

**City of Rocky Top Council Meeting  
July 18, 2024 at 6:00 pm**

The City Council of Rocky Top, Tennessee met at City Hall at 6:00 pm on July 18, 2024, for the regularly scheduled City Council meeting with Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam presiding. Upon roll call the following answered present:

Jeff Gilliam Mack Bunch Zack Green Stacy Phillips

Mayor Kerry Templin was absent.

**Invocation**

Citizen Linda Bunch opened the meeting with prayer.  
Pledge of Allegiance

**Approval of Minutes**

Councilperson Mack Bunch made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 20, 2024 Public Hearing Meeting, seconded by Councilperson Stacy Phillips. Motion carried.

Councilperson Mack Bunch made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 20, 2024 City Council Meeting, seconded by Councilperson Stacy Phillips. Motion carried.

**Recognize Citizens, Guests, and Visitors**

Citizen Tina Daniels has a concern about the sewer work on High Avenue. She says there is a hole in the road that the rocks have come out of, and the road is very uneven. City Manager Mike Ellis stated he would let the sewer project contractors know.

Citizen Donna Walker has a concern over the red light at Fourth Street and Main Street. She says there is not enough room to make a right-hand turn onto Main Street. She also has a concern about the children that walk to the elementary school on Jacksboro Avenue. She suggests a sidewalk or one way road. She also has a concern about a neighbor that has placed blocks on the edge of the road to keep walkers out of his yard. She ran over the blocks and caused damage to her car. Police Chief John Thomas says he will watch the school area and investigate the situation with the neighbor.

**Mayor's Report**

None

**Committee Reports**

**Planning Commission** – Meeting July 16, 2024, the Planning Commission discussed the continuing water problem at the burned apartment building on Main Street. That issue will be addressed. Voted to change the sign size for commercial properties. The current sign size is 32 square feet (4' x 8'), the Planning Commission voted to reduce the size to 16 square feet (4' x 4'). The environmental assessment is underway at the old funeral home property (225 Main St).

**Recreation Committee** – Meeting July 18, 2024, the Recreation Committee was not able to have a quorum but discussed the Trunk or Treat/Fall Festival. The Recreation Committee is looking at Tuesday, October 29, 2024, for churches, businesses, and food trucks to set up around the ballfield. The new scoreboard needs another \$2,500 for installation. Councilperson Mack Bunch made a motion to pay an

additional \$2,500 for the installation of the scoreboard at the football field, seconded by Zack Green.  
Motion carried.

**City Manager Report**

Clinton little league wants to use the football field on August 31, 2024 from 4:00pm-9:30pm. There is no conflict with Lake City Little League. August 1, 2024, Lake City Elementary would like to use the bounce houses for their back to school celebration.

**General Government Report**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Adjustment</b>
Marschel McGhee	110 Shelby St	Replace Line	\$291.00
Dewayne Seiber	210 Alley St	Leak	\$25.00
Danielle Kennedy	124 Eighth St	Water Heater	\$264.00
Loretta Dodson	520 Railroad Ave	Leak	\$72.00
Fastop Market (Exxon)	501 N Main St	Replace Line	\$3456.00
Brenda McRay	134 Shelby St	Pool	\$69.00
Brian Elliott	635 Fourth St	Pool	\$21.00
Eddie Loving	920 Grace Ave	Pool	\$266.00
Janice Goins	404 Bittle Ln	Pool	\$99.00
Brian Champagne	109 Summit Ln	Pool	\$244.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$4,807.00</b>

June sewer adjustments are \$4,807.00. Councilperson Stacy Phillips made a motion to approve the sewer adjustments, seconded by Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam. Motion carried.

Monthly water loss was 31.625%.

Police Report – Swearing in of Officer Dustin Hensley. Deputy Chief Matt McGhee has been released to light duty. Officer Malicoat completed field training and is assigned to fill a patrol slot starting July 22.

Fire Report – 68 calls for the month.

Public Works Report – Normal monthly operations.

Water/Sewer Report – Normal monthly operations.

**Ordinances and Resolutions**

**Resolution No. 601**, A Resolution Authorizing the City of Rocky Top to Participate in the Pool’s Safety Partners Matching Grant Program. This is a 50/50 matching grant. Councilperson Mack Bunch made a motion to approve Resolution 601, seconded by Councilperson Stacy Phillips. Motion carried.

**Resolution No. 602**, A Resolution to Authorize the City of Rocky Top to Complete an Application for License to Install and Operate Law Enforcement Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) Cameras on State Highway Rights-of-Way. The Police Department would like to purchase two (2) cameras. These cameras are not for ticketing, strictly investigative. There is a permit fee of \$3,000 per year, per camera. Councilperson Stacy Phillips made a motion to approve Resolution 602, seconded by Councilperson Zack Green. Motion carried.

**Unfinished Business**

None

**New Business**

Cannon & Cannon 2024-2025 General Engineering Services Contract. Councilperson Zack Green made a motion to accept the Cannon & Cannon 2024-2025 General Engineering Services Contract, seconded by Councilperson Mack Bunch. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 6:53 pm.

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Kerry Templin, Mayor

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Amanda Daugherty, City Recorder