

**ROCKY MOUNT TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 13, 2016**

The June 13, 2016 regular 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
- P. Ann Love
- Robert L. Moyer
- Jon W. Snead
- Billie W. Stockton

The following staff members were also present:

- John Boitnott, Town Attorney
- Tim Burton, Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent
- Bob Deitrich, Water Treatment Plant Superintendent
- Rebecca Dillon, Executive Administrative Assistant
- C. James Ervin, Town Manager
- Josh Gibson, Town Planner
- Matthew Hankins, Assistant Town Manager
- Ken Criner, Police Chief, Rocky Mount Police Department
- Cecil Mason, Public Works Director
- Linda 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**

**Motion:** Approved the agenda

**Motion By:** Vice Mayor Walker

**Second:** Council Member Snead

**Motion Discussion:** None

**Ayes:** Cundiff, Love, Moyer, Snead, Stockton, Walker

**Nays:** None

**Action:** Approved the agenda by a unanimous vote

## **SPECIAL ITEMS**

Council Member P. Ann Love was recognized for her years of service to the Town of Rocky Mount and the Rocky Mount Town Council by the Mayor presenting her with a plaque and a key to the city. The Mayor spoke very highly of Council Member Love naming all of the committees that Council Member Love had served on over the course of the last few years while serving on Town Council. Council Member Love was appointed to Rocky Mount Town Council in 2010 to complete the term of the late Posey Dillon. Council Member Love was then elected to a four-year term in 2012. Her mother, Peggy S. Love, served on Town Council from July 2, 1990 to June 30, 1994.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Received by Council in their packet for this scheduled meeting were draft minutes for review and consideration of approval:

- May 9, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes

**Motion:** To approve the draft minutes

**Motion By:** Council Member Snead

**Second:** Council Member Stockton

**Motion Discussion:** None

**Ayes:** Cundiff, Love, Moyer, Stockton, Snead, Walker

**Nays:** None

**Action:** Approved the draft minutes unanimously

## **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**Discussion:** The Mayor began to present the Consent Agenda at which time Council Member Cundiff asked for each item to be discussed individually before any motions were made.

This month's consent agenda consists of the following items:

**(1) Miscellaneous Action:**

- Review of Town Manager and Finance Department Budget Variance for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016

There was an overage and an underage in the Town Manager's Office and in the Finance Department due to employment vacancies. During the time of the employment vacancies, everything was temporarily coded to the Town Manager's Office. In finishing the year, it was a better paper trail for auditing purposes, to show the overage, the underage and then as balanced. Mr. Ervin stated that the Town did not over-spend but rather the Town just requested to move funds to account for that overage.

**(2) Miscellaneous Resolutions/Proclamations:**

- Review and Consideration of Supplemental Appropriation Resolution regarding VDOT for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016

The Town anticipated going over in areas during the VDOT reimbursable period. These overages include: \$140,000 extra in paving, \$12,986 in snow removal and a traffic

control project that went about \$6,000 over on Grassy Hill. This was a request to use current year funds knowing that the Town would be reimbursed by VDOT. The departments did exceed the money allocated in the budget but did not exceed the budgeted money to use.

- Review and Consideration of Supplemental Appropriation Resolution regarding the Municipal Building and Parks accounts deficits for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016. Council Member Cundiff asked of the \$10,550 that was taken out of the funding and put into the General Fund, there was \$10,077 to pay for cornhole games. Council Member Cundiff wanted to know who approved the \$10,077 to be spent on cornhole games and why didn't that come out of Community Development and parks since that was added to the park capital item at that time. Swing replacements for Mary Elizabeth Park were in the current year budget. The \$10,550 came from parks capital outlay. Council Member Cundiff asked for the \$10,077 to come out of Community Development and the \$10,550 to stay in the General Fund.

Let the record show that Town Manager, Mr. Ervin said none of the previous three items discussed were anything new but rather moneys that had already been agreed upon and spent. From a budget perspective the items in question are just items that the Town is trying to true up before the end of the fiscal year.

#### **Department Monthly Reports**

- Community Development Department
- Finance Department
- Fire Department
- Police Department
- Public Works Department
- Wastewater Department
- Water Department

**Motion: Motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda with the understanding that the \$10,077 was to come from Community and Economic Development, therefore the \$10,550 would remain in the General Fund.**

**Motion By: Council Member Cundiff**

**Second: Vice Mayor Walker**

**Motion Discussion: None**

**Ayes: Cundiff, Love, Moyer, Snead, Stockton, Walker**

**Nays: None**

**Action: The motion carried unanimously.**

#### **HEARING OF CITIZENS**

Mayor Angle opened the floor to anyone wishing to speak. No one came forward.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None at this time

**NEW BUSINESS**

A Charity Bike Ride has been requested on June 25, 2016 to fund the removal and replacement of the front steps that connect to the front door of First Baptist Church on Patterson Avenue in Rocky Mount.

Chief of Police, Ken Criner spoke that the Rocky Mount Police Department will get the Bikers out of town and back into town for the conclusion of the race.

**Motion:** To approve

**Motion By:** Council Member Snead

**Second:** Council Member Love

**Motion Discussion:** None

**Ayes:** Cundiff, Love, Moyer, Snead, Stockton, Walker

**Nays:** None

**Action:** The motion was carried unanimously.

The Blue Ridge Association for Sickle Cell Anemia has requested to have a walk around Rocky Mount on September 17, 2016 to raise awareness of Sickle Cell Anemia.

