

**ROCKY MOUNT TOWN COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION  
APRIL 17, 2013**

The April 17, 2013 Rocky Mount Work Session meeting of the Rocky Mount Town Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Rocky Mount Municipal Building located at 345 Donald Avenue, Rocky Mount, Virginia at 4:00 p.m. with Vice Mayor Gregory B. Walker presiding. The following members of Council were present:

Vice Mayor Gregory B. Walker, Council Members Bobby M. Cundiff, Jerry W. Greer, Sr., P. Ann Love, Robert L. Moyer, and Billie W. Stockton

The meeting was called to order by Vice Mayor Walker.

Let the record show that Mayor Steven B. Angle was absent due to a prior appointment.

For the record, the following were present: All members of Town Council as noted, Town Manager C. James Ervin and Assistant Town Manager/Community Development Director Matthew C. Hankins.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Prior to the meeting, Council had received the agenda for review and consideration of approval. Council Member Cundiff requested that the agenda be amended to include paying off the funds borrowed to finance the Town's Ultra Violet Treatment Upgrade.

- Motion was made by Council Member Moyer to approve the amended agenda as presented, seconded by Council Member Cundiff and carried unanimously.

### **REVIEW OF PROPOSED DRAFT WESTERN VIRGINIA WATER AUTHORITY (WVWA) WATER AGREEMENT FOR AN INTERCONNECTION BETWEEN TOWN OF ROCKY MOUNT AND FRANKLIN COUNTY**

Council reviewed the draft agreement with the WVWA and had ample discussion on the future of the Town's utility operations.

The consensus of Council was that the Town needed to continue to investigate alternative sources of water, including connection to the WVWA. Council directed staff to:

- Attempt a revision of the proposed agreement to include the potential sale of sewage treatment services in conjunction with the system extensions contemplated.
- Drill additional exploratory wells based on the recent success of the National Guard Armory.

Much of the discussion centered around the future of the Town's water system, and included the following:

- In the event that the Town enters into the agreement, then there is no expansion possible over time.
- If the Town passes on the agreement, then Franklin County will construct lines to serve the areas and again there is no expansion potential for the system.
- Given that each options limits the water systems potential growth, Council was eager to see if the expansion of sewage treatment services could be included.

Council Member Greer also asked that if the agreement was not entered into, could the Town connect to the WVWA line as an industrial customer. The Town Manager advised that Franklin County had a substantial investment in getting the line to Plateau Plaza and that they would either need significant compensation for another government to benefit from that expense or services traded (such as the proposed pass-through extensions). Council Member Greer asked for additional information and research.

Mr. Gary McCullum from Draper Aden Associates was present at the work session and Council sought his input regarding the proposed connection and the future of the Town's water system.

Council also had questions regarding how this agreement would factor in to the Town's new storage tank needs and with the potential removal of the two water tanks on "Tank Hill".

### **DISCUSSION REGARDING PAYING OFF THE FUNDS BORROWED TO FINANCE THE TOWN'S ULTRA VIOLET TREATMENT UPGRADE**

Council took up the second agenda item as amended and recommended that the issue be placed on the May Council regular meeting agenda for further discussion.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, the Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn.

- At 6:15 p.m., motion was made by Council Member Love to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Cundiff and carried unanimously.

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Steven C. Angle, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Patricia H. Keatts/Town Clerk