

**ROCKY MOUNT TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 9, 2012**

The July 9, 2012 regular Council 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 7:00 p.m. with Vice Mayor Gregory B. Walker presiding. The following members of Council were present:

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

Absent due to being on vacation was Mayor Steven C. Angle.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Mayor Walker.

For the record, the following were present: All members of Town Council as noted, Town Manager C. James Ervin, Assistant Town Manager/Community Development Director Matthew C. Hankins (and Planning & Zoning Administrator), Town Attorney John T. Boitnott, Chief of Police David Cundiff, Finance Director Linda Woody, Public Works Director Cecil R. Mason, Town Planner Patrick Rust, Superintendent of Water Department Robert Deitrich, Superintendent of Wastewater Department Timothy Burton, Fire Chief Charles Robertson, and Town Clerk Patricia H. Keatts.

The Vice Mayor led the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Prior to the meeting, Council had received the agenda for review and consideration of approval.

The Town Manager requested that the agenda be amended to add the two following items under *New Business*.

1. Proposed Agreement with Anderson & Associates, Inc. regarding work at Veterans' Memorial Park.
2. Proposed maintenance agreement with Johnson Controls, Inc. for the Rocky Mount Municipal Building.

There being no further comments, the Vice Mayor entertained a motion.

- Motion was made by Council Member Greer to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Council Member Love and carried unanimously by those present.

SPECIAL ITEMS

The Chief of Police introduced the newly hired Rocky Mount Police Department police officers, being: Allan Arrington, Justin Brooks, Andrew Cowen and James Slate.

On behalf of Council, the Vice Mayor welcomed each one to the Town.

PUBLIC HEARING

Let the record show there were no items to discuss under *Public Hearing*.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Prior to the meeting, Council had received for consideration of approval the following draft minutes:

- June 11, 2012 Regular Rocky Mount Town Council Meeting Minutes

The Vice Mayor asked if there were any changes to the draft minutes, and there being none, entertained a motion.

- Motion was made by Council Member Greer to approve the Council meeting minutes as presented with motion on the floor being seconded by Council Member Love. There being no discussion, let the record show that the motion on the floor passed unanimously by those present.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

The approval of the *Consent Agenda* consists of approving any miscellaneous resolutions/proclamations, miscellaneous action, departmental monthly reports, and bill list that were submitted prior to the meeting for Council's review and consideration.

- Miscellaneous Resolutions/Proclamations (*none at this time*)
- Miscellaneous Action (*none at this time*)
- Departmental Monthly Report
- Bill List

There being no comments, the Vice Mayor entertained a motion.

- Motion was made by Council Member Love to approve the draft *Consent Agenda*, with motion on the floor being seconded by Council Member Stockton. There being no discussion, let the record show that the motion on the floor passed unanimously by those present.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Let the record show that no one had contacted the Town Clerk's Office requesting to come before Council.

The Vice Mayor opened the floor to anyone wishing to come before Council at this time. Let the record show that no one came forward to speak.

OLD BUSINESS

Let the record show there were no items to discuss under *Old Business*.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Request of Franklin County High School Senior Class of 2013 to Hold 5K Race

On behalf of the Franklin County High School Senior Class of 2013, Class Advisor Allyson Lynch came before Council and introduced Megan Vest (Vice President of Senior Class of 2013) and Linsey Schiemann (Treasurer of Senior Class of 2013). Miss Vest and Miss Schiemann briefly requested Council's consideration of allowing their senior class to hold a 5K race on September 22, 2012 (with a starting time of around 9:00 a.m.) in order to raise funds to assist other seniors who are not financially able to do so to be able to attend senior class functions. It was pointed out that this event was scheduled last year by the Senior Class of 2012, but they were unable to hold the function. Prior to the meeting, the Chief of Police had received the proposed route, and it was of his opinion that if the date was changed to September 22, 2012, he had no problem with Council approving their request (previously, the request was for September 29, 2012, but the Franklin County Parks & Recreation also had their "Mountain Spirit Festival" scheduled for the same date).

There being no further comments, the Vice Mayor entertained a motion.

- Motion was made by Council Member Love to allow the 5K race to be held on September 22, 2012 for the Franklin County High School Senior Class 2013, with motion on the floor being seconded by Council Member Cundiff. There being no discussion, let the record show that the motion on the floor passed unanimously by those present.

