

City of Rocky Top Council Meeting
Thursday, November 16, 2023, at 6:00 pm

The City Council of Rocky Top, Tennessee met at City Hall at 6:00 pm on Thursday, November 16, 2023, for the regularly scheduled City Council meeting, with Mayor Kerry Templin presiding. Upon roll call, the following answered present:

Jeff Gilliam Mack Bunch Zack Green Stacy Phillips Kerry Templin

Invocation

Councilperson Zack Green opened the meeting with prayer.
Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

Councilperson Jeff Gilliam made a motion to accept the minutes from the October 19, 2023 City Council Meeting, seconded by Vice-Mayor Mack Bunch. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Recognize Citizens, Guests, and Visitors

None

Mayor's Report

Mayor Templin mentioned that Boomer Winfrey passed away last month. The town lost a valuable asset. Mayor Templin suggested the town needs to do something to recognize the contribution Boomer has made to the town.

Old/Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Second Reading of Ordinance No. 579-Councilperson Zack Green made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 579, An Ordinance Authorizing the Award of Items to Certain Retiring Police Officers and Firefighters after Twenty-Five Years of Service to Rocky Top, Tennessee., seconded by Councilperson Stacy Phillips. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

First Reading of Ordinance No. 580-Councilperson Zack Green inquired about what was amended. City Manager Ellis said it was the fees that changed. Councilperson Zack Green made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 580, An Ordinance to Amend the Rocky Top Municipal Code Title 14 Zoning and Land Use Control Chapter 1 Municipal Planning Commission, seconded by Vice-Mayor Mack Bunch. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

First Reading of Ordinance No. 581-Vice-Mayor Mack Bunch made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 581, An Ordinance to Amend Section 15-801(1) (3) of the City of Rocky Top, Tennessee Amending the Rocky Top Municipal Code Title 15, Chapter 8, Entitled Roadblocks, Parades, Foot or Bicycle Races Assemblies or Other Events in Ordinance 578, seconded by Councilperson Jeff Gilliam. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Title VI Coordinator, Mike Ellis-Councilperson Jeff Gilliam made a motion to accept Mike Ellis as the Title VI Coordinator, seconded by Vice-Mayor Mack Bunch. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Health Insurance Renewal-There will be a 12% increase in health insurance. City Manager Ellis explained that he received quotes from Tate Insurance Group as well as from the State. United Healthcare and Delta Dental renewal with Tate Insurance Group is the best option for the City. Dental increased 3.75%. Vice-Mayor Mack Bunch made a motion to accept the health insurance renewal with Tate Insurance Group, seconded by Councilperson Stacy Phillips. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Football Scoreboard-Councilperson Zack Green, representing the Recreation Committee, asked the City for \$5,000.00 to help with the cost of replacing the scoreboard at the ballfield. Vice-Mayor Mack Bunch made a motion to donate \$5,000.00 to replace the scoreboard at the ballfield, seconded by Councilperson Jeff Gilliam. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

General Government

Name	Address	Reason	Total Sewer	/6 = Avg	Adjustment
Walter Kowalski	922 Cooper Dr	Leak	250	42	\$81.00
Total Adjustments					\$81.00

November sewer adjustments were \$81.00. Councilperson Jeff Gilliam made a motion to accept the sewer adjustment report for November, seconded by Councilperson Zack Green. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Monthly water loss was 20.757%.

Department and Committee Reports

Recreation Committee Report – Scoreboard discussion. Tree Lighting at the Library on November 30, 2023 at 6:30 pm. Christmas Parade will be December 1, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

Police Department Report – Interviewed certified and non-certified officers. Awarded the TLETA Grant that reimburses for sending non-certified to the academy. ACSO and CCSO still covering 0200-0700 nightly. Hired an Evidence Clerk to work part-time to improve the evidence system.

Fire Department Report – Thank you to the community for all the donations during the brush fires.

Public Works Report

Water Department Report – Made a 4” sewer tap at 122 Mountain Side Lane. Worked through the night of 10/27/2023 to repair 8” sewer main at 2454 Highway 116. Cause of problem was a CUB contractor drilled a guide wire anchor through the sewer main.

City Manager Report

SRF loan paperwork has been approved. The sewer project will be ready to advertise. City Manager Ellis recognized Jessica Jones, hired as the Accounting Clerk. The Veteran’s Breakfast is Saturday at Main Street Baptist Church. Doors open at 8:00 am and eat at 8:30 am.

Public Comment

None

There being no further business to come before the council, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Vice-Mayor Mack Bunch, seconded by Councilperson Jeff Gilliam. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Kerry Templin, Mayor

Amanda Daugherty, City Recorder