

CITY OF ROCKY TOP COUNCIL MEETING
May 18, 2023 at 6:00 PM

The City Council of the City of Rocky Top, Tennessee, met at City Hall at 6:04 p.m., on May 18, 2023 for the regularly scheduled city council meeting with Mayor Kerry Templin presiding. Upon roll call the following answered present: Mack Bunch Jeff Gilliam Zack Green Kerry Templin

Invocation

Michael Ellis opened the meeting with prayer.
Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

Upon review of the April 20, 2023 minutes, Councilman Zack Green brought to the attention of the Mayor and council that the reflection of Councilman Richard Dawson's resignation in the minutes was improper due to no motion being made or a vote being taken. Councilman Zack Green stated that this section should be omitted or amended. Mayor Templin made a motion to omit the following from the April 20, 2023 City Council meeting minutes "Mayor Templin read and accepted the resignation of Councilman, Richard Dawson. The appointment of Stacy Phillips to the city council seat vacancy will be tabled until the May 18th meeting to allow all the councilman to be present at the meeting." Councilman Zack Green seconded the motion to omit the section. Mayor Templin called for roll call: Mack Bunch "I"; Jeff Gilliam "I"; Zack Green "I" and Mayor Templin "I". Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Zack Green made a motion to accept the minutes from April 25, 2023 Special Called meeting, seconded by Jeff Gilliam. Mayor Templin called for roll call: Mack Bunch "I"; Jeff Gilliam "I"; Zack Green "I" and Mayor Templin "I". Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Recognize Citizens, Guests and Visitors

Mayor Templin recognized Houston Daugherty and Jacob Blocker with Cannon & Cannon. Mr. Daugherty presented the City of Rocky Top with a 4th of July donation on behalf of Cannon & Cannon.

Carol Erdan inquired about a sewer problem at 494 Seventh Street between Jacksboro and Short. When heavy rains are received raw sewage backflows in her driveway from the manhole. Ms. Erdan also inquired about whether a drain could be installed under her driveway to help with this problem. Mayor Templin and Jacob Blocker with Cannon & Cannon advised that this area is part of the upcoming sewer project and will be upgraded. Mayor Templin advised that the City will place some lime around the area.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Templin advised that Richard Dawson submitted his resignation and council will need to vote to accept Mr. Dawson's resignation. Councilman Jeff Gilliam made a motion to accept the resignation of Richard Dawson, seconded by Vice-Mayor Mack Bunch. Mayor Templin called for

roll call: Mack Bunch "I"; Jeff Gilliam "I"; Zack Green "I" and Mayor Templin "I". Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Templin announced that Stacy Phillips will fill Councilman Richard Dawson's seat. Vice-Mayor Mack Bunch made a motion to accept and appoint Stacy Phillips to fill Richard Dawson's seat, seconded by Jeff Gilliam. Mayor Templin called for roll call: Mack Bunch "I"; Jeff Gilliam "I"; Zack Green "No" and Mayor Templin "I". Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Stacy Phillips was sworn in by City Recorder, Peggy Watson. Stacy Phillips executed her Oath of Office.

Mayor Templin stated that four (4) applications for the City Manager position were received. Mayor Templin and Councilman Jeff Gilliam stated that Interim City Manager, Michael Ellis, has been doing a good job. Councilman Jeff Gilliam made a motion to hire Michael Ellis as City Manager. Councilman Zack Green stated that other candidates were qualified and felt they should be interviewed prior to a decision being made. Mayor Templin stated that the City Manager will not be under contract and will be employed as the other employees. Councilman Jeff Gilliam voiced concern about the change of jobs every two years of the applicants. Mayor Templin commended Mr. Ellis' commitment to the City. Vice-Mayor Mack Bunch seconded the motion to hire Michael Ellis fulltime as City Manager. Mayor Templin called for roll call: Mack Bunch "I"; Jeff Gilliam "I"; Zack Green "No"; Stacy Phillips "I" and Mayor Templin "I". Motion carried by unanimous vote.

New Business

Mayor Templin read the first reading of Ordinance No. 573 to amend the 2022-2023 fiscal year budget. Councilman Zack Green made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 573, seconded by Jeff Gilliam. Mayor Templin called for roll call: Mack Bunch "I"; Jeff Gilliam "I"; Zack Green "I" and Mayor Templin "I". Motion carried by unanimous vote.

General Government

Sewer Adjustments \$589.00. Motion to accept sewer adjustment as written was by Vice-Mayor, seconded by Councilwoman Stacy Phillips. Mayor Templin called for roll call: Mack Bunch "I"; Jeff Gilliam "I"; Zack Green "I" and Mayor Templin "I". Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Water Department report. Mayor Templin stated that Anderson County Utility has a trench box that we can borrow until the City of Rocky Top purchases one.

Police Department report

Fire Department report

Public Works Department report

Vice-Mayor Mack Bunch inquired about an update on the speed breakers.

Mayor Templin provided an update on the progress he and Fire Chief Anthony Braden have made relative to their fireworks training and certification process.

Councilman Zack Green provided an update that the Recreation Committee will get final details wrapped up for the upcoming 4th of July festivities at their next meeting.

Councilman Jeff Gilliam wanted to recognize our newest members, City Manager Michael Ellis and Councilwoman Stacy Phillips.

City Manager provided an update on the following: Cannon & Cannon projects, updating of the Ordinances, the discrepancy that was found regarding the water rates, our Water Quality Report is on the bills and will be published in the Courier on May 31st. City Manager Michael Ellis requested a Special Called meeting on June 5, 2023 for the first reading of the Ordinance to approve the 2023-2024 budget.

There being no further business to come before the council, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Vice-Mayor Mack Bunch and seconded by Councilwoman Stacy Phillips. Mayor Templin called for roll call: Mack Bunch "I"; Jeff Gilliam "I"; Zack Green "I" and Mayor Templin "I". Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Kerry Templin, Mayor

Peggy Watson, City Recorder