

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

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

Jeff Gilliam Joe Tackett Keith Daniels Richard Duff Kerry Templin

