

**ROCKY MOUNT TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 10, 2020**

The February 10, 2020 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:

- Kevin Adkins, Water Treatment Plant Lead Operator
- Allan Arrington, Lt. of Investigations
- John T. Boitnott, Town Attorney
- Tim Burton, Waste Water Treatment Superintendent
- Ken Criner, Chief of Police
- Rebecca H. Dillon, Town Clerk/Executive Administrative Assistant
- C. James Ervin, Town Manager
- Edward "Jeff" Gauldin, Water Plant Superintendent
- Matthew Hankins, Assistant Town Manager
- Jessica H. Heckman, Town Planner
- 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 Snead

Second: Council Member Walker

Motion Discussion: None

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

Nays: None

Action: Approved the agenda by a unanimous vote.

SPECIAL ITEMS

Mayor Angle made special mention to Council of the pictures on the diaz and the list of names regarding the "Mayor's Plaque" that the Town Clerk had been moving forward to assemble for the Municipal Building. Mayor Angle noted if any Council Members had any input for the plaque, the Town Clerk would entertain Council's comments.

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:

- January 13, 2020 – Regular Meeting Minutes
- January 27, 2020 – Special Called Meeting Minutes

Discussion: None

Motion: To approve the draft minutes

Motion By: Vice Mayor Stockton

Second: Council Member Newbill

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 Newbill

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.

Mr. Jeven Jesneck, 453 Old Fort Road, Rocky Mount, VA. Mr. Jesneck shared with Council that Old Fort Road was not very wide and ask that Council not completely remove onstreet parking in the neighborhood.

Mr. Everett Boone, 635 Thompson Ridge Circle, Ferrum, VA. Mr. Boone spoke regarding the history on the fall of the Berlin Wall. Mr. Boone brought several copies of a book with him that entailed language from the founding fathers and provided one copy for each Council Member.

Mrs. Erin Tate, 548 Old Fort Road, Rocky Mount, VA. Mrs. Tate began by saying that the neighborhood road was not very wide but that the matter of just how wide it was should have been addressed when the area development was under construction in the beginning. Mrs. Tate stated that the yards were small, the houses very close together and it was part of her and her husband's routine to move cars around in the mornings to allow each of them to get out for work, etc.

Ms. Leah Gibson, 652 Old Fort Road, Rocky Mount, VA. Ms. Gibson addressed Council saying she was not given any notice of the item on this evening's agenda addressing possibly banning onstreet parking in her neighborhood. Ms. Gibson asked if the onstreet parking was banned, then would residents have to park in their yards and when residents gave a dinner party or had company over, where would the company park?

At this time Mayor Angle stated that Council would not be making a decision regarding the onstreet parking on Old Fort Road at this evening's meeting. Mayor Angle shared with Council that Council should take time to review all the information regarding Old Fort Road and perhaps send the item to the Streets and Sidewalks Committee for those members to meet and discuss and perhaps make a site visit as well as meeting at the Municipal Building.

Mayor Angle asked that Chief Criner, Mr. Schofield, the Committee Members and two members from the Old Fort Road neighborhood that could speak for the residents there be in attendance to the Committee meeting. Mr. Jasneck was said to be the elected representative for the Homeowner's Association.

Mayor asked if anyone else wanted to speak. Let the record show that no one came forward.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Review and Consideration of Supplemental Appropriation Resolution for Agenda Management Software for Rocky Mount Town council and the Rocky Mount Planning Commission

At the January 13th Council meeting, Council approved an Agenda Management Software and technology refresh. The iPads in which Council used for Council meetings and Committee meetings were no longer useable as the iPads were at best less than functional and there had also been problems with the software. Seeing the need to replace the equipment as well as software, Council approved the purchase of new software through eScribe for Council and the Planning Commission at the cost of \$17,000 total with \$11,900 from the general fund contingency and \$5,100 from the utility fund balance and the replacement of new iPads.

