

**City of Rocky Top Council Meeting
January 16, 2025 at 6:00 pm**

The City Council of Rocky Top, Tennessee met at City Hall at 6:00 pm on January 16, 2025, for the regularly scheduled City Council meeting with Mayor Kerry Templin presiding. Upon roll call the following answered present:

Jeff Gilliam Keith Daniels Richard Duff Kerry Templin
Mack Bunch was absent.

Invocation

Councilman Keith Daniels opened the meeting with prayer.
Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

Councilman Keith Daniels made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 19, 2024 Public Hearing, seconded by Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam. Motion carried.

Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 19, 2024 City Council Meeting, seconded by Councilman Keith Daniels. Motion carried.

Recognize Citizens, Guests, and Visitors

Nick Vowell, with the Anderson County Highway Department. He has been tasked by Gary Long to get federal grants for roads. The grant in the works right now is called the Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant. This grant is not for paving, but for guardrails, striping, lighting, and signage. The grant pays \$24,000; the county pays \$6,000. There will be two public meetings. The first one is January 29 at 6:00pm in Room 118A at the Anderson County Courthouse.

JR Cates with Mitchell Emert & Hill, for a brief overview of the financial statements. He stated there were no findings for 2023-2024. There was a recommendation to start an inventory in the water and sewer department.

Tyler Rutherford and Jacob Blocker with Cannon & Cannon, to discuss Change Orders for the Sewer Rehabilitation Project. He suggested that Change Order 2 be removed from the scope and completed at a later date. There is a Change Order 3 that will need approval.

Mayor's Report

The Comptroller's Office requires elected officials of utility districts to take training classes. The Mayor would like to do a workshop next month. It will be a posted meeting where anything can be discussed, but nothing will be voted on. The council decided on February 7, 2025 at 4:00pm for the workshop.

Committee Reports

Planning Commission – Meeting January 21, 2025.

Recreation Committee – Meeting January 16, 2025. Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam made a motion to reappoint Dustin Leach, Maria Hooks, Nicole White, and Tim Hatmaker for two years, seconded by Councilman Richard Duff. Motion carried. Councilman Keith Daniels made a motion to accept Zack Green's resignation from the Recreation Committee, seconded by Mayor Templin. Motion carried. Mayor Templin made a motion to appoint Richard Duff to the Recreation Committee, seconded by Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam. Motion carried.

City Manager Report

The water and sewer insurance starts February 1, 2025. If you want to opt out, you must stop by City Hall and fill out the Opt-Out Form. City Hall will be closed on Monday, January 20, 2025 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr Day. Garbage pickup will be Tuesday, January 21, and Wednesday, January 22, 2025.

General Government Report

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Adjustment</u>
Janice Goins	404 Bittle Ln.	Leak	\$166.00
Catherine A Cattafi	112 Pearl St.	Leak	\$348.00
Ronnie Ogden	109 Chestnut Ave.	Leak	\$412.00
Russell & Shirley Colwell	212 Pearl St.	Leak	\$43.00
LaFollette Housing	1031 Grace Ave.	Leak	\$77.00
Total Sewer Adjustments			\$1,046.00

Sewer adjustments are \$1,046.00. Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam made a motion to approve the sewer adjustments, seconded by Councilman Keith Daniels. Motion carried.

Monthly water loss was 52.337%, with in-house usage 38.008%.

Police Report – Chief John Thomas is on intermittent personal leave due to a family medical emergency. Deputy Chief Matt McGhee is on short-term medical leave. One officer is on administrative leave after an officer-involved shooting.

Fire Report – 39 calls for the month.

Public Works Report – Normal monthly operations.

Water/Sewer Report – Normal monthly operations.

Financial Analysis Report – The water fund is around 54% unrealized, expenditures at 74% including purchase orders, General Fund is around 56% unrealized, expenditures at 51%.

Ordinances and Resolutions

First Reading of Ordinance 598, An Ordinance to Amend the Rocky Top Municipal Code Title 4 – Municipal Personnel. Councilman Keith Daniels made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 598, seconded by Councilman Richard Duff. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Sewer adjustments for swimming pools. Councilman Keith Daniels recommends putting an adjustment policy in writing.

Change Order No. 3, TDOT Flowable Fill for \$9,223.50. The purpose of this change order is to add 43 cubic yards of Flowable Fill to the contract. Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam made a motion to pay a maximum of \$9,223.50 for Change Order 3, seconded by Councilman Richard Duff. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the council, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:04 pm.

Kerry Templin, Mayor

Amanda Daugherty, City Recorder