



**ROCKY MOUNT TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**February 10, 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 Mark H. Newbill

Council Member Lucas A. Tuning was unable to attend.

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
Jessica Angle, Town Planner
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 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 amended agenda

Motion By: Council Member Newbill

Seconded: Council Member Casey

Motion Discussion: None

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

Approved (5 to 0)

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

4.1 Miscellaneous Action

4.2 Miscellaneous Resolutions/Proclamations

4.3 Approval of Draft Minutes

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 Mullins

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)

5. **Special Items**

5.1 Recognize Daniel Pinard for Roanoker Magazine's Forty under Forty

Mayor Perdue recognized Economic and Cultural Development Director Pinard for Roanoker Magazine's Forty under Forty accomplishment.

5.2 Recognize Fire Departments and other Agencies for joint effort to contain and extinguish the Wades Gap Fire

Mayor Perdue read a resolution written for all the fire departments and other agencies that assisted with the wildfire at Wades Gap on Wednesday, January 30, 2025, including special recognition for Callaway Fire Chief James Webb. The fire departments that responded to the wildfire included Franklin County Fire and EMS, Callaway, Boones Mill, Ferrum, Henry, Rocky Mount, Burnt Chimney, Scruggs, glade Hill, Snow Creek, Fork Mountain, Floyd County Station 3, Floyd County Station 1, and Cave Spring. The volunteer fire crews also received assistance from the Virginia Department of Forestry, Virginia State Police, Virginia Department of Emergency Management, Franklin County Sheriff's Office,

and the American Red Cross. The Rocky Mount Town Council and the Town of Rocky Mount wish to thank them all.

6. Hearing of Citizens

Mrs. Glenna Hawkins Moore of 45 Scenic River Drive, Rocky Mount, Virginia. Dr. Carter G. Woodson was called the father of Black history. Dr. Woodson was an American historian, an author and journalist, and was the founder of the association for the study of African American life and history. Dr. Woodson believed that all children should be proud of their heritage and that all children should understand the significant contributions made by Black Americans. He lived from 1875-1950.

Lee M. Waid, who was principal at Lee M. Waid Elementary School, celebrated negro history week every year during the month of February. Each year all the bulletin boards in the school would be decorated with the history and Black people who had done important things.

The first Negro history week was in February 1926. February was also the birth month of two prominent figures in the fight for freedom for Black people, Abraham Lincoln, and Fredrick Douglas. Dr. Woodson tried to ensure that Black history was accurately taught to school-age children. Dr. Woodson was the son of a former slave and only the second African American to obtain a PhD at Harvard University. He was also the only person in history whose parents were enslaved.

7. New Business

7.1 Presentation from RVARC Executive Director Jeremy Holmes

The Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission Executive Director gave the annual update that highlighted a few of their projects done over the past year and what they are undertaking in the next year.

The Town of Rocky Mount hosted the 2024 Annual Dinner last year at the Harvester Performance Center. The Regional Commission and everyone invited found it delightful.

The Regional Commission has been reviewing Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Implementation, World Micro Transit, and Raise Grants.

These projects are all interconnected as Rocky Mount has many job connections from the valley and a lot of development is happening on Route 220 with Summit View. There are

many connections between our region such as the Harvester Performance Center, tourism, and dining, and more.

No action was needed here.

7.2 Planning & Zoning Fee Schedule Update

The fee schedule was updated to be sure that the cost of the services, whether that be the BZA members stipend or a notice being run in the newspaper were covered. The last time the schedule was updated was in 2015. The Planning Commission reviewed this item and recommended approval of the proposed changes.

Motion: To approve the Planning & Zoning fee schedule update as presented

Motion By: Council Member Casey

Second: Vice Mayor Mullins

Motion Discussion: None

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

Approved (5 to 0)

7.3 Resolution regarding Appalachian Regional Commission

The Regional Commission was formed to help make funding as well as support services available in needed areas. Franklin County adopted a resolution asking to be considered as part of it and ask if the Town would do the same also asking to be considered part of it.

Motion: To adopt the resolution regarding acceptance into the Appalachian Regional Commission as presented.

Motion By: Council Member Lee

Second: Council Member Casey

Motion Discussion: None

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

Approved (5 to 0)

7.4 Resolution regarding funding for the Blue Ridge Parkway

Blue Ridge Rising was put together to raise funds for the parkway. Also, there was a series of meetings that citizens could attend to share their thoughts on how they would like to see the parkway in the future. After the meetings, Blue Ridge Rising was developed to begin to make improvements, etc. Economic & Cultural Development Director Pinard was asked and will be participating as a representative of the gateway communities.

Motion: To adopt the resolution regarding funding for the Blue Ridge Parkway as presented.

Motion By: Council Member Lee

Second: Council Member Casey

Motion Discussion: None

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

Approved (5 to 0)

7.5 Resolution regarding the Roanoke Valley Transportation Planning Organization

The Roanoke Valley Transportation Planning Organization is a group formed to be able to apply for certain types of transportation funding. The organization reviews applications for funding and prioritizes projects for the region. Franklin County would like to make the position that they currently hold as a non-voting member into a voting member. Franklin County made their request to their board and asked if the Town would support them as well.

Motion: To adopt the resolution regarding the Roanoke Valley Transportation Planning Organization to support Franklin County as a voting member in the organization as presented.

Motion By: Vice Mayor Mullins

Second: Council Member Newbill

Motion Discussion: None

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

Approved (5 to 0)

7.6 FY2024-2025 Supplemental Appropriations Resolution

The Town received additional revenues for the FY24-25 budget that were not budgeted for therefore these revenues require Council appropriation that they may be expended for the purposes shown in the resolution that was included in the Council packet prior to the meeting. There was also a request to use \$77,980 from utility reserves to pay for the purchase of an emergency water pump and \$41,810 from the general fund from the general fund unappropriated balance for equipment at the municipal building. The total amount requested as supplemental appropriations is \$215,300.

Motion: To approve the total amount requested as supplemental appropriations in the amount of \$215,300 as presented.

Motion By: Vice Mayor Mullins

Second: Council Member Newbill

Motion Discussion: None

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

Approved (5 to 0)

8. **Adjournment**

Motion: To adjourn

Time: 6:35 p.m.

Motion By: Council Member Lee

Seconded By: Council Member Newbill

Motion Discussion: None

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

Approved (5 – 0)

Action: Meeting was adjourned

C. Holland Perdue III, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rebecca H. Dillon, Town Clerk