

**ROCKY MOUNT TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 8, 2017**

The May 8, 2017 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
- Vice Mayor Gregory B. Walker
- Bobby M. Cundiff
- Robert L. Moyer
- Jon W. Snead
- Billie W. Stockton
- Mark H. Newbill

The following staff members were also present:

- John Boitnott, Town Attorney
- Tim Burton, Waste Water Superintendent
- Ken Criner, Chief of Police
- Robert Deitrich, Water Plant Superintendent
- Rebecca H. Dillon, Executive Administrative Assistant
- C. James Ervin, Town Manager
- Josh Gibson, Town Planner
- Matthew Hankins, Assistant Town Manager
- 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 agenda

**Motion By:** Council Member Snead

**Second:** Council Member Stockton

**Motion Discussion:** None

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

**Nays:** None

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

## **SPECIAL ITEMS**

Swearing-in ceremony of Rebecca H. Dillon as new Rocky Mount Town Clerk.

## **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:

- April 17, 2017 – Budget Work Session No. 2
- May 1, 2017 – Budget Public Hearing

**Discussion:** None

**Motion:** To approve the draft minutes

**Motion By:** Council Member Newbill

**Second:** Council Member Walker

**Motion Discussion:** None

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

**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:**

1. Consideration for Appointment of Brooke Norton to EDA

(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 Newbill**

**Second: Vice Mayor Walker**

**Motion Discussion: None**

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

**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.

For the record, no one came forward.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Town of Rocky Mount Fiscal Year 2018 Approval of Budget

Mr. Ervin spoke on the FY 2018 Budget by summarizing the previous discussions that took place over the course of the past 12 months. There were three work sessions and a Public Hearing in which the Town took citizen input. The FY 2018 Budget was then presented to Council in two resolutions. The first was the approval of the budget. The second was the setting of the rates and fees. They each required a separate vote.

**Discussion: None**

**Motion: To approve the FY 2018 budget for the Town of Rocky Mount**

**Motion By: Council Member Newbill**

**Second: Vice Mayor Walker**

**Motion Discussion: None**

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

**Nays: None**

**Action: Approved the motion by a unanimous vote.**

2. Town of Rocky Mount Fiscal Year 2018 Approval of Tax Rates and Fees

To approve the Fiscal Year 2018 Tax Rates and Fees.

**Discussion:** Council Member Cundiff asked in regard to the extra \$1.00 charge on the refuse collection fee. Mr. Ervin stated that there was an extra \$1.00 charge on the refuse collection fee because the Town was anticipating funding the more expensive truck. Since the current budget does not fund the more expensive truck, it is at Council's guidance that the Town removes that \$1.00.

**Motion:** To approve the FY 2018 Tax Rates and Fees without the \$1.00 increase in refuse collection rates.

**Motion By:** Council Member Stockton

**Second:** Council Member Snead

**Motion Discussion:** Council Member Newbill clarified that the \$1.00 reduction was from the proposed increase. The current charge is \$4.98. The Mayor stated the refuse charge would remain at \$4.98.

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

**Nays:** None

**Action:** Approved the motion by a unanimous vote.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Town of Rocky Mount Water Treatment Plant 2016 Gold Award

Water Plant Superintendent Mr. Deitrich spoke regarding the award. The Gold Award is given by the Virginia Department of Health and gives the award for quality of water. The year 2016 was the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row that the Gold Award has been given to the Water Treatment Plant.

For the record, no action was needed.

2. Consideration for Possible Move of the June 12, 2017 Town Council Meeting to the Emergency Services Building or the Harvester Performance Center Due to Construction.

Mr. Hankins stated that due to the construction that might be going on at the Municipal Building regarding security upgrades, Staff would like to give Council the option of moving the June 12th regular council meeting to another location. After some discussion, Council decided to move the June 12<sup>th</sup> regular council meeting to the Emergency Services Building at 1250 North Main Street, Rocky Mount, VA.

For the record, no action was needed.

3. Review and Consideration for Byrne Justice Grant for the Rocky Mount Police Department

Mr. Ervin spoke regarding the Byrne Justice Grant. The grant is given out by the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice each year. The grant was for \$4,795 with a local match of

\$533.00 for a total award of \$5,328. The items Chief Criner planned to purchase with the grant are racks for new weapons to secure them better in the vehicles, vests for officers and Chief Criner hopes to have some money left for body cameras.

**Discussion:** None

**Motion:** To approve the supplemental appropriation resolution for \$4,795 with a local cash match of \$533 for a total award of \$5,328 to be used for supplies or equipment for the Rocky Mount Police Department.

**Motion By:** Council Member Stockton

**Second:** Council Member Cundiff

**Motion Discussion:** None

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

**Nays:** None

**Action:** Motion approved by a unanimous vote

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None at this time

### **REFERRALS TO PLANNING**

None at this time

### **OTHER MATTERS AND CONCERNS**

Mr. Hankins was on Rise and Shine Monday morning. For the record, there was nothing to report.

### **CLOSED MEETING AND ACTION**

Enter Closed Meeting

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

**Time:** 7:17 p.m.

**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 position or negotiating strategy of the public body.

**Motion By: Vice Mayor Walker**

**Second: Council Member Snead**

**Motion Discussion: None**

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

**Nays: None**

**Action: To go into a closed meeting**

**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: 7:38 p.m.**

**Motion By: Council Member Snead**

**Second: Council Member Moyer**

**Motion Discussion: None**

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

**Nays: None**

**Action: Adjourned by a unanimous vote**

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Steven C. Angle, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Rebecca H. Dillon, Town Clerk