

**ROCKY MOUNT TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 14, 2019**

The October 14, 2019 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 W. Stockton
- Bobby M. Cundiff
- Robert L. Moyer
- Mark H. Newbill
- Jon W. Snead
- Gregory B. Walker

The following staff members were also present:

- Allan Arrington, Lt. of Investigations
- Tim Burton, Waste Water Treatment Superintendent
- Rebecca H. Dillon, Town Clerk / Executive Administrative Assistant
- C. James Ervin, Town Manager
- Ed "Jeff" Gauldin, Water Superintendent
- Matthew Hankins, Assistant Town Manager
- Jessica Heckman, Town Planner
- Mark Lovern, Lt. of Patrol
- Brian Schofield, Public Works Superintendent
- Justin Woodrow, Fire Chief
- 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 Newbill

Second: Council Member Snead

Motion Discussion: None

Ayes: Cundiff, Moyer, Newbill, Snead, Stockton, Walker

Nays: None

Action: Approved the agenda by a unanimous vote.

SPECIAL ITEMS

1. Resolution Honoring the Disability Rights and Resource Center – 5 Year Celebration

The month of October, Congress has declared as National Disability Employment Awareness Month to recognize the contributions made by individuals with disabilities. In addition, the Americans with Disabilities Act was signed into law on July 26, 1990 which established a clear and comprehensive national mandate for the elimination of discrimination to ensure the civil rights of people with disabilities. Ms. Carol Tunning was present to receive the resolution celebrating and honoring the Disability Rights and Resource Center's 5 years the center has been in Rocky Mount, Virginia.

2. Resolution Honoring Joyce Moran with Southern Virginia Child Advocacy Center

No one was present to receive this award. The Mayor asked that this item be tabled until Mrs. Moran could attend.

One additional note was provided by Mr. Hankins which was the mention of the Harvester Performance Center being an award nominee for the 2019 Perry F. Kendig Award.

PUBLIC HEARING

None at this time

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- September 9, 2019 – Regular Meeting Minutes

Discussion: None

Motion: To approve the draft minutes.

Motion By: Council Member Snead

Second: Council Member Walker

Motion Discussion: None

Ayes: Cundiff, Moyer, Newbill, Snead, Stockton, Walker

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**
- (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: Vice Mayor Stockton

Second: Council Member Moyer

Motion Discussion: None

Ayes: Cundiff, Moyer, Newbill, Snead, Stockton, Walker

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.

The Mayor opened the floor if anyone else would like to speak and no one came forward.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Franklin County Public Safety Christmas Parade (alternate date)

At the September 9, 2019 Council Meeting, the Franklin County Department of Public Safety requested permission to host an Emergency Services Christmas Parade in town on Saturday, December 7th. Council found conflict with the date and asked Public Safety to entertain an alternate date. Mr. William B. Ferguson who is Director of Public Safety submitted an alternate date of December 14, 2019 for Council's approval. The parade would begin at 6:00 p.m. at the Franklin County Middle School parking lot and end at Ply Gem (Old Lane Company) parking lot. Permission has been granted from Franklin County Public Schools Transportation Department and Rocky Mount Police Department have reviewed and approved the event.

Discussion: None

Motion: To approve the request as presented.

Motion By: Vice Mayor Stockton

Second: Council Member Newbill

Motion Discussion: None

Ayes: Cundiff, Moyer, Newbill, Snead, Stockton, Walker

Nays: None

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

2. First Responders Memorial Update

Mr. Hankins shared with Council that Members of the Commission have worked through Spring and Summer with the landscape architect to solicit bids for site work at the memorial. One quote had been received for the installation of concrete base to support the brick pavers at the memorial. Included in the quote will be curbing and guttering to better define the parking area and the park space. Vice-chair and former Fire Chief Charlie Robertson will be assisting in bringing some of the next phases of the memorial to completion. A Council Member inquired as to when the Memorial might be dedicated. Mr. Hankins is hopeful the dedication will take place by May of 2020 or earlier if possible.

