

**ROCKY MOUNT TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 13, 2018**

The November 13, 2018 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, at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Steven C. Angle presiding.

The following members of Council were present:

- Mayor Steven C. Angle
- Vice Mayor Billie Wayne Stockton
- Robert L. Moyer
- Mark H. Newbill
- Jon W. Snead

The following staff members were also present:

- Allan Arrington, Lt. of Investigations
- Tim Burton, Waste Water Superintendent
- Ken Criner, Chief of Police
- Rebecca H. Dillon, Town Clerk/Executive Administrative Assistant
- C. James Ervin, Town Manager
- Edward "Jeff" Gauldin, Water Superintendent
- Matthew Hankins, Assistant Town Manager
- Jessica Heckman, Town Planner
- Mark Lovern, Lt. of Patrol
- Linda P. Woody, Finance Director

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Steven C. Angle.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Angle led in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Prior to the meeting, Council had received the agenda for review and consideration of approval.

Motion: To approve the agenda
Motion By: Council Member Snead
Second: Vice Mayor Stockton
Motion Discussion: None
Ayes: Moyer, Newbill, Snead, Stockton
Nays: None
Action: Approved the agenda by a unanimous vote.

SPECIAL ITEMS

None at this time.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Transfer of Public Property – Empire Foods

On October 15, 2018, an economic development announcement for Empire Foods was made in Rocky Mount. The announcement was that Franklin County and Rocky Mount had agreed to award up to 10 acres of property to Empire Bakery in the Industrial Park. This property would allow for Empire Bakery Commissary to expand currently and into the future. In order to facilitate the \$10.4 million expansion, approximately 3 acres from the Cox property would be needed for grading, leveling and to install the docks and truck turnarounds for the Empire Bakery Commissary.

An advertisement was placed in the local newspaper and a public hearing was held. Staff recommended that Council alter the previous plans and authorize the transfer of property as well as any paperwork that would need to be completed for the transfer of property to take place. The performance agreement is contingent upon the approval of the property transfer.

Motion: To approve the request
Motion By: Council Member Moyer
Second: Council Member Newbill
Motion Discussion: None
Ayes: Moyer, Newbill, Snead, Stockton
Nays: None
Action: Approved the agenda by a unanimous vote.

2. Transfer of Public Property – Better Built Performance

Better Built Performance had been in negotiation with Town Staff regarding construction of a permanent facility on Weaver Street on a portion of the Cox Farm industrial property. Staff believed that Better Built Performance chose the Rocky Mount location and the amenities it will afford as a significant opportunity for the company to grow here.

An advertisement was placed in the local newspaper, a public hearing held and Staff recommended to authorize the Town Manager or his designee and the Town Attorney to take necessary steps to facilitate the transfer of property to Better Built Performance or their designee, upon satisfactory completion of the survey and the performance agreement.

The Town was to give them up to but not to exceed four acres and the conveyance would only take place upon Better Built Performance or their designee signing a performance agreement.

Motion: To approve the transfer of property with the contingency of a performance agreement and a survey being completed. The conveyance would not occur until such time as the performance agreement and survey had been completed.

Motion By: Vice Mayor Stockton

Second: Council Member Snead

Motion Discussion: None

Ayes: Moyer, Newbill, Snead, Stockton

Nays: None

Action: Approved the transfer of property by a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Received by Council in their packet for this scheduled meeting were draft minutes for review and consideration of approval:

- October 8, 2018 – Regular Meeting Minutes
- November 5, 2018 – Quarterly Work Session Meeting Minutes

Discussion: None

Motion: To approve the draft minutes as presented.

