CITY OF ROCKY TOP COUNCIL MEETING
19th September 2022 at 6:00 PM

The City Council of the City of Rocky Top, Tennessee, met at City Hall at 6:00 p.m., on 19th September 2022, for the regular scheduled meeting, with Mayor Tim Sharp presiding. On the roll call the following answered present:

Denise Casteel Tony Devaney Zack Green Juston Job Tim Sharp

Invocation

County Commissioner Shane Vowell opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes

The motion to approve the minutes for the 19th September 2022 regularly scheduled meeting was made by Vice-Mayor Juston Job and was seconded by Councilwoman Denise Casteel. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

A motion to amend the agenda to include a Road Block request from Christmas for Rocky Top Kids was made by Mayor Sharp and Seconded by Vice-Mayor Job. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Recognize Citizens, Guests and Visitors

John Owings of Owings, Wilson & Coleman, the new City Attorney, was introduced to Council and the audience.

Becky Bridges had concerns about her water bill and stated that, "this is a city with poor people." She estimates that we make $79,000 a month on water alone. City Manager Michael Foster explained the rates, the aging system and enterprise funds. Ms. Bridges stated that she doesn't live in the house in city limits. Discussion ensued. Ms. Bridges advised that he lived within city limits, but later recanted stating that she does not live in the city but has property here.

Councilwoman Casteel would like to revisit putting the trash fee in the tax rate again, during the budget process.

The audience became unruly and began making random disparaging statements about the city and its employees, pot holes, and water leaks.

Mayor's Report

Officer Mitch Wade was recognized as the TACP Officer of the Year for the state if TN.

Unfinished Business

City Manager Contract

City Recorder Kari Bates explained the contract and the addition of the vehicle stipend. Discussion ensued amongst Council and the audience members. Vice-Mayor Job made a motion, and Councilman Green seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Second Reading of an Ordinance to Update the Purchasing Policies

Mayor Sharp made a motion, and Councilman Tony Devaney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Second Reading of an Ordinance to Amend the Rocky Top Municipal Code Title 10- Animal Control

City Manager Foster explained that this allows chickens with stipulations. Councilman Zack Green made a motion, and Councilwoman Casteel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Second Reading of an Ordinance to Amend the Rocky Top Municipal Code Title 14- Zoning and Land Use

Vice- Mayor Job made a motion, and Councilman Tony Devaney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

New Business

Canon & Canon Contract- tabled to October

Resolution to Submit an Application for TDEC ARP Funds

City Manager Foster explained the resolution. Mayor Sharp made a motion, and Vice-Mayor Job seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

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General Government

Sewer Adjustments- $96.97

Councilwoman Casteel made a motion, and Councilman Devaney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

City Manager Foster advised that the trash truck has left the control center for TX. CDBG is approximately 6 weeks out. The TDEC Grant for wastewater flow monitoring has been received. The interstate lights at 129 were all working, but then another box got run over. Two polies need to be replaced that we are awaiting the arrival of more LED lights. The cost is approximately $18,000 per pole. The Rocky Top Truck or Treat will be held on the 28th. The movie, Ghostbusters, will be sponsored by ASAP of Anderson and Mayor Sharp. Food will be sold by the elementary school. There will be hayrides, bouncers, a costume contest and prizes.

Committee Reports

Tree Committee- No meeting.

Planning Commission- Meets next Tuesday.

Recreation Committee- None.

There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

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Timothy Sharp, Mayor	Kari Bates, City Recorder