combination with many different aspects of uptown and downtown revitalization. Among CPR's many accomplishments were the train station (Depot), the farmers' market, the decorative lamp posts downtown, the White Lights Campaign, the Scarecrow Trail in the fall, and the Snowman Trail in the winter. CPR also hosts two events each year, Court Days in June, and Come Home to a Franklin County Christmas in December. Many thanks to CPR for all the work they do for the Town.

#### 4.3 Service Awards

- Mr. Alexander T. Young – 5 years
- Mr. Mark W. Lovern – 10 years
- Ms. Regina F. Stanley – 25 years
- Mr. Tracy L. Tatum – 25 years
- Mr. Christopher D. Hughes – 35 years
- Mr. Johnny L. Holland – 35 years

Mr. Mark Lovern was present to accept his service award. Police Chief Young spoke kind words about Mr. Lovern and how fortunate the police department is to have him and the experience he has not only gained since working with the RMPD, but Mr. Lovern also brought 25 years of experience with him from Roanoke City where he previously worked in the police department prior to coming to Rocky Mount.

### 5. **Approval of Consent Agenda**

#### 5.1 Miscellaneous Action

#### 5.2 Miscellaneous Resolutions/Proclamations

Destination Marketing Organization (DMO) Designation

5.3 Approval of Draft Minutes

Rocky Mount Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes – November 13, 2023

Rocky Mount Town Council & Planning Commission Joint Worksession Meeting Minutes – November 21, 2023

5.4 Departmental Monthly Reports

Community Development Department

Finance Department

Fire Department

Police Department

Public Works Department

Wastewater Department

Water Department

5.5 Move Rocky Mount Town Council regular meeting from January 8, 2024, to January 22, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

**Motion: To approve the consent agenda as presented**

**Motion By: Council Member Mullins**

**Seconded: 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)**

6. **Hearing of Citizens**

No one at this time

7. **New Business**

7.1 ***Reorganizational Meeting:***

A. Review and Consideration of Appointment of Town Officer

- a. Mr. Billie W. Stockton, Vice Mayor
- b. Mr. Robert J. Wood, Town Manager
- c. Mrs. Rebecca H. Dillon, Town Clerk
- d. Mr. John T. Boitnott, Town Attorney
- e. Mr. Edward L. Hodges, Fire Marshal & Fire Official

B. Review and Consideration of Appointment of Committee Members for Council Committees as set by Mayor C. Holland Perdue III, in January 2023

C. Review and Consideration of Council Members and other Representatives for the Following Committees:

- a. West Piedmont Planning District
- b. Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission

**Motion:** To continue with all appointments as they are currently named from the Reorganizational Meeting on January 5, 2023, and Council Members as well as other Representatives are to continue to serve West Piedmont Planning District and the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission as they are currently named.

**Motion By:** Council Member Lee

**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 – 0)**

## 8. **Adjournment**

**Motion:** To adjourn

**Time:** 6:13 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

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C. Holland Perdue III, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Rebecca H. Dillon, Town Clerk