

**City of Rocky Top Council Meeting
February 20, 2025 at 6:00 pm**

The City Council of Rocky Top, Tennessee met at City Hall at 6:00 pm on February 20, 2025, for the regularly scheduled City Council meeting with Mayor Kerry Templin presiding. Upon roll call the following answered present:

Jeff Gilliam Mack Bunch Keith Daniels Richard Duff Kerry Templin

Invocation

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

Approval of Minutes

Councilman Mack Bunch made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 16, 2025 City Council Meeting, seconded by Councilman Keith Daniels. Motion carried.

Recognize Citizens, Guests, and Visitors

None

Mayor's Report

Discuss ownership of Lift Station on the McGhee property on Highway 116. The Suttons had a manhole installed so they could have sewer service for their property. The Suttons sold that property and the new owner has a problem paying for the electric for that lift station. The City needs to assume ownership of that lift station and pay the electric bill.

Property Tax reappraisal is mandated by the state. There is a 3-, 4-, 5-, or 6-year cycle. Anderson County is currently on a 5-year cycle but would like to switch to a 4-year cycle. Property Assessor John Alley has reached out to ask if the city has any objections to the change. No objection from City Council.

Committee Reports

Planning Commission – Meeting February 18, 2025. The Planning Commission approved a plat review for Main Street Baptist Church. They are asking to build a youth center. The land that they wanted to build on was too soft. They have changed the location to three small properties on Third Street. Also, the Planning Commission approved a subdivision for the Lizard Spot on Seventh Street. The Planning Commission is getting closer to adopting a Tiny Home policy. The Planning Commission has created a Slum Clearance and Redevelopment Act, that will be voted on later tonight. The Planning Commission accepted two new Planning Commission members, Ben Brewer and Michael Phillips. James Shetterly's term has ended, and Dewayne Seiber has resigned.

Recreation Committee – Did not have a quorum for a February meeting.

City Manager Report

The sewer project is 73% complete. Morgan is expected to be completed by the end of the month. The roof at the Community Center was damaged from storms. The roof is being repaired with a cost of around \$17,000. The old fieldhouse bathroom roof is leaking from storms. The estimate on it is around \$12,000. A tree fell on a fence and building at the sewer plant. That estimate is around \$3,500. Spring Clean Up will be the month of March, pick up every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. The shed at Public Works is complete. The fence around it will be installed next week. TOSHA will be here on March 4, 2025. We received \$149,000 for the Infrastructure Planning Grant.

General Government Report

Monthly water loss was 61.713%, with in-house usage 50.360%.

Police Report – Chief John Thomas is on intermittent personal leave due to a family medical emergency. Officer Dustin Henderson will graduate from the academy on March 13.

Fire Report – 36 calls for the month.

Public Works Report – Normal monthly operations.

Water/Sewer Report – Normal monthly operations.

Financial Analysis Report – The Street Aid fund revenue is around 42%. Street Aid expenses are around 59%. The Drug fund has \$1852, they have spent \$350. The General Fund revenue is around 52%, and expenses are around 57%. The Water Fund revenue is around 60%, expenditures at 65%. The grants are 28% in revenue, and billed 39%.

Ordinances and Resolutions

First Reading of Ordinance 600, An Ordinance to Update Title 13 of the City of Rocky Top's Municipal Code Adopting the Slum Clearance and Redevelopment Act. Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 600, seconded by Councilman Richard Duff. Motion carried.

First Reading of Ordinance 601, An Ordinance to Amend the Rocky Top Municipal Code Title 2 – Boards and Committees, Etc., Chapter 1 Parks and Recreation Committee. Councilman Keith Daniels made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 601, seconded by Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam. Motion carried.

Second Reading of Ordinance 598, An Ordinance to Amend the Rocky Top Municipal Code Title 4 – Municipal Personnel. Councilman Mack Bunch made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 598, seconded by Councilman Keith Daniels. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Commercial Water/Sewer Insurance. Water is \$6.50 and sewer is \$6.50, for a total of \$13.00. It is the same coverage as the residential insurance. Councilman Richard Duff made a motion to approve offering commercial water/sewer insurance to commercial customers, seconded by Councilman Mack Bunch. Motion carried.

New Business

Real Estate Purchase and Sale Agreement for 225 S Main Street. Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam made a motion to approve to pay up to \$175,000 for the old funeral home building and borrow with best rate, seconded by Councilman Keith Daniels. Motion carried.

Appointing Planning Commission members. Councilman Mack Bunch made a motion to appoint Ben Brewer and Michael Phillips as Planning Commission members, seconded by Councilman Keith Daniels. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the council, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Mack Bunch. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm.

Kerry Templin, Mayor

Amanda Daugherty, City Recorder