



ROCKY MOUNT TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**June 14, 2021
7:00 p.m.**

The following members

of Council were present: Mayor Steven C. Angle
Vice Mayor Jon W. Snead
Council Member Robert L. Moyer
Council Member Mark H. Newbill
Council Member Billie W. Stockton
Council Member A. Ralph Casey
Council Member J. Tyler Lee

The following staff
members were also
present:

John T. Boitnott, Town Attorney
Robert Wood, Town Manager
Cherie Compton, Acting Town Clerk
Ken Criner, Chief of Police
Kevin Adkins, Water Treatment Plant Superintendent
Tim Burton, Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent
Brian Schofield, Public Works Superintendent
Linda P. Woody, Finance Director
Daniel Pinard, Economic Development Director
Rebecca H. Dillon, Executive Administrative Assistant

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**

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

Motion: To approve the agenda with the addition of closed section 2.2-3711(A)(1) Town Managers Office

Motion By: Vice Mayor Snead

Seconded: Council Member Lee

Motion Discussion: None

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

Approved (6 to 0)

4. **Special Items**

Town Manager Robert Wood introduced the new hire for Cultural and Economic Development Director, Mr. Daniel Pinard. Mr. Pinard comes from a background of Economic Development in surrounding areas.

5. **Public Hearing**

None at this time

6. **Approval of Draft Minutes**

- April 13, 2021- FY2022 Proposed Budget Work Session #1 Meeting Minutes
- April 15, 2021- FY2022 Proposed Budget Work Session #2 Meeting Minutes
- May 3, 2021- FY2022 Proposed Budget Public Hearing Meeting Minutes
- May 10, 2021- Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve each & all sets of draft minutes

Motion By: Council Member Casey

Seconded: Council Member Stockton

Motion Discussion: None

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

Approved (6 to 0)

7. Approval of Consent Agenda

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

- 7.1 Miscellaneous Action
 - October Regular Town Council Meeting moved to October 12, 2021
- 7.2 Miscellaneous Resolutions/Proclamations (none at this time)
- 7.3 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 Lee

Seconded: Council Member Newbill

Motion Discussion: None

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

(Also a motion was made by Council Member Stockton and a second by Council Member Newbill to approve the change of the October Regular Town Council Meeting for calendar year 2021, listed under 7.1 Miscellaneous Action)

Approved by unanimous vote

8. Hearing of Citizens

Mayor Angle opened the floor for the citizens who had signed in to speak during this portion of the meeting. Mayor Angle asked the citizens wishing to speak to limit their comments to 3 minutes or less.

Joe Stanley, 1618 Algoma Road, Callaway, expressed concerns about the former Rocky Mount Police dog "Dorka".

Brian Hochstein, 2403 Goldfield Court, Greensboro, made public comment expressing previous Town decisions revolving around the Harvester and his nearby businesses.

9. Old Business

End of Fiscal Year 2021 Budget True Up Mr. Wood stated that there were adjustments to the fiscal year 2021 budget to cover deficits of various accounts. Mr. Wood stated that funding was needed to cover the deficits and to see that the Town closed its books for the FY2021, appropriately.

Discussion: None

Motion: To approve the budget true up for FY2021

Motion By: Council Member Moyer

Seconded: Council Member Stockton

Motion Discussion: None

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

Approved (6 to 0)

10. New Business

10.1 Town Manager Mr. Robert J. Woods appointment to Roanoke Valley Alleghany Regional Commission (RVARC) to fulfill former Town Manager Mr. C. James Ervin's Term

Motion: To approve Mr. Woods appointment to Roanoke Valley Alleghany Regional Commission (RVARC) to fulfill former Town Manager Mr. C. James Ervin's Term

Motion By: Council Member Lee

Seconded: Vice Mayor Snead

Motion Discussion: None

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

Approved (6 to 0)

10.2 Town Manager Robert J. Wood wanted to recognize The Town of Rocky Mount Water Treatment Plant for being awarded a Gold Water Treatment Plant Performance Award for excellence in clarification, filtration, and backwash from the Virginia Department of Health (VDH), Office of Drinking Water. These awards are given to high performing municipal drinking water facilities when they meet certain criteria and standards of the VDH Optimization Program. Mr. Wood said that he recently toured the water treatment plant and witnessed the great work that was being done there. Mr. Wood also shared that it was apparent that the people who work there care about the important level of responsibility that they are entrusted with to produce safe drinking water for the Rocky Mount community. Mr. Wood stated that with dedicated staff, along with the continued support of the Town Administration and Town Council he is confident that the water treatment plant would continue to provide high quality drinking water to the community.

11. Committee Reports

The Public Utilities Committee met on Thursday, June 3, 2021. Topics covered included a waiver request regarding wastewater service for a lot on the edge of town limits, an update from Staff on how we will handle requests for waivers of water and wastewater connection fees, and a preliminary discussion regarding preparation and rule changes that will need to be made in order to transition to picking up all solid waste from residents and businesses using a new truck with a lift arm ("one armed bandit") with Town provided carts.

The only matter that the Committee made a recommendation on was the waiver request regarding wastewater service. The State Health Department requires that anyone building a new home in a town or city where there is wastewater service available connect to the Town's wastewater system rather than installing an on-site septic system. The Health Department does allow towns to grant waivers for extenuating circumstances. In this case, it is not financially feasible for Rocky Mount to extend wastewater service to the property located on Highway 122 (Parcel #2020200901).

Discussion: None

Motion: To grant the waiver

Motion By: Council Member Lee

Seconded: Council Member Stockton

Motion Discussion: None

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

Approved (6 to 0)

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

Mayor Angle informed everyone that new Cultural Economic Development Director Daniel Pinard made an appearance on the Rise N' Shine and did a wonderful job representing the Town.

13. Closed Meeting and Action

Mayor Angle read aloud sections.

Enter Closed Meeting

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

Time: 7:23 p.m.

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. (Town Manager)

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Motion By: Vice Mayor Snead

Second: Council Member Lee

Motion Discussion: None

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

Approved (6 to 0)

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, June 14, 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.

Steven C. Angle, Mayor

14. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn

Time: 7:44 p.m.

Motion By: Council Member Casey

Seconded By: Council Member Newbill

Motion Discussion: None

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

Approved by a unanimous vote

Action: Meeting was adjourned

Steven C. Angle, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cherie Compton, Acting Town Clerk