



**ROCKY MOUNT TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**November 12, 2024
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
Mark W. Moore, Assistant Town Manager
Vincent Copenhaver, Finance Director
Michael "Kevin" Adkins, Water Treatment Plant Superintendent
Daniel Pinard, Economic & Cultural Development Director
Dennis "Moe" Potter, Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent
Brian Schofield, Public Works Superintendent
Blake Flinchum, Grant Coordinator

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 for all the members that 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.

Motion: To approve the agenda

Motion By: Vice Mayor Stockton

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. Special Items

4.1 Resolution Council Member Ralph Casey for 32 years of service to West Piedmont Planning District Commission

As Mayor Perdue shared the resolution with everyone, Council Member Casey was recognized for his many years of service to the citizens of Rocky Mount and surrounding area. Council Member Casey was the longest serving member in the history of the Commission whose dedication to helping those in need is unmatched.

5. Approval of Draft Minutes

5.1 Regular Town Council Meeting Draft Minutes – October 21, 2024

Motion: To approve the draft minutes as presented

Motion By: Council Member Mullins

Second: Council Member Newbill

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)

6. Approval of Consent Agenda

4.1 Miscellaneous Action

Request for street closure to hold the Rocky Mount Rotary Club Christmas Parade for 2024

4.2 Miscellaneous Resolutions/Proclamations

Amendment Establishing Resolution to the Veterans Commission

4.4 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

Motion By: Vice Mayor Stockton

Second: 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)

7. Hearing of Citizens

Mrs. Glenna Hawkins Moore of 45 Scenic River Drive, Rocky Mount, Virginia. Raising the Shade Franklin County 1850-1910. Mrs. Moore referenced the Christmas story of Crispus Attucks which was about a Black man who was thought to be the first casualty of the American Revolution. William Cuff and Sylvester Beverly were two confirmed black Revolutionary War privates. Sylvester Beverly served in the continental army of the war and was the great, great grandfather of Civil War privates Harriett Beverly and Samuel Beverly; two members of the United States Colored Troops born in Franklin County. Sylvester Beverly served from 1776 until the end of the war in 1781. Private Sylvester Beverly, Private Harriett Beverly, and Private Samuel Beverly were all patriots.

8. New Business

8.1 Resolution to adopt Town of Rocky Mount legislative priorities

The priorities were explained in the resolution and once approved, will be sent to Richmond.

Motion: To adopt the resolution of legislative priorities as presented.

Motion By: Council Member Mullins

Second: Council Member Clements

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)

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)

9. Closed Meeting and Action

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

Time: 6:07 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.

Motion: To go into closed session

Motion By: Vice Mayor Stockton

Second: Council Member Mullins

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: 6:13 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 Tuesday, November 12, 2024, 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 Mullins

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)

POST CLOSED SESSION ACTION:

Motion: To appoint Mrs. Melanie Wright to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Mark Redden on the Economic Development Authority (EDA) with the term expiring 09/30/2027.

Motion By: Council Member Clements

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)

Having no further business to discuss, Mayor Perdue entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

10. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn

Time: 6:15 p.m.

Motion By: Council Member Mullins

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