Discussion: None

Motion: To approve the use of the funds totaling \$17,000 for the purchase of new Agenda Management Software for Council and the Planning Commission and the purchase of new iPads for Council.

Motion By: Council Member Walker

Second: Council Member Snead

Motion Discussion: None

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

Nays: None

Action: Approved the purchases as presented by a unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

1. VDOT/Angle Bridge Funding Update Request

Assistant Town Manager Hankins gave an overview of the current project to resurface the Angle Bridge.

Staff reported that the project amount has grown year after year as VDOT slowed the project due to the length of time taken by VDOT to grant approvals. As the project estimate has increased due to rising construction costs, the VDOT share of the project has remained the same (as it is surplus funds from the construction of the Peter Saunders Veterans Memorial Bridge project).

VDOT asked that the Town re-affirm its intention to proceed with this project and staff sought Council input prior to advising VDOT.

Let the record show that it was the consensus of Council to proceed.

2. Presentation of Ongoing Projects at the Water Plant

Mr. Gauldin presented to Council some of the items that had been in process in regard of the Water Plant. These include:

The Western Virginia Water Authority interconnection will allow the water plant to be shut down for days at a time to perform much-needed maintenance and the SCADA connection to the interconnect will allow the Superintendent or Lead Operator to turn the interconnect on remotely in emergencies.

The Lower Grassy Hill Tank will be back in-service and the SCADA system will be upgraded. The Town will mitigate the line break problems experienced in the past by reintegrating the Lower Grassy Hill tank and add 200,000 gallons worth of storage to the system.

An ongoing project at the water plant has been the continuous work at controlling disinfection by-products which has been shown to have health risks to newborn infants and pregnant women if consumed in large amounts.

An automatic security gate was installed at the Water Plant. The million-gallon tank on 220 South has been painted.

This item did not require any action at this Council meeting.

3. Budget Calendar for FY 2021

Mr. Ervin presented for Council's consideration a fiscal year 2021 budget calendar to aid Council in the adoption of the FY 2021 budget and FY 2021 - 2025 Capital Improvements Plan at the May 11, 2020 meeting.

It was the consensus of Council to move forward to advertise the fiscal year 2021 budget calendar.

4. Review and Consideration of Banning Public Parking on the Street on Both Sides of Old Fort Road in the Rakes Tavern Subdivision

This item was previously discussed under the Hearing of the Citizens.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Public Utilities Committee Meeting on January 17, 2020

The Public Utilities Committee met on January 17, 2020 to review the reasons for the increased cost of the project and upon consideration recommended to Council that they pass the Appropriations Resolution required to supplement the funding for the meter replacement project.

Discussion: None

Motion: Approved the Appropriations Resolution.

Motion By: Council Member Cundiff

Second: Vice Mayor Stockton

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

Mr. Hankins was on Rise n' Shine today.

CLOSED MEETING AND ACTION

Enter Closed Meeting

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

Time: 7:46 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.
(Downtown Redevelopment)

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.
(Industrial Park)

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 Appointments)

Motion By: Council Member Snead

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

POST CLOSED SESSION ACTION:

Motion: To appoint Mr. Tyler Lee to the vacancy left by Mrs. Brooke Norton on the Economic Development Authority with the term expiring 9/30/2021.

To appoint Mr. Chas Mitchell to the vacancy left by Mrs. Peggy Santrock on the Economic Development Authority with the term expiring 9/30/2022.

To appoint Mrs. Tara Holley to the vacancy left by Mr. Les Hutchinson on the Economic Development Authority with the term expiring 9/30/2024.

Motion By: Council Member Snead

Second: Council Member Walker

Motion Discussion: None

Ayes: Moyer, Newbill, Snead, Stockton, Walker

Nays: Cundiff

Action: Motion approved by a vote of (5-1) in favor of accepting the new members to the Economic Development Authority.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn meeting

Time: 8:41 p.m.

Motion By: Vice Mayor Stockton

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