B. Proposed Agreement with Anderson & Associates, Inc. Regarding Work at Veterans' Memorial Park

It was pointed out to Council by the Town Manager that with prior Council approval, he had asked Anderson & Associates, Inc. to design a solution to the erosion issue at Veterans' Memorial Park, and to attempt to have Virginia Department of Transportation

(VDOT) to accept that solution as a change order in the current contract for the Pigg River bridge replacement. Council was presented the fee proposal from Anderson & Associates, Inc. to do this work, with an estimated cost of \$44,135. It was further pointed out by the Town Manager that staff seeks authorization to enter into this agreement with Anderson & Associates, Inc., who has submitted this fee under the Town's existing General Engineering Services Agreement. The Town Manager explained that the scope proposed includes extending the current box culvert to just over 60% of the length of the current area of Old Furnace Creek, then using stone and other materials (salvaged from the bridge work) to create a stable outflow area.

The Town Manager confirmed to Council the following:

- The estimated cost of \$44,135 is a turnkey design, and that the rough estimate cost of \$382,385 to do the project is just an estimate until a bid is received.
- The estimated cost of \$44,135 covers purely the engineering contract as outlined in the letter Council had received as proposed by Anderson & Associates, Inc.
- Approximately \$98,000 of the Town's own money was appropriated last year for this project.
- Staff is attempting to find grant money that will fit this type of project.
- Still looking for the dollars to make this project work.
- Thinks Council should go full steam ahead with the engineering portion of this project as proposed.

Council Member Moyer stated that he believes that something needs to be done about the erosion of the bank at the Veterans' Memorial Park before it gets any worse, that is a disaster waiting to happen, and he feels like the Town should proceed with the engineering contract with Thompson & Litton, Inc. as proposed. The Town Manager stated that this is his thoughts also.

There being no further comments, the Vice Mayor entertained a motion.

- Motion was made by Council Member Greer to enter into agreement with Anderson & Associates, Inc. as proposed, with motion on the floor being seconded by Council Member Stockton. Discussion ensued. Council Member Cundiff questioned what VDOT is going to do with this project, with the Town Manager stating that as of right now, they want to keep their hands off of it as they see it as a risk, but that he has contacted and is working with Delegate Charles Poindexter in Richmond to see if Richmond can get VDOT involved in this project. He further pointed out that the Town contends the erosion is due to poor street drainage and should come under the scope of work that VDOT does. There being no further discussion, let the record show that the motion on the floor passed unanimously by those present.

C. Proposed Maintenance Agreement with Johnson Controls, Inc. for Rocky Mount Municipal Building

The Assistant Town Manager informed Council that over the past two months, staff has negotiated with Johnson Controls, Inc. to reach a new service agreement with Johnson Controls, Inc. on the Rocky Mount Municipal Building existing air handling, emergency alerts, and control systems.

The Assistant Town Manager pointed out to the Vice Mayor the following

- At present, the Town is spending \$11,500 annually for maintenance services.
- The agreement, as negotiated, represents a 22.3% reduction in costs over the three-year course of the agreement.
- The agreement continues the high level of service that the Town has received from Johnson Controls, Inc. with a lower cost to the Town, both in ongoing maintenance and in costs for repair or replacement of major components.
- If the Council chooses to go somewhere else for a contract, the Town may incur additional costs for someone else to switch over all the software, equipment, etc.
- The Town has a very dependable technician from Johnson Controls, Inc. that comes to the Rocky Mount Municipal Building on a quarterly basis to check on the equipment.

The Assistant Town Manager stated that in light of significant contract savings and better defined repair costs, staff recommends approval of the contract as presented.

There being no further comments, the Vice Mayor entertained a motion.

- Motion was made by Council Member Greer to enter into agreement with Jonson Controls, Inc. as proposed, with motion on the floor being seconded by Council Member Love. There being no discussion, let the record show that the motion on the floor passed unanimously by those present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Let the record show there were no items to discuss under *Committee Reports*.

OTHER MATTERS, CONCERNS AND RISE 'N SHINE APPEARANCES

A. Referrals to Planning Commission from Town Council

Let the record show there were no referrals from Council to the Planning Commission as this time, or from the Planning Commission to Council.

B. Rise 'N Shine Appearances

The Assistant Town Manager confirmed to the Vice Mayor that he appeared on the *Rise 'N Shine* show this morning.

It was discussed that during the next *Rise 'N Shine* show, Council Member Stockton may want to appear on the show with the Town Manager. The Town Manager commented that he will be getting in touch with Council Member Stockton regarding this matter.

COUNCIL CONCERNS

A. Council Member Cundiff

Council Member Cundiff questioned how the leak detection was proceeding, with the Town Manager informing Council that some things they have identified, with some having merit and others not. The Public Works Director stated that they dug in four different places and found one leak in one of those places dug.

CLOSED MEETING

Let the record show there were no items to discuss under *Closed Meeting*.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:25 p.m., motion was made by Council Member Greer to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Love and carried unanimously by those present.

Gregory B. Walker, Vice Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia H. Keatts/Town Clerk

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