

**ROCKY MOUNT TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 11, 2016**

The July 11, 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 meeting began with Council in closed session.

The following members of Council were present:

- Mayor Steven C. Angle
- Vice Mayor Gregory B. Walker
- Bobby M. Cundiff
- Robert L. Moyer
- Mark H. Newbill
- Jon W. Snead
- Billie W. Stockton

The following staff members were also present:

- Rebecca H. Dillon, Executive Administrative Assistant
- C. James Ervin, Town Manager
- Josh Gibson, Town Planner
- Amy D. Gordon, Assistant Finance Director
- Matthew Hankins, Assistant Town Manager
- Ken Criner, Chief of Police
- Mark Lovern, Lieutenant, Rocky Mount Police Department

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

Town Manager, Mr. Ervin wanted to amend the agenda to include that Mr. Andy Turner would be in attendance to present an updated financial report on The Harvester. This report was done in open session, as a work session.

Motion: To approve the amended agenda

Motion By: Council Member Snead

Second: Council Member Stockton

Motion Discussion: None

Ayes: Cundiff, Moyer, Newbill, Snead, Stockton, Walker
Nays: None
Action: Approved the amended agenda by a unanimous vote

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- June 13, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the draft minutes
Motion By: Council Member Stockton
Second: Vice Mayor Walker
Motion Discussion: None
Ayes: Cundiff, Moyer, Newbill, Stockton, Snead, Walker
Nays: None
Action: Approved the draft minutes unanimously

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
 - Fire Department
 - Police Department
 - Public Works Department
 - Wastewater Department
 - Water Department

Discussion: None
Motion: To approve the consent agenda
Motion By: Vice Mayor Walker
Second: Council Member Snead
Motion Discussion: None
Ayes: Cundiff, Moyer, Newbill, Snead, Stockton, Walker
Nays: None
Action: Approved the consent agenda unanimously.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Mayor Angle opened the floor to anyone wishing to speak. Let the record show no one came forward.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Review and consideration for Town Council Members to fill the appointment to West Piedmont Planning District Commission.

Mr. Ervin stated that the two appointments to West Piedmont Planning District had not been filled from the Reorganizational Meeting and therefore the two appointments were being brought up again to try and fill them. The Mayor asked if anyone was so inclined; no one spoke. The Assistant Town Manager, Mr. Hankins stated that Council could appoint one staff member and one Council Member. In addition, Mr. Hankins stated he and Mr. Ervin had spoken about himself serving as an appointed staff member if Council desired. The Mayor asked if the consensus of Council was to allow having Mr. Hankins serve as an appointed staff member and Council Member Cundiff stated that he objected. At the Mayor's recommendation, Mr. Ervin will check to see if a Planning Commission Member could serve to West Piedmont Planning District Commission and report back to Council.

- B. Review and consideration for the Town of Rocky Mount rebidding of the Furnace Creek Box Culvert Extension.

Mr. Brian Tew of Thompson and Litton gave a general overview of the project. The original bid was \$442,000 and it came in at \$843,500. When the job was bid the second time, bids came in of \$1,395,000. Mr. Tew's recommendation to the Town was to rebid once again and look out further than has been done previously for applicants.

No action was needed at this time.

The bid was rejected and will be rebid out in July or August and possibly have an update to share with Council at the September meeting.

At this time Council Member Moyer inquired regarding the swings at the Town parks. Council Member Moyer had at a previous meeting asked if they could be replaced. Mr. Hankins stated that he had met with Nichols Welding regarding the swings and Nichols was interested in the work. Nichols will give Mr. Hankins a bid and if acceptable and within budget, Mr. Hankins will authorize the job to be done and expects the jobs to be completed within two weeks.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Review and consideration for the Town of Rocky Mount to purchase and donate to Retail Merchants six trophies for the Chili and Corn Bread Cook Off on November 12, 2016 at the Rocky Mount Farmer's Market.

The Mayor asked how much money was entailed with the request from Retail Merchants. The request was confirmed for \$200.00 to include six trophies and a banner.

