



**ROCKY MOUNT TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**June 9, 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
Phillip Young, Chief of Police, RMPD
Daniel Pinard, Economic & Cultural Development Director
Blake Flinchum, Grant Coordinator
Shawn Richardson, Lieutenant of Investigations, RMPD
Mark Lovern, 1st Sergeant, RMPD
Amy D. Gordon, Assistant Finance Director/Human Resource Director
Missy Morris, Virginia Main Street Executive Director

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. **Approval of Consent Agenda**

4.1 Miscellaneous Action

Plygem 5K Event Request

Franklin County High School Homecoming Parade

4.2 Miscellaneous Resolutions/Proclamations

Proclamation Celebrating National Public Works Week May 18-24, 2025

Revise budgetary supplemental appropriations resolution FY2024-2025 budget

4.3 Approval of Draft Minutes

Regular Town Council Meeting Draft Minutes – May 12, 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 Lee

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)

5. **Special Items**

5.1 Introduction of new Police Officers

New officers to the Rocky Mount Police Department were Officer Jeffery McCarty and Officer Dillon Shipman.

Officer Tyler White received a promotion to the rank of Sergeant of the Patrol Division. His wife Madison pinned his new badge onto his uniform.

5.2 Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month Proclamation

Mayor Perdue shared the proclamation with everyone as he read it to its recipient, Leigh Prom, who leads in this area to raise awareness of the disease both for those having been diagnosed with the disease and for their care givers.

6. **New Business**

6.1 Name newly constructed road off of Weaver Street to honor former Council Member Sadie Tuning.

Motion: To approve of naming the newly constructed road off of Weaver Street in honor of a former Council Member, Sadie Tuning.

Motion By: Council Member Clements

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)

6.2 Improvements to Mary Elizabeth Park

A map of Mary Elizabeth Park was given to each member of Council prior to the meeting for their reference. To best maintain the park space, Council approved a modification included in the FY2026 CIP, in which the tennis courts, basketball courts, and the pickleball courts would be resurfaced. It was decided that for best use of space in the park, to make a modification to the basketball court, separate with fencing and to install three additional pickleball courts while taking out one of the tennis courts.

Motion: To approve and proceed with the modifications as they were presented for Mark Elizabeth Park.

Motion By: Vice Mayor Mullins

Seconded: Council Member Tuning

Motion Discussion: None

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

Nays: (1): Council Member Lee

Approved (5 to 1)

7. Hearing of Citizens

Glenna Hawkins Moore of 45 Scenic River Drive, Rocky Mount, VA, told a story of many of the African Americans that were not in the textbooks to teach others how they lived. Raising The Shade Franklin County 1850 – 1910 will help shed some light on the seventy brave men from Franklin County who fought and likely helped win the Civil War.

8. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn

Time: 6:19 p.m.

Motion By: Vice Mayor Mullins

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