

**ROCKY MOUNT TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 9, 2018**

The July 9, 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
- 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
- Dallas Bailey, Interim Water Plant Superintendent
- Tim Burton, Waste Water Treatment Superintendent
- Ken Criner, Chief of Police
- Rebecca H. Dillon, Executive Administrative Assistant
- C. James Ervin, Town Manager
- Matthew Hankins, Assistant Town Manager
- Mark Lovern, Lt. of Patrol
- Jeff Rakes, Fire Chief
- 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.

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

SPECIAL ITEMS

Mayor Angle stated that there was one special item to be shared. Mayor Angle stated that Mr. Tim Burton, the Waste Water Treatment Superintendent, had his photo on the cover of the May 2018 edition of the Treatment Plant Operator magazine. The article spoke well of Mr. Burton and the operation of the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

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:

- June 11, 2018 – Regular Meeting Minutes
- June 28, 2018 – Harvester Performance Center Quarterly Work Session Minutes
- July 2, 2018 – Reorganizational Meeting Minutes

Discussion: None
Motion: To approve the draft minutes
Motion By: Council Member Newbill
Second: Council Member Moyer
Motion Discussion: None
Ayes: Cundiff, Moyer, Newbill, Snead, 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, 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. Budget Adjustment for New Vehicle at the Police Department

Mr. Ervin stated that the Rocky Mount Police Department Investigations Unit had four people assigned and were in need of four vehicles as they had been very busy of recent and were likely to be so in the future.

One vehicle was a free "loaner" from Nelson Ford, a leased Ford truck from Nelson Ford, a 2008 Ford Expedition that was still in good shape, and a 2006 Ford Explorer with 113,309 miles. Mr. Ervin stated that the Ford Explorer had been in the shop more of recent, than on the road. Investigations were on their way back from Roanoke the previous week while working on one of the seven search warrants and the Ford Explorer died on Route 220. The Explorer had to be taken to Nelson Ford. The Police Department had been using the Police Chief's Ford Edge

(SUV) which suited the officers due to the amount of equipment the officers need at any given time.

Haley Ford in Richmond offered the Town a leftover 2017 Ford for \$22,000. The Taurus was originally ordered by a Police Department as an administrative vehicle but never picked up.

Mr. Ervin stated that the Police Department would like to purchase the 2017 Ford Taurus at a total of \$26,000.00 (\$4,000 for radio and electronic installation) and give the vehicles listed below up for auction to offset the cost of the new vehicle. Staff estimated that the Town should get in the neighborhood of \$10,000.00 which once applied, would bring the cost of the vehicle down to about \$16,000.00.

Listed below are the vehicles that the Police Department would offer to put up for auction.

1. 2006 Crown Vic 125,331 miles.
2. 2007 Crown Vic 123,111 miles
3. 2008 Crown Vic 124,130 miles
4. 2011 Crown Vic 106,120 miles
5. 2006 Ford Explorer 113,309 miles
6. 1996 Dodge Truck 62,413 miles

The Police Department operated well below budget in the prior year and returned approximately \$60,000 to fund balance.

Discussion: Council Member Walker asked Chief Criner if the 2017 Ford Taurus would adequately take the place of a sport utility vehicle with 4 wheel drive for the Police Department. Chief Criner said the Ford Taurus would be used by he himself and the other officers would take the Ford Edge that the Chief had been driving. Chief Criner stated that the Ford Edge was still in great condition, already had on it what was needed for the department and was 4 wheel drive.

Motion: To approve the Police Department to proceed with the purchase of the 2017 Ford Taurus as well as allowing the vehicles listed to go for auction, to offset the cost of the new vehicle and for the auction to be completed within 90 days.

Motion By: Council Member Walker

Second: Council Member Snead

Motion Discussion: None

Ayes: Cundiff, Moyer, Newbill, Snead, Walker

Nays: None

Action: Approved the motion by a unanimous vote.

2. Proposed Lease of Department of Corrections at 245 Circle Drive

Mr. Ervin stated that the Department of Corrections had sent a notice to the Town regarding the renewal of the lease at 245 Circle Drive asking the Town if they wished to have a hearing on the use of the property at 245 Circle Drive. The Town had only one issue with the parole office on Circle Drive and that was parking. Staff typically used the majority of the spaces on the property leaving visitors to the facility to park on the street or at adjacent businesses (Pizza King).

Mr. Ervin asked if Council would like to request a hearing so that the parking concerns could be addressed.

Mayor Angle asked if the need for more parking could be communicated without a public hearing. Mr. Ervin stated that the Town could communicate the need to the property owner and the department of correction.

Council Member Moyer asked if there was more room perhaps the Department of Corrections could increase their parking. Mr. Ervin stated that there were several things that the Department of Corrections could do such as getting a variance for example that would help the parking situation. The Mayor suggested Mr. Ervin reaching out to the owner of the property and perhaps advertising for a public hearing as soon as the Town could hold one regarding the property.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None at this time

REFERRALS TO PLANNING

None at this time

OTHER MATTERS AND CONCERNS

Mr. Ervin was on Rise n' Shine today.

Council Member Moyer asked if the bushes could be trimmed back so customers could see better the price sign for the new gas station at Wal-Mart.

Council Member Newbill stated that the Crape Myrtles in the line of sight at the Kroger gas station inbetween the bank and the Kroger gas tanks were in need of being trimmed.

Council Member Walker inquired about Gilley's Park. Mr. Hankins began to show and explain two new tools for the lilly pads in the pond. The new tools were for removal of the lilly pads. Council Member Walker and Mr. Hankins briefly touched on holding a fishing tournamant at Gilley's Park.

CLOSED MEETING AND ACTION

None at this time

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn meeting

Time: 7:23 p.m.

Motion By: Council Member Snead

Second: Council Member Moyer

Motion Discussion: None

Ayes: Cundiff, Moyer, Newbill, Snead, Walker

Nays: None

Action: Adjourned by a unanimous vote

Steven C. Angle, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rebecca H. Dillon, Town Clerk