Motion: To approve the amount of \$200.00 for six trophies and a banner

Motion By: Council Member Newbill

Second: Council Member Stockton

Motion Discussion: None

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

Nays: None

Action: The request was passed unanimously

B. Review and consideration for the Town of Rocky Mount Public Works Employees and equipment to be sent to West Virginia to assist in the recovery efforts there.

Mr. Ervin stated that two days was about what he had in mind to send men from Public Works to a locality in West Virginia, namely White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. Mr. Ervin would like Council's approval to do so. Mr. Ervin had contacted our insurance carrier and was given approval for such a trip. The trip would include approximately 4 to 6 men, depending on the job requirements for approximately 2 to 3 days.

Motion: To send if needed 4 to 6 men to West Virginias for 2 to 3 days to help out where flood waters wrought damage

Motion By: Vice Mayor Walker

Second: Council Member Snead

Motion Discussion: None

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

Nays: None

Action: The request was passed unanimously

C. Review and Consideration for Town Council to reschedule the October 10, 2016 Regular Council Meeting.

There was a conflict with the Virginia Municipal League conference and a regularly scheduled Town Council meeting. The decision was made to move the Town Council Regular Meeting to October 17, 2016 to enable any of the Town Council Members that would like to go to the Virginia Municipal League Conference in October to be able to go without a conflict of the meeting.

Motion: To approve the request and change the meeting date in October to the 17th which would be the third Monday in October, 2016

Motion By: Vice Mayor Walker

Second: Council Member Snead

Motion Discussion: None

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

Nays: None

Action: The request was approved unanimously

OTHER MATTERS & CONCERNS and Rise 'N Shine Appearances

Mr. Ervin was on Rise 'N Shine Monday morning.

The Mayor stated that Council Member Stockton had a concern. Council Member Stockton stated that he and Vice Mayor Walker had received some complaints regarding burning of leaves and twigs in town outside of a container. Mr. Ervin stated that he had received similar

complaints. After a brief discussion, a referral was made giving the inquiries to the Public Utilities Committee in regard to a recommendation for Council on how to address the complaints or if the Town Code Ordinance should be amended.

Vice Mayor Walker asked for an update on Gilleys Park fishing pond. Mr. Hankins stated he is working on getting a crew together and several boats to pull out the Lilly pads and plans to have Public Works haul them off as they are pulled out and then restock the pond. Once those steps are done, plans will move forward with holding the fishing rodeo that was suggested previously. No exact date is known yet as to when Mr. Hankins will have enough boats to fill the plan but hopes to have a date within two weeks.

Mr. Hankins brought to the attention of Town Council that Public Works had cut down a very old large cherry tree in Mary Elizabeth Park. The tree was cut down because it was diseased. There was a large limb to fall toward the playground roughly 10 days prior to this meeting during a wind storm. There was significant damage to the tree so Mr. Hankins made the decision for Public Works to cut the tree down. The tree would have been a safety hazard for any of the tennis players or children that come to play close to it on the playground.

Mr. Ervin brought to Council's attention about the geese at Gilley's Park and that he has spoken with other localities that have the same problem as we do with geese to try and remedy the problem.

Mr. Andy Turner from BT's Tax Service was in attendance of the meeting to give an update on financial data for the first quarter from the Harvester Performance Center. The page of information that was passed around for Council to see is included as an attachment in the minute book.

CLOSED MEETING & ACTION

Enter Closed Meeting

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

Time: 7:36 p.m.

Motion By: Vice Mayor Walker

Second: Council Member Snead

Motion Discussion: None

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

Nays: None

Action: Meeting convened into a closed session by a unanimous vote

Virginia Code Section:

Section 2.2-3711(A).3 – Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining or negotiating strategy of the public body. (Depot)

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.

Steven C. Angle, Mayor

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn meeting

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Motion By: Council Member Moyer

Second: Vice Mayor Walker

Motion Discussion: None

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

Nays: None

Action: Meeting convened

Steven C. Angle, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rebecca H. Dillon, Acting Town Clerk