



**ROCKY MOUNT TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**April 14, 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

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
Dennis "Moe" Potter, Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent
Brian Schofield, Public Works Superintendent
Mark Lovern, Captain, 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.

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.

Motion: To approve the agenda as presented

Motion By: Council Member Lee

Seconded: 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)

4. Special Items

4.1 Resolution honoring the 25th Anniversary of the Franklin County Toastmasters Club

Mayor Perdue read the resolution aloud to mark 25 years for the Club here in Franklin County with Ms. Leigh Prom to receive it.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

5.1 Miscellaneous Action

5.2 Miscellaneous Resolutions/Proclamations

5.3 Approval of Draft Minutes

Rocky Mount Town Council Meeting Draft Minutes – March 10, 2025

Emergency Called Town Council Meeting Draft Minutes – April 3, 2025

5.4 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 Tuning

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)

6. **Hearing of Citizens**

Glenna Hawkins Moore of 45 Scenic River Drive, Rocky Mount, VA, shared that after the Civil War, Virginia and other states were required to write new state constitutions before the legislators would be reseated in the U.S. Congress. The 13th Amendment was expected to be ratified and officially abolish slavery, the 14th Amendment guaranteeing citizenship to ex-slaves, and the 15th Amendment was expected to guarantee the right for all men to vote. She also shared about Kazaya Smothers, a free Black woman in Franklin County and her grandson, private Samuel Smothers.

7. New Business

7.1 Recognize Water Treatment Plant for 2024 Gold Performance Award

The Town received a gold award for qualifying for and receiving the 2024 Gold Performance Award for Excellence in the operation of the Water Plant.

No Action Was Needed

7.2 Presentation of Town of Rocky Mount Purposed FY2025-2026 Budget

Town Manager Wood shared the Proposed Budget books would be given to Council at the conclusion of the meeting and the first budget work session would be held on Thursday, April 17th at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. If Council had any questions prior to the meeting, Town Manager Wood, Assistant Town Manager Moore, and Finance Director Copenhaver would be happy to discuss the budget with them.

No Action Was Needed

8. Closed Meeting and Action

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

Time: 6:12 p.m.

Virginia Code Section:

Section 2.2-3711(a).3 Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body.

Section 2.2-3711(a).5 Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the businesses or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community.

Motion: To go into closed session

Motion By: Council Member Casey

Second: Council Member Tuning

Motion Discussion: None

Action: To go into a closed meeting

Ayes: (6): Vice Mayor Mullins, Council Member Casey, Council Member Clements, Council Member Lee, Council Member Newbill, and Council Member Tuning
Approved (6 – 0)

- One citizen had wished to speak during the Hearing of the Citizens but arrived close to the time of the meeting and was not clear on how the process worked. Mayor Perdue spotted her and asked Council to allow her to speak before leaving the room for the closed session. Mrs. Reba Carter, of 365 Dent Street in Rocky Mount, spoke regarding the condition of North Main Street and how bumpy the ride is in the vehicle on the far right North bound lane. She asked when it would be paved. Mayor Perdue stated that the Hearing of Citizens was not a time that Council would answer questions, but that Assistant Town Manager Moore would take her information and call her to follow up.

Going Into Closed Session

Returning from Closed Session

Town Clerk Dillon Stated the Recording had Resumed.

Time: 6:56 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 Mullins	Present	Certify
A. Ralph Casey	Present	Certify
David K. Clements	Present	Certify
J. Tyler Lee	Present	Certify
Mark H. Newbill	Present	Certify
Lucas A. Tuning	Present	Certify
Mayor, C. Holland Perdue III	Present	Certify

Certified: (7): Vice Mayor Mullins, Council Member Casey, Council Member Clements, Council Member Lee, Council Member Newbill, Council Member Tuning, 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 Monday, April 14, 2025, 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 Lee

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 – 0)

POST CLOSED SESSION ACTION:

Mayor Perdue stated that he would like staff to draft a letter to Franklin County to ask the questions that Council has regarding the proposed Career and Technical

Education (CTE) facility. He asked for a motion and a second to allow the draft letter with the questions about the proposed CTE facility be sent to the County.

Motion: For staff to draft a letter and questions regarding the proffers about the CTE Center and it be sent to the Franklin County Board of Supervisors.

Motion By: Council Member Lee

Second: Council Member Clements

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)

8. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn

Time: 6:59 p.m.

Motion By: Council Member Tuning

Seconded By: 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 – 0)

Action: Meeting was adjourned

C. Holland Perdue III, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rebecca H. Dillon, Town Clerk