

**ROCKY MOUNT TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 8, 2018**

The January 8, 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 Gregory B. Walker
- Bobby M. Cundiff
- Robert L. Moyer
- Jon W. Snead
- Billie W. Stockton
- Mark H. Newbill

The following staff members were also present:

- John Boitnott, Town Attorney
- Tim Burton, Waste Water Superintendent
- Ken Criner, Chief of Police
- Robert Deitrich, Water Plant Superintendent
- Rebecca H. Dillon, Executive Administrative Assistant
- C. James Ervin, Town Manager
- Matthew Hankins, Assistant Town Manager
- Jeff Rakes, Fire Chief
- Brian Schofield, Public Works Superintendent

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: Vice Mayor Walker

Motion Discussion: None

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

Nays: None

Action: Approved the agenda by a unanimous vote

SPECIAL ITEMS

None at this time

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:

- December 11, 2017 – Regular Meeting Minutes

Discussion: None

Motion: To approve the draft minutes

Motion By: Council Member Snead

Second: Vice Mayor Walker

Motion Discussion: None

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

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 (November and December Reports Were Released)
 - 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 Stockton

Second: Council Member Snead

Motion Discussion: None

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

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.

For the record, no one came forward.

OLD BUSINESS:

None at this time

NEW BUSINESS

1. Supplemental Appropriation Resolution for Waste Water Treatment Plant

Mr. Ervin stated one of the two clarifiers at the Waste Water Treatment Plant failed on December 13, 2017. Staff investigated having the unit removed and rebuilt but the cost would have been an estimated \$81,850 (\$17,850 for rebuilding, two charges of \$32,000 for a crane and crew), and sending the unit off for rebuilding would be a 4 month process. A new unit was priced at \$31,500 and \$32,000 to install for a total of \$63,500; the lead time of which would have been six to eight weeks.

Mr. Ervin stated that Staff feared that the second unit might need replacement in the near future as it had the same number of hours on it as the failed unit. If a new unit was purchased; the old unit could be sent off for rebuilding. The total cost would then be \$113,350.

Mr. Ervin further stated that it was not cost effective as it would involve paying for two trips and two crane rentals. Two new units would cost approximately \$114,000 with a potential core rebate of \$4,000 which would make the two new units cheaper in the long run than a new unit and a rebuilt unit due to labor costs.

Staff recommended purchasing two new units for \$114,000. To fund this, Staff proposed taking \$60,000 from contingency and the remaining \$54,000 from under budget projects as well as fund balance.

Council Member Cundiff, Chairman of the Public Utilities Committee, met with other committee members on December 19, 2017, to review the request and recommended ordering two units so that the plant could stay in an operationally ready state. The Public Utilities Committee also instructed Mr. Ervin to obtain a consensus of Council via telephone so that these items could be placed on order as soon as possible. The two units were ordered. As of the Council meeting; no funds had been spent.

Discussion: None

Motion: To purchase two new units for \$114,000. Staff will fund this by taking \$60,000 from contingency and the remaining \$54,000 from under budget projects as well as fund balance

Motion By: Council Member Cundiff

Second: Council Member Snead

Motion Discussion: None

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

Nays: None

Action: Approved the motion by a unanimous vote

2. Franklin County High School Eagle Strut 2018

The Eagle Strut 2018 was scheduled for September 15, 2018 beginning at 8:00 a.m. The course for 2018 was the same as in previous years. The organizer from Franklin County High School, Cara Spivey, met with the police department who reviewed and approved the plans for the race.

Discussion: None

Motion: To approve the Franklin County High School Eagle Strut 2018 scheduled for September 15, 2018

Motion By: Council Member Stockton

Second: Council Member Snead

Motion Discussion: None

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

Nays: None

Action: Approved the motion by a unanimous vote

3. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Mr. Andre Peery of the American Legion requested Town financial support to help bring the mobile replica of the Vietnam Memorial Wall to the Franklin County Recreation Park in Sontag, late in 2018. The Town has supported this presentation in the past. If Town Council chooses to support the presentation in 2018, the funds could come from the Branding & Tourism line item, as it is likely to generate some visitation to the Town, its shops and restaurants.