Chief of Police, Ken Criner spoke that the Rocky Mount Police Department had reviewed the event. Josephine Edwards was in charge of this event and it will be the same as in past years.

**Motion:** To approve

**Motion By:** Vice Mayor Walker

**Second:** Council Member Stockton

**Motion Discussion:** Council Member Cundiff asked the question if the motion included the request for waving the fee for the Farmer's Market along with the Sickle Cell Walk around the town. Town Manager, Mr. Ervin said that the fee request was not being presented to the Council. Only the walk was being presented.

**Ayes:** Cundiff, Love, Moyer, Snead, Stockton, Walker

**Nays:** None

**Action:** The motion was carried unanimously.

The Franklin County High School has requested to have the Eagle Strut on September 17, 2016 in Rocky Mount.

The Police Chief spoke that the Rocky Mount Police Department had reviewed the event and believes that even though it will be the same day as the previously mentioned event, the department can handle it. Lauren Judson was the leader in charge of the 5k and 10K race.

**Motion: To approve**

**Motion By: Council Member Love**

**Second: Vice Mayor Walker**

**Motion Discussion: None**

**Ayes: Cundiff, Love, Snead, Stockton, Walker, Moyer**

**Nays: None**

**Action: The request was passed unanimously**

### **Committee Reports**

- Public Facilities & Special Events Committee Meeting from May 25, 2016

The committee met to consider a request for the maintenance contract of the heating and air conditioning system for the Municipal Building. The committee was not satisfied with the previous bid submitted that came in just over \$10,000 for 5 years. The committee felt that was a high figure to pay for air conditioning and alarm systems as well and asked if Mr. Hankins would go ahead and solicit RFP's for contractors that are qualified to do that work.

Council Member Cundiff asked if there was someone local that took care of items for the County that the Town might be able to use. Council Member Moyer spoke that he had learned that Davis Sheet Metal Works does about 75% of Franklin County's Facilities. Both Council Members Cundiff and Council Member Moyer would like to see the Town use someone local. Mr. Hankins stated that because of the value of the contract, it would have to be put out to bid. Council Member Moyer stated that he wasn't sure if we really needed a contract and would like to see us get the first 12 months of whom ever we use at no cost to the Town. Staff agreed to make some calls and look into the process further. Staff also stated that having a contract was probably best because there are times when the Town might need something right away and with a contract in place we would be more likely to have that service.

- Streets, Sidewalks and Street Lights Committee Meeting from June 13, 2016

Discussed at length was a renewed request of Mr. Bane to abandon what's left of Angle Street. The Town is willing to work with him but for something other than abandonment. We are willing to talk with him or his contractor regarding a construction easement but needs to be part of a development plan not an additional conversation.

The committee considered a request from the Historical Society to build steps in front of the building. The Committee will look to get some pricing in the winter or early spring. The Committee as well as staff recommends putting in next year's budget.

There was a recommendation for an even speed limit on Pell Avenue to be 35 mph. The committee recommends to the full Council that the speed limit be 35 mph thru out Pell Avenue verses part of the street being 25 mph and part of the street being 35 mph. The committee

recommended that Town Council direct public works or the Rocky Mount Police Department to put up signage accordingly.

The Mayor asked Council Member Love if there was anything that as chairman she would like to add and Council Member Love shared that changing the speed limit on Pell Avenue seemed like a good idea and that the committee would like to recommend the speed limit be changed throughout Pell Avenue to 35 mph.

**Discussion:** None

**Motion:** That the speed limit on Pell Avenue be equalized to 35 mph for the whole length of the street.

**Motion By:** Council Member Love

**Second:** Council Member Snead

**Motion Discussion:** None

**Ayes:** Cundiff, Love, Moyer, Snead, Stockton, Walker

**Nays:** None

**Action:** The motion was carried unanimously.

#### **OTHER MATTERS & CONCERNS and Rise 'N Shine Appearances**

Matt Hankins and the Mayor were on Rise 'N Shine Monday morning.

Council Member Cundiff would like to see the Town have a fishing tournament at Gilley's Park. Vice Mayor Walker would also like to see a fishing tournament. Both Council Member Cundiff and Vice Mayor Walker would like to see an event like this and asked regarding organization of such an event.

#### **CLOSED MEETING & ACTION**

Enter Closed Meeting

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

**Time:** 8:10 p.m.

**Motion By:** Council Member Stockton

**Second:** Council Member Love

**Motion Discussion:** None

**Ayes:** Cundiff, Love, Moyer, Snead, Stockton, Walker

**Nays:** None

**Action:** The motion was carried unanimously.

#### **Virginia Code Section:**

**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 (Board of Zoning Appeals).**

**Section 2.2-3711(A).5 - Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry, or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community. (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. (Town Manager).**

**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. (Town Attorney).**

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.

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Steven C. Angle, Mayor

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion: To adjourn meeting**

**Time: 9:20 p.m.**

**Motion By: Vice Mayor Walker**

**Second: Council Member Love**

**Motion Discussion: None**

**Ayes: Cundiff, Love, Moyer, Snead, Stockton, Walker**

**Nays: None**

**Action: Meeting convened**

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Steven C. Angle, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Rebecca H. Dillon, Acting Town Clerk