

CITY OF ROCKY TOP COUNCIL MEETING

April 20, 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 April 20, 2023 for the regular scheduled city council meeting with Mayor Kerry Templin presiding. Upon roll call the following answered present: Mack Bunch Jeff Gilliam Kerry Templin Absent due to prior commitment at function with his children: Zach Green

Invocation

Rev. Wayne Phillips opened the meeting with prayer.
Pledge of Allegiance

Aooroval of Minutes

Jeff Gilliam made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 20, 2023 City Council meeting, Vice Mayor Mack Bunch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote and roll call. Mayor Templin called for roll call: Mack Bunch "I"; Jeff Gilliam and Mayor Templin "I". Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Recognize Citizens, Guests and Visitors

Mayor Templin inquired if any member of the audience had any comments and reminded the audience that they will need to sign in and provide their name and address and speak from the podium.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Templin discussed that a vacancy on the Library Board still exists, and that Deborah Shaw will be considered for appointment. Vice-Mayor Mack Bunch nominated Deborah Shaw to serve on the Library Board, seconded by Jeff Gilliam. Mayor Templin called for roll call: Mack Bunch "I"; Jeff Gilliam "I" and Mayor Templin "I". Motion carried by unanimous vote.

New Business

Rev. Wayne Phillips with Main Street Baptist Church addressed the council and requested that Rocky Top observe the National Day of Prayer on May 4, 2023. Everyone would meet at 9:00

a.m. at City Hall to come and join in prayer. Councilman Jeff Gilliam made a motion to observe May 4 as National Prayer Day, seconded by Vice-Mayor Mack Bunch.

City Recorder, Peggy Watson made a request for a budget workshop to be held on May 9th. Also, an invitation to any councilman was extended and it was advised that the City Recorder has an open-door policy for anyone with a question or concern about the budget or the budget process.

Mayor Templin stated that the duties and authorities of City Manager are the same whether the individual is acting as the Interim City Manager or as City Manager. Additionally, Mayor Templin stated that the City Manager job posting will be done and posted on our website, MTAS website and at City Hall.

Interim City Manager Mike Ellis introduced the new Fire Chief, Anthony Braden. Mayor Templin commended Chief Shetterly for performing the duties of the Fire Chief after the passing of the previous Fire Chief. Also, an Ordinance update report was given. Mayor Templin explained the book that MTAS compiles for each city and their Ordinances. The last MTAS update for Rocky Top was done in 2015. Efforts are being made to update the Ordinances on file with MTAS.

An additional quote from Schafer for the 2nd garbage cans has been requested and will be forthcoming as the account representative was out of the office with his Wife as they await the arrival of their new baby.

Jacob Blocker with Cannon & Cannon gave an update and that everything is going smoothly. Also, he anticipates that the bid process could begin 4-6 months out. After the bids are out and received back Mr. Blocker is optimistic that October would be our target date for work to begin.

interim City Manager shared an update on the sidewalk project and that work is expected to begin Spring 2024.

iWorQ zoom training session was held with the Interim City Manager and City Recorder. iWorQ representative requested our assistance in obtaining the pavement shape files so she can load those into the system.

A health fair will be held on June 10, 2023, at the Community Center.

Mayor Templin stated limited details on the City Hall internet breach. Mayor Templin also compared the hacks that happened in Collierville and Oak Ridge.

General Government

Sewer Adjustments- \$384.00

Water Department report. Mayor Templin stated that the new Mexican restaurant will need to install a new sewer line.

Street Department report.

Review Police Department report. Chief Shetterly provided information on our new police officers, Cody Culver and Jordan Hannah.

Review of Fire Department report.

Citizen inquired about the city looking into speed breakers on Mason Avenue.

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 Councilman Jeff Gilliam at 6:41 p.m.

Kerry Templin, Mayor

Peggy Watson, City Recorder