No action was needed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. STEP, Inc. Into Christmas Event

Mr. Ervin presented to Council the second annual "STEP Into Christmas" home tour where families decorate their home with holiday décor for folks to come and tour. The "STEP Into Christmas" event will be held on Saturday, December 7, 2019 from 1-5 p.m. The homes that will be featured on the tour this year will be on Claiborne Avenue. The tour will be held between and in partnership with Welcome Home to a Franklin County Christmas and the Rotary Christmas Parade. Mr. Crouse had spoken with the Rocky Mount Police Department who had reviewed and approved the plans for the tour.

Discussion: None

Motion: To approve the request for the "STEP Into Christmas" event as submitted.

Motion By: Council Member Moyer

Second: Council Member Snead

Motion Discussion: None

Ayes: Cundiff, Moyer, Newbill, Snead, Stockton, Walker

Nays: None

Action: Approved the motion by a unanimous vote.

2. Resolution Request for Blue Ridge Parkway

Mr. Ervin shared with Council that from time to time the Blue Ridge Parkway had been closed for maintenance issues. The Blue Ridge Parkway, being the significant tourist draw that it is to our region, is in need of sufficient funds to be provided to open and maintain the parkway especially during this time of year when the parkway is so heavily traveled. Mr. Ervin asked Council to approve the resolution presented to them in their packet that would help secure the funds necessary to restore the parkway.

Discussion: None

Motion: To approve the resolution as presented.

Motion By: Council Member Newbill

Second: Council Member Moyer

Motion Discussion: None

Ayes: Cundiff, Moyer, Newbill, Snead, Stockton, Walker

Nays: None

Action: Approved the motion by a unanimous vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Community & Economic Development Committee met on September 25, 2019 and a second Committee Meeting was held on October 14, 2019 just prior to the Town Council Meeting which was past the time to be included in the packet.

Council Member Newbill who is Chairman of the Community & Economic Development Committee, brought to Council the proposal that the committee had reviewed from AIRNETIX, LLC. The quote was of \$38,000 for seven speakers however, it was the committee's unanimous recommendation to add two additional speakers. Vice Mayor Stockton commented that he would like the public to know that the money for the AIRNETIX system was in the budget through the tourism and branding line item and the purpose of the money was to make the Town more appealing to tourist who visit the Town and others who live in the Town. When asked how soon could the system be installed, Mr. Hankins replied that the AIRNETIX system will have to be bid out to follow procurement guidelines set fourth therefore.

Discussion: None

Motion: To approve the recommendation as presented.

Motion By: Council Member Newbill

Second: Council Member Snead

Motion Discussion: None

Ayes: Cundiff, Moyer, Newbill, Snead, Stockton, Walker

Nays: None

Action: Approved the motion by a unanimous vote.

REFERRALS TO PLANNING

None at this time

OTHER MATTERS AND CONCERNS

No one was on Rise n' Shine today.

Council Member Moyer asked if the handrail on Celeste Park Bridge, that he had mentioned at a previous meeting, had been installed yet. Mr. Hankins replied that he and Mr. Schofield had not had a chance to look at the bridge or take the mowing equipment out to the bridge as the bridge was for performing maintenance to the other side of the park and not so much for pedestrians.

CLOSED MEETING AND ACTION

Enter Closed Meeting

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

Time: 7:25 p.m.

Virginia Code Section:

Section 2.2-3711(A)(7) Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body; and consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel. For the purposes of this subdivision, "probable litigation" means litigation that has been specifically threatened or on which the public body or its legal counsel has a reasonable basis to believe will be commenced by or against a known party. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to permit the closure of a meeting merely because an attorney representing the public body is in attendance or is consulted on a matter. (Employment)

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. (Town Manager's Office)

Motion By: Vice Mayor Stockton

Second: Council Member Walker

Motion Discussion: None

Ayes: Cundiff, Moyer, Newbill, Snead, Stockton, Walker

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: 8:22 p.m.

Motion By: Council Member Snead

Second: Council Member Walker

Motion Discussion: None

Ayes: Cundiff, Moyer, Newbill, Snead, Stockton, Walker

Nays: None

Action: Adjourned by a unanimous vote

Steven C. Angle, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rebecca H. Dillon, Town Clerk

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