



**ROCKY MOUNT TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**January 13, 2025
6:00 p.m.**

The following members
of Council were present:

Mayor C. Holland Perdue III
Vice Mayor Benjamin K. Mullins
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
Council Member Lucas A. Tuning

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
Trey A. Poulin, Patrol Officer
Mark Lovern, Captain, RMPD
Brad Basham, Assistant Fire Chief

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 members 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 amended agenda

Motion By: Council Member Lee

Seconded: Council Member Casey

Motion Discussion: None

Ayes: (6): Council Member Casey, Council Member Clements, Council Member Lee, Council Member Mullins, and Council Member Newbill, and Council Member Tuning

Approved (6 to 0)

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

4.1 Miscellaneous Action

4.2 Miscellaneous Resolutions/Proclamations

4.3 Approval of Draft Minutes

Reorganizational Town Council Meeting Draft Minutes – January 7, 2025

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 Tuning

Second: Vice Mayor Mullins

Motion Discussion: None

Ayes: (6): Council Member Casey, Council Member Clements, Council Member Lee, Council Member Mullins, and Council Member Newbill, and Council Member Tuning

Approved (6 to 0)

5. **Hearing of Citizens**

5.1 William Cook and Sylvester Beverly

Mrs. Glenna Hawkins Moore of 45 Scenic River Drive, Rocky Mount, Virginia. Raising the Shade Franklin County 1850-1910. Mrs. Moore shared about two Black Franklin County men who served as Privates in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War who were William Cuff, and Sylvester Beverly.

Private Beverly was a relative of two United States Color Troops soldiers born in Franklin County. Private Beverly was the great, great grandfather to Samuel and Herod Beverly. According to military records, Private Beverly served from 1776 to the end of the Revolutionary War in 1781.

In 1793, the Virginia General Assembly required the free Black people to report to court once every three years to be registered and numbered by the Court Clerk and a description was to be entered into the record that included their name, gender, color, statue, and body scars. They were required to carry proof of their freedom as being

without it could mean imprisonment, severe punishment, or being entered into slavery. In 1723, the colonial legislature moved to abolish voting rights for free Black people and Indians. During this time, the state of Virginia was concerned that enslaved Black people might revolt. Therefore in 1809, Virginia passed a law that required a Black person who was free had to leave Virginia within one year.

6. Special Items

6.1 Officer Trey Poulin as the MADD Award recipient for the Rocky Mount Police Department for 2024

Captain Lovern recognized Officer Trey Poulin with the Rocky Mount Police Department for his dedicated training benefiting the police department and making the Town roads safer through enforcement of laws prohibiting impaired driving. Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD) recognizes an officer each year who demonstrates outstanding commitment to fighting impaired driving and to improve road safety. Officer Poulin was recognized for his outstanding performance in investigating and making arrests for impaired driving arrests in the department—making him the department's nominee for the 2023-2024 MADD award for the most impaired driving arrests and investigations in the Town of Rocky Mount.

7. New Business

7.1 Approval of Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget and Capital Improvement Plan Adoption Calendar

Finance Director Copenhaver shared a summarization of the Town Council calendar.

Motion: To approve the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget and Capital Improvement Plan Adoption Calendar as presented

Motion By: Vice Mayor Mullins

Second: Council Member Casey

Motion Discussion: None

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

Approved (6 to 0)

7.2 Adopt Town of Rocky Mount Debt Management Policy

Finance Director Copenhagen shared a summarization of the Rocky Mount Debt Management Policy and the reason for the Town adopting the policy.

Motion: To adopt the Rocky Mount Debt Management Policy as presented.

Motion By: Council Member Casey

Second: Vice Mayor Mullins

Motion Discussion: None

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

Approved (6 to 0)

At this time, Mayor Perdue thanked everyone with Public Works and the Police Department for all their work during the winter weather event over the past week.

8. **Adjournment**

Motion: To adjourn

Time: 6:11 p.m.

Motion By: Vice Mayor Mullins

Seconded By: Council Member Lee

Motion Discussion: None

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

Approved (6 – 0)

Action: Meeting was adjourned

C. Holland Perdue III, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rebecca H. Dillon, Town Clerk