

**ROCKY MOUNT TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 12, 2019**

The November 12, 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:

- Tim Burton, Waste Water Treatment Superintendent
- Ken Criner, Chief of Police
- Rebecca H. Dillon, Town Clerk/Executive Administrative Assistant
- C. James Ervin, Town Manager
- Ed "Jeff" Gauldin, Water Superintendent
- Matthew Hankins, Assistant Town Manager
- Mark Lovern, Lt. of Patrol
- Brian Schofield, Public Works Superintendent
- 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.

Let the record show that the agenda was amended to remove the resolution for Ms. Moran as Ms. Moran was not able to make the Council meeting to receive the resolution due to being held up in court in Pittsylvania County.

Motion: To approve the amended 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 amended agenda by a unanimous vote.

SPECIAL ITEMS

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

As stated, Ms. Moran was unable to attend the meeting.

2. Resolution Presented to Organizers of "Cruisin" Rocky Mount

Mayor Angle presented to the group of organizers who were: Mr. Jeff Rakes, Ms. Kimberly Najduch, Council Member Jon Snead, Mr. Ronald Campbell and Mr. Fred Jamison. The organizers were a group of local car culture enthusiasts in the Rocky Mount area that came together to create a new event celebrating Rocky Mount's historic cars and cruising culture to bring more neighbors and friends with local businesses and property owners outside to participate in something that would bring the community together.

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:

- October 14, 2019 – Regular Meeting Minutes
- October 28, 2019 – Dinner Meeting / Retreat Meeting Minutes

Discussion: None

Motion: To approve the draft minutes

Motion By: Vice Mayor Stockton

Second: Council Member Moyer

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: Council Member Snead

Second: Council Member Walker

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.

Let the record show that no one came forward.

OLD BUSINESS:

None at this time

NEW BUSINESS

1. Review and Consideration of Voluntary Direct Deposit for Town Council Members

Though the majority of Town employees were already using direct deposit, the Town Finance Department sought to make it mandatory that all Town employees use direct deposit to make for a more reliable and timely delivery of salary. Members of Town Council, Members of the Planning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals are requested to switch to direct deposit. While staff understands that Council can set rules for how the compensation paid to Council Members can be distributed, staff does feel that direct deposit would be more reliable and involve less cost for the Town.

Discussion: It was decided that by Council participating in the direct deposit, it would not only save the Town money but given that new Town employees were no longer given the option of a paper check so too then Council should be required as well.

Motion: To approve Council Members to no longer have the option of a paper check but to make it mandatory for Council Members to use direct deposit to receive their stipends.

Motion By: Council Member Snead

Second: Vice Mayor Stockton

Motion Discussion: None

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

Nays: None

Action: Approved the motion by a unanimous vote.

2. Review and Consideration for Approval of 2020 Town Meeting Calendar

Each year staff put together a yearly meeting calendar with dates set for upcoming meetings in the new calendar year. Presented for Council's approval was the 2020 Town Meeting Calendar. The calendar speaks for Town Council, the Planning Commission and for the Board of Zoning Appeals. It is noted that there were two changes in the meeting calendar just prior to the meeting and Council was given an updated calendar on the diaz. Both changes were addressed as being due to the Planning Commission desiring to not meet on an election evening but to meet the day after.

Discussion: None

Motion: To approve the updated 2020 Town Meeting Calendar with the two changes discussed regarding the Planning Commission's meeting dates which were one in May for the local Town election and the other in November of 2020 for the Presidential election.

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 for the updated 2020 Town Meeting Calendar by a unanimous vote.

3. Review and Consideration for Outlaw Cruisers Car Club Annual Car Show

An Outlaw Cruisers Car Club annual car show was planned for Sunday, May 17, 2020 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The location of the car show would be on Franklin Street at Angle Bridge to Franklin Street and Floyd Avenue. The Rocky Mount Police Department has reviewed and approved the request. The rain date for the event would be on Sunday, May 24, 2020 at the same time.

Discussion: None

Motion: To approve the request as presented.

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.

4. Commonwealth of Virginia State Corporation Commission Change in Area Code

Mr. Ervin presented to Council that the town had received information from the State Corporation Commission that the area code as we know it would in the future either be broken into two parts or an overlay would be placed on top of what the Town has at this time. A comment period was planned although no information was given yet as to when it would be. Mr. Ervin asked if Council would like to make any comments during the period once opened. Mayor Angle stated that no comments from Council would be necessary but would like for Mr. Ervin to update Council on any additional information as he received it including any dates as to when the comment time period would be.

No action was taken at this time.

5. CEDS List for Year 2020

Each year the United States Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration requires the Town to keep on file and update on an annual basis a list of the Town's comprehensive economic development strategies (CEDS) and that the list be filed through the Town's local planning district. The list has evolved to an annual list of projects that are approved and submitted through the West Piedmont Planning District. Mr. Ervin presented the proposed list for 2020 to Council. Mr. Ervin stated that projects must be on the CEDS list to apply for federal funding. Mr. Ervin asked that Council consider and approve the list of projects and authorize the letter that was attached to be sent by the Town Manager.

Discussion: None

Motion: To approve the request as presented.

Motion By: Vice Mayor Stockton

Second: Council Member Snead

Motion Discussion: None

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

Nays: None

Action: Approved the motion by a unanimous vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The Finance and Human Services Committee Met on November 7, 2019.

The Finance and Human Services Committee met on November 7, 2019 to discuss the Pay and Compensation Study that Council had authorized and a Revised Policy Manual that Staff have been working on for some time. A recommendation was not complete for either being discussed at the time of this Council meeting. Council Member Snead who is Chairman of the committee indicated he would like to call another meeting of the Finance and Human Services Committee prior to the next regular Council meeting.

OTHER MATTERS AND CONCERNS

No one appeared on Rise n' Shine as the show was not held on the Council meeting day.

CLOSED MEETING AND ACTION

Enter Closed Meeting

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

Time: 7:35 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. (Town Manager's Office)

Motion By: Vice Mayor Stockton

Second: Council Member Moyer

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: 8:30 p.m.

Motion By: Council Member Moyer

Second: Vice Mayor Stockton

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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