



**ROCKY MOUNT TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**December 9, 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 Copenhagen, 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  
Jason Divers, Lieutenant of Patrol, RMPD  
Mark Lovern, Captain, RMPD  
Shawn Richardson, Lieutenant of Patrol, RMPD  
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 Vice Mayor Billie W. Stockton presiding.

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**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**

Vice Mayor Stockton led in the pledge of allegiance.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Prior to the meeting, Council received the agenda for review and consideration. The agenda was amended to not include a closed session at this meeting as well as to add Mr. Ed Hodges to receive a service award.

**Motion:** To approve the amended agenda

**Motion By:** Council Member Lee

**Seconded:** Council Member Mullins

**Motion Discussion:** None

**Ayes:** (5): Council Member Casey, Council Member Clements, Council Member Lee, Council Member Mullins, and Council Member Newbill.

**Approved** (5 to 0)

**4. Approval of Consent Agenda**

4.1 Miscellaneous Action

4.2 Miscellaneous Resolutions/Proclamations

Resolution regarding investment in cultural and economic development

4.3 Approval of Draft Minutes

Regular Town Council Meeting Draft Minutes – November 12, 2024

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:** Council Member Casey

**Second:** Council Member Clements

**Motion Discussion:** None

**Ayes:** (5): Council Member Casey, Council Member Clements, Council Member Lee, Council Member Mullins, and Council Member Newbill.

**Approved** (5 to 0)

## **5. Public Hearing**

- 5.1 Consider disposition of real property located at 85 West Court Street in the town of Rocky Mount

In an agreement entered into between Franklin County and the Town of Rocky Mount, the County and the Town agreed to trade two properties which was the Rescue Squad property that the Town owned for the property behind the Farmers Market that was County owned. Under state law, a locality must publish a notice in the newspaper and hold a public hearing before taking action to dispose of the property owned by the locality.

The notice or ad was published, and this item meets the requirements for holding a public hearing.

**Motion:** To move forward with the disposition of real property located at 85 West Court Street.

**Motion By:** Council Member Lee

**Second:** Council Member Clements

**Motion Discussion:** None

**Ayes:** (5): Council Member Casey, Council Member Clements, Council Member Lee, Council Member Mullins, and Council Member Newbill.

**Approved** (5 to 0)

## **6. New Business**

### **6.1 Presentation of the FY23-24 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. She gave a clean, unmodified opinion on the Town's Financial Report.

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 audit as presented**

**Motion By: Council Member Newbill**

**Second: Council Member Mullins**

**Motion Discussion: None**

**Ayes: (5): Council Member Casey, Council Member Clements, Council Member Lee, Council Member Mullins, and Council Member Newbill.**

**Approved (5 to 0)**

### **6.2 Budget Appropriation**

The Town received additional revenues that were not budgeted in the adopted FY2024-2025 budget. These additional revenues require a Council appropriation so they can be expended for the purposes indicated. The total of new revenue was \$10,197.

Included was a request to appropriate \$120,000 of unused bond proceeds for the purchase of two replacement police vehicles.

The total amount requested as supplemental appropriations was \$130,197.

**Motion: To approve the supplemental appropriations resolution.**

**Motion By: Council Member Lee**

**Second: Council Member Casey**

**Motion Discussion: None**

**Ayes: (5): Council Member Casey, Council Member Clements, Council Member Lee, Council Member Mullins, and Council Member Newbill.**

**Approved (5 to 0)**

## **7. Special Items**

### **7.1 Disability Rights & Resource Center 10-Year Celebration**

Mrs. Carol Tuning shared a little bit about the Disability Rights & Resource Center such as how the Center assists and supports individuals with disabilities. The Center is celebrating ten years of service.

Vice Mayor Stockton took this opportunity to name individually and thank all Staff that helped to put on and take part in the Come Home to a Franklin County Christmas.

## 7.2 Service Awards

1. Brandon Mitchell – 5 yrs
2. George Holloway – 5 yrs
3. Jeffrey Sanders – 10 yrs
4. Jason Jones – 15 yrs
5. Joseph Holley – 20 yrs
6. Brian Sink – 40 yrs
7. Edward Hodges – 5 yrs

Employees picked up their awards at the meeting or during the next business day at the Town Manager's Office.

## 7.3 Special Recognition of Rocky Mount Police Department

Mayor Perdue recognized the Rocky Mount Police Department for receiving accreditation. There were members of the law enforcement community present from other parts of the state to share in the special moment with the RMPD. Chief of Police Phillip Young shared there will be a planned celebration at another time.

## 7.4 Special Presentation by Mayor

Mayor Perdue took a few moments to recognize Vice Mayor Billie W. Stockton and the many accomplishments that he played a part in for the betterment of the citizens of the Town of Rocky Mount. There was a resolution presented to the Vice Mayor entailing some of his many accomplishments.

Former Mayor Steve Angle spoke and shared how the Vice Mayor had always held in high regard serving the citizens of the Town and how he had always put the citizens first with everything that he did.

Mayor Perdue then presented the Vice Mayor with a key to the Town and asked the Vice Mayor if he would like to speak. The Vice Mayor thanked everyone he had worked with over the years and shared a few milestones that he had achieved while in office.

8. **Adjournment**

**Motion:** To adjourn

**Time:** 6:37 p.m.

**Motion By:** Council Member Casey

**Seconded By:** Council Member Lee

**Motion Discussion:** None

**Ayes:** (5): Council Member Casey, Council Member Clements, Council Member Lee, Council Member Mullins, and Council Member Newbill

**Approved (5 – 0)**

**Action:** Meeting was adjourned

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C. Holland Perdue III, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Rebecca H. Dillon, Town Clerk