

**City of Rocky Top Council Meeting
March 21, 2024 at 6:00 pm**

The City Council of Rocky Top, Tennessee met at City Hall at 6:00 pm on March 21, 2024, for the regularly scheduled City Council meeting with Mayor Kerry Templin presiding. Upon roll call the following answered present:

Jeff Gilliam Mack Bunch Stacy Phillips Kerry Templin
Zack Green Absent

Invocation

County Commissioner Shain Vowell opened the meeting with prayer.
Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

Councilperson Jeff Gilliam made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 15, 2024, City Council Meeting, seconded by Vice-Mayor Mack Bunch. Motion carried.

Recognize Citizens, Guests, and Visitors

Linda Wolfenbarger and Mayor Tim Neal, City of Kingston, would like to provide a Safe Haven Baby Box at the Rocky Top Fire Department. The money to purchase the Safe Haven Baby Box is funded by the Kingston United Methodist Church Clothes Closet (Ben Williams). The funding covers the project and 10 years of maintenance.

J.R. Cates, with Mitchell Emert and Hill, explained the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Financial Statements. Mr. Cates advised that it was a clean audit with one finding and that the City had made positive changes. No questions from Council arose.

Joe Gilliam, representing Medford Volunteer Fire Department, requested a boot drive for June 1, 2024, with a rain date of June 8, 2024. Councilperson Jeff Gilliam made a motion to approve the Medford Volunteer Fire Department boot drive, seconded by Councilperson Stacy Phillips. Motion carried. Medford Volunteer Fire Department will have their annual chili supper on April 13, 2024.

Mayor's Report

Pre-construction meeting for the sewer project will be held April 8, 2024, at 11:00 am at City Hall.

Committee Reports

Planning Commission – March 19, 2024 meeting. Interest in building condos on North Main Street, still early in the planning stage. The Zoning Maps need to be updated. The Commission met for two (2) hours which satisfies two (2) of the eight (8) required hours for training.

Recreation Committee – No March meeting.

Beer Board – Postponed until April 25, 2024.

City Manager Report

City Manager, Mike Ellis, was absent due to an emergency with a City employee. City Recorder, Amanda Daugherty mentioned the Rocky Top Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner is April 2, 2024 at 6:00 pm,

at the Main Street Family Life Center.

General Government Report

Name	Address	Reason	Adjustment
Roy Anderson	602 Sixth Street	Leak	\$54.00
LaFollette Housing Auth	1001 Grace Avenue	Replaced Line/Leak	\$135.00
Executive Inn	530 N Main Street	Burst Pipe	\$507.00
Bowers Enterprise Inc.	809 S Main Street	Leak	\$1,278.00
Susan Peed Lawson	1113 S Main Street	Water Heater	\$83.00
William Brown	229 Johnson Street	Leak	\$290.00
Mark Campbell	516 Third Street	Leak	\$93.00
Total			\$2,440.17

February sewer adjustments are \$2,440.17. Vice-Mayor Mack Bunch made a motion to approve the sewer adjustments, seconded by Councilperson Jeff Gilliam. Motion carried.

Police Report – New hire Officer Dustin Hensley. Officer Malicoat starts TLETA on March 31, 2024.

Fire Report – 30 calls for the month of February.

Public Works Report – Normal monthly operations.

Water/Sewer Report – Normal monthly operations.

February water loss was 44.570%.

Resolutions and Ordinances

First Reading of Ordinance No. 584-FY 2023-2024 Budget Amendment. Vice-Mayor Mack Bunch made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 584, An Ordinance of the City of Rocky Top Tennessee Amending the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget, Passed by Ordinance Number 574, seconded by Councilperson Stacy Phillips. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Sale of 225 S Main Street. The old Martin Funeral Home building has been in probate since the owners passed. There are three (3) executors over the property. The City is looking to purchase the property to create public parking for the City. Mayor Templin recommended the City offer \$125,000 to the executors to purchase the property. Councilperson Jeff Gilliam made a motion to offer \$125,000 to the executors to purchase 225 S Main Street, seconded by Vice-Mayor Mack Bunch. Motion carried.

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 Stacy Phillips. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Kerry Templin, Mayor

Amanda Daugherty, City Recorder