



**ROCKY MOUNT TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**March 8, 2021  
7:00 p.m.**

The following members of Council were present:

Mayor Steven C. Angle  
Council Member Billie W. Stockton  
Council Member Robert L. Moyer  
Council Member Mark H. Newbill  
Vice Mayor Jon W. Snead  
Council Member J. Tyler Lee  
Council Member R. Ralph Casey  
John T. Boitnott, Town Attorney

The following staff members were also present:

Cherie Compton, Acting Town Clerk  
C. James Ervin, Town Manager  
Mark Moore, Assistant Town Manager  
Ken Criner, Chief of Police  
Beth Simms Campos, Economic Development Director  
Kevin Adkins, Water Treatment Plant Superintendent

**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, with Mayor Steven C. Angle presiding.**

**1. Roll Call**

The Acting Town Clerk called each member of the Rocky Mount Town Council by name to account that each one was present.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Angle led in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was amended to add resolution to codify the appointment of the records officer action on March 1, 2021 meeting under the Consent Agenda. Also, under Closed Meeting and Action entitled Section 2.2-3711(A).1 regarding candidates for Town Managers office.

**Motion: To approve the agenda with the additions**

**Motion By: Council Member Snead**

**Seconded: Council Member Stockton**

**Motion Discussion: None**

**Ayes: (6): Council Member Lee, Council Member Moyer, Council Member Newbill, Vice Mayor Snead, Council Member Stockton, and Council Member Casey**

**Approved (6 to 0)**

4. **Special Items**

Mayor Steven C. Angle presented a resolution honoring former Councilman Bobby Cundiff for his service and dedication to the Town.

5. **Public Hearing (None at this time)**

6. **Approval of Draft Minutes**

- February 8, 2021 – Regular Meeting Minutes
- February 17, 2021- Special Called Meeting Minutes
- February 22, 2021- Special Called Meeting Minutes
- March 1, 2021- Special Called Meeting Minutes

**Motion: To approve**

**Motion By: Council Member Stockton**

**Seconded: Council Member Lee**

**Motion Discussion: None**

**Ayes: (6): Council Member Lee, Council Member Moyer, Council Member Newbill, Vice Mayor Snead, Council Member Stockton, and Council Member Casey**

**Approved (6 to 0)**

**7. Approval of Consent Agenda**

- This month's consent agenda consists of the following items:
- Miscellaneous Action
- Miscellaneous Resolutions/Proclamations
- Departmental Monthly Reports
- Community Development Department
- Finance Department
- Fire Department
- Police Department
- Public Works Department
- Wastewater Department
- Water Department

**Motion: To approve**

**Motion By: Council Member Stockton**

**Seconded: Council Member Lee**

**Motion Discussion: None**

**Ayes: (6): Council Member Lee, Council Member Moyer, Council Member Newbill, Vice Mayor Snead, Council Member Stockton, and Council Member Casey**

**Approved by unanimous vote**

**8. Hearing of Citizens**

Acting Town Clerk Compton was accepting email correspondence from citizens that wished to have their comments entered into the record. Comments submitted must include name and address.

Below is a written record of the comments received.

Mr. Bryan Hochstein, 2403 Goldfield Ct, Greensboro, NC. Received an emailed public comment expressing concerns regarding the Town Manager and Town Attorney a copy of the email will be included in the public record.

**9. Old Business**

Review and Consideration for Supplemental Appropriations Resolution for Water Treatment Plant Flocculator Project

The Water Treatment Plant Flocculator Project needs an additional \$85,000.00 to complete the work with the funds coming from the Utility Capital projects fund balance.

**Motion: To approve the resolution as presented**

**Motion By: Council Member Lee**

**Seconded: Council Member Stockton**

**Motion Discussion: None**

**Ayes: (6): Council Member Lee, Council Member Moyer, Council Member Newbill, Vice Mayor Snead, Council Member Stockton, and Council Member Casey**

**Approved by a unanimous vote**

**10. New Business**

Review and Consideration on the Kingdom Run 5k

Town Manager Ervin presented to Council the Kingdom Run benefit 5K scheduled for August 7, 2021. The event will begin and end at the Rocky Mount Church of God starting at 8:00 a.m. Organizers from the church met with the Rocky Mount Police Department who reviewed and approved the plans for the benefit.