Mr. Perry of 811 Grayson Avenue, NW, Roanoke, VA 24016, stated that he was honored to be able to play a part in bringing the Vietnam Memorial Wall to Franklin County. Mr. Perry stated the cost to bring the Memorial Wall here was \$5,500 dollars and that the wall would be instrumental in bringing the surrounding counties and states together to see the Memorial Wall.

Mr. Herman J. Chaney of 350 Murray Knob Road, Boones Mill, VA 24065, who was a Post Commander for Post 6, spoke on how the Memorial Wall touches the lives of those who view it.

Discussion: None

Motion: To approve bringing the mobile replica of the Vietnam Memorial Wall to the Franklin County Rescreation Park in Sontag later in 2018

Motion By: Council Newbill

Second: Council Member Moyer

Motion Discussion: None

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

Nays: None

Action: Approved the motion by a unanimous vote

4. Town Meeting Dates 2018

Each year in January, Town Council adopts a schedule of meeting dates for the following year. Staff asked Council to please review the meeting dates presented for 2018 and make a recommendation for that calendar year. There was only one date that had been changed which was November 12, 2018. This date was moved to November 19, 2018 due to Veteran's Day. The dates were already approved by the Planning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Discussion: None

Motion: To approve the calendar presented to Council for 2018 as the official meeting calendar but with regard to meeting on Tuesday, November 13, 2018, instead of the following Monday which would have been November 19, 2018

Motion By: Council Member Moyer

Second: Council Member Snead

Motion Discussion: None

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

Nays: None

Action: Approved the motion by a unanimous vote

5. No Left Turn at Powder Mill Road

Mr. Hankins stated that based on a review of traffic numbers and the recommendation of the Planning Commission, staff requested Council to consider altering the traffic pattern at the intersection of Powder Creek and Old Franklin Turnpike. The Planning Commission asked Town Council to authorize placement and police enforcement of an eastbound No Left Turn sign at Powder Creek Lane and Old Franklin Turnpike. The intersection near BB&T often finds traffic backed up while east-bound drivers wait to make their turn onto Route 40, which itself, frequently backs up from Marketplace Drive. Common observation shows increasing turn conflicts since Dollar Tree and Cookout occupied formerly vacant spaces. With proximity to the northbound 220 on-ramp, Rocky Mount Ready Mix and Sheetz, a congested center turn lane and increasingly heavy traffic complicating the turning movements, all combined was a significant matter of public safety.

After much discussion among Council members, the general consensus was to refer the item to the Streets, Sidewalks and Streetlights Committee for discussion among committee members. The committee will then bring a recommendation back to Council at the next regular meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Utilities Committee Meeting Report from December 19, 2017.

The item was considered under new business.

REFERRALS TO PLANNING

None at this time

OTHER MATTERS AND CONCERNS

Mr. Ervin was on Rise n' Shine.

Mayor Angle asked for an update on the First Responders Memorial. Mr. Hankins stated that the base had been poured and the concrete work had been sealed. Staff hoped to have the memorial up by April 2018. Also, an anonymous gift of \$20,000 was given to help fund the memorial.

Mr. Ervin stated that the Town Clerk had tickets to the Martin Luther King, Jr. breakfast on January 15, 2018 if any of the Council Members would like a ticket.

CLOSED MEETING AND ACTION

None at this time

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn meeting

Time: 7:32 p.m.

Motion By: Council Member Moyer

Second: Vice Mayor Walker

Motion Discussion: None

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

Nays: None

Action: Adjourned by a unanimous vote

Steven C. Angle, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rebecca H. Dillon, Town Clerk