Motion By: Council Member Newbill

Second: Vice Mayor Stockton

Motion Discussion: None

Ayes: Moyer, Newbill, Snead, Stockton

Nays: None

Action: Approved the motion by a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

This month's consent agenda consists of the following items:

- (1) **Miscellaneous Action** (none at this time)
- (2) **Miscellaneous Resolutions/Proclamations** (none at this time)
- (3) **Department Monthly Reports**

- Community Development Department
- Finance Department
- Fire Department
- Police Department
- Public Works Department
- Wastewater Department
- Water Department

Discussion: None

Motion: To approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion By: Council Member Snead

Second: Council Member Moyer

Motion Discussion: None

Ayes: Moyer, Newbill, Snead, Stockton

Nays: None

Action: Approved the consent agenda as presented by a unanimous vote.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Mayor Angle opened the floor to any citizens wishing to speak.

Let the record show that no one came forward.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Clock/Sign Update

Years ago, as part of a Downtown Revitalization Project, the Town of Rocky Mount secured an installed a Town Clock at Citizens Square in downtown Rocky Mount. The clock, although it was nice, had not worked correctly for many years. The clock had technical issues and each face had an independent motor of its own which could be quite expensive to fix. As Council contemplated how to address the issue, staff had four options for Council's review.

1. Do nothing and all sides of the clock will eventually be right twice a day.
2. Keep and continue to maintain the existing clock, replacing motors as they go bad which could be expensive with labor and parts.
3. Replace the existing clock with another clock.
4. Replace the existing clock with a community message board with decorative elements and an LED community message board.

Mr. Hankins stated that although Council Member Cundiff could not be present at the Council meeting, Council Member Cundiff had shared with him that he would like to see an LED message board in the place of the clock.

Council Member Newbill stated that the area being discussed was in the historic district and clarified that Council would have to give Mr. Hankins permission to put any items on display

there. At this time, Mayor Angle asked Mr. Hankins to put together some information with items that may be able to go in the area in question for Council to review.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Authorization for the Town to Continue Participation with Duncan-Williams as a Broker for Pershing

Duncan-Williams did not have a current resolution on file for the Town of Rocky Mount therefore Staff submitted for Council's consideration a resolution to authorize Duncan-Williams to continue to be a broker for the Town.

Discussion: None

Motion: To approve the resolution to authorize the Town to continue to use Duncan-Williams as a broker.

Motion By: Council Member Snead

Second: Vice Mayor Stockton

Motion Discussion: None

Ayes: Moyer, Newbill, Snead, Stockton

Nays: None

Action: Approved the motion by a unanimous vote.

2. Goodwill Industries Parade on December 14, 2018

Goodwill Industries would like to be granted permission to hold a parade on Friday, December 14, 2018 beginning at 10:00 a.m. The route will be beginning on North Main Street at the Rocky Mount Bowling Center and concluding at the Goodwill Facility. The plans have been reviewed and approved by your police department.

Discussion: None

Motion: To approve Goodwill Industries holding a parade on Friday, December 14, 2018.

Motion By: Council Member Newbill

Second: Council Member Snead

Motion Discussion: None

Ayes: Moyer, Newbill, Snead, Stockton

Nays: None

Action: Approved the motion by a unanimous vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None at this time.

REFERRALS TO PLANNING

None at this time.

OTHER MATTERS AND CONCERNS

No Rise n' Shine on Monday November 12, 2018

CLOSED MEETING AND ACTION

Enter Closed Meeting

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

Time: 7:24 p.m.

Virginia Code Section:

Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) Discussion, consideration or interviews of prospective candidates for employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining or resignation of specific public officers, appointees or employees of any public body. (EDA)

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Motion By: Council Member Moyer

Second: Vice Mayor Stockton

Motion Discussion: None

Ayes: Moyer, Snead, Stockton, Newbill

Nays: None

Action: To go into a closed meeting

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, March 14, 2016 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.

Steven C. Angle, Mayor

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn meeting

Time: 7:43 p.m.

Motion By: Council Member Snead

Second: Vice Mayor Stockton

Motion Discussion: None

Ayes: Moyer, Newbill, Snead, Stockton

Nays: None

Action: Adjourned by a unanimous vote

Steven C. Angle, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rebecca H. Dillon, Town Clerk