



**ROCKY MOUNT TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**July 12, 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
Mark Moore, Assitant Town Manager
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**

Mayor Angle recognized the following retirees for their years of service, hard work and dedication to the Town and congratulated them on their retirement.

Mr. David Bowles- 21 years of service with the Town of Rocky Mount at the Rocky Mount Police Department.

Mr. Gary Jackson- 8 years of service with the Town of Rocky Mount at the Harvester Performance Center

Mr. Allan Arrington- 9 years of service to the Town of Rocky Mount with the Rocky Mount Police Department

Mr. John Meadows- 15 years of service with the Town of Rocky Mount at the Rocky Mount Water Plant (Mr. Meadows was unable to attend)

5. **Public Hearing**

None at this time

6. **Approval of Draft Minutes**

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Motion: To approve draft minutes as presented

Motion By: Council Member Stockton

Seconded: Council Member Casey

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 (none at this time)
- 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 Newbill

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 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, Algoma Road, Callaway, addressed Town Council with concerns.

9. Old Business

None at this time

10. New Business

10.1 Town Manager Wood updated Council with COVID-19 changes. Now that the COVID-19 health threat has been greatly reduced (not eliminated completely) and given that the Governor has ended the Declaration of Emergency, staff recommends that all policies regarding utility fees, disconnects, and credit card payments return to their pre-pandemic status with one exception--that customers with delinquent utility accounts be allowed to enter into six-month payment plans.

Motion: To approve returning to the preCOVID-19 policies beginning September 1, 2021.

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)

10.2 Council Member A. Ralph Casey had previously served as a citizen representative on the West Piedmont Planning District Commission (WPPDC) but with Council Member Casey currently serving as a representative on Town Council, another citizen representative could be sought and with Council's approval, that individual could serve in the citizen capacity. Mr. Lucas Tuning currently serves as a board member of the Board of Zoning Appeals and welcomes the opportunity to represent the Town of Rocky Mount to the WPPDC in the citizen role.

Motion: To appoint Mr. Lucas A. Tuning as a citizen representative of the Town of Rocky Mount on the WPPDC.

Motion By: Council Member Lee

Seconded: Council Member Casey

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)

11. **Committee Reports**

None at this time

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

Town Manager Wood did this months appearance on Rise 'N Shine.

Council Member Newbill asked Public Works Superitendant Brian Schofield to take a look at possibly painting the clock at the Farmers Market since it is in good working condition now.

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: 7:16 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)

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. (Franklin Street)

Motion By: Council Member Moyer

Second: 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 (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, July 12, 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: 8:05 p.m.

Motion By: Council Member Moyer

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

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