**Motion By: Council Member Lee**

**Second: Council Member Newbill**

**Motion Discussion: None**

**Approved by a unanimous vote**

Review and Consideration on the Chug for the Jug 5k

Town Manager Ervin presented to Council the Chug for the Jug 5k scheduled for April 24, 2021. The event host is new this year as well as a new route that begins and ends at the Franklin County High School parking lot the proceeds benefit the track and field teams for the middle school and high school. The Rocky Mount Police Department has reviewed and approved the plans for the benefit.

**Motion By: Council Member Lee**

**Second: Vice Mayor Snead**

**Motion Discussion: None**

**Approved by a unanimous vote**

Grand Award for Celeste Park

Review and Consideration for Supplemental Appropriations Resolution for Celeste Park.

Assistant Town Manager Mark Moore informed Council that The Virginia Outdoors Foundation has awarded the Town \$100,000 for the continued development of Celeste Park. The six-acre plot of land known as Celeste Park was donated by the Greer family in 2006 and the Town has slowly been funding the development of the site. The park is named for their daughter, Celeste, who died at an early age due to complications from diabetes. The grant was awarded from VOF's Preservation Trust Fund that focuses on protecting and enhancing public access to open space. The Town was one of fifteen grants awarded in Virginia and one of only two towns to receive funding.

**Motion: To approve the resolution as presented**

**Motion By: Vice Mayor Snead**

**Seconded: Council Member Lee**

**Motion Discussion: None**

**Ayes: (6): Council Member Lee, Council Member Moyer, Council Member Newbill, Vice Mayor Snead, Council Member Stockton, and Council Member Casey**

**Approved by a unanimous vote**

Micro Enterprise Loan forgiveness

Town Manager informed Council that there are currently three businesses participating in our Microenterprise Loan program. At least one of our participating businesses have not been able to open and operate due to the state of Virginia's COVID-19 guidelines and have not been eligible for any federal, state, or local CARES grants or loans due to being a new business and not having 2019 sales. We ask Council to allocate a small portion of our CARES money to cover previous and future Microenterprise loan payments until the business(es) can open or for a period up to 24 months.

It was the consensus of council members to refer this request back to the Finance Committee.

Calling of Closed Meeting

Town Manager Ervin announced that Council will hold a closed meeting for the purpose of interviewing applicants for employment at an undisclosed location within the next fifteen days this meeting will be called in compliance with code section 2.2-3711(A)(1)

11. **Committee Reports (None at this time)**

12. **Other Matters, Concerns and Rise 'N Shine Appearances**

Assistant Town Manager and Economic Development Director Beth Simms requested a work session with council to give updates and discuss Harvester plans moving forward. The work session was set for Monday, March 15, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Mark Moore had an appearance on Rise 'N Shine this morning and spoke on agenda items, and Celeste Park.

Council Member Moyer voiced concerns about speeding on South Main Street and how dangerous it is for people crossing at crosswalks because cars are not slowing down. James Ervin stated that typically radar is not done unless requested and he sees that as a valid request. Chief of police Ken Criner was in attendance and was in agreement with the request.

13. **Closed Meeting and Action**

Mayor Angle read aloud the sections

Enter Closed Meeting

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

**Time: 7:29 p.m.**

**Virginia Code Section:**

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. (Economic Development)

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's Office)

**Motion By: Council Member Lee**

**Seconded By: Vice Mayor Snead**

**Motion Discussion: None**

**Ayes: Council Member Lee, Council Member Moyer, Council Member Newbill, Vice Mayor Snead, Council Member Stockton, and Council Member Casey**

**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 8, 2021 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

14. **Adjournment**

**Motion: To adjourn**

**Time: 9:00 p.m.**

**Motion By: Council Member Lee**

**Seconded By: Council Member Newbill**

**Motion Discussion: None**

**Ayes: Council Member Lee, Council Member Moyer, Council Member Newbill, Vice Mayor Snead, Council Member Stockton, and Council Member Casey**

**Approved by a unanimous vote**

**Action: Meeting was adjourned**

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Steven C. Angle, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Cherie Compton, Acting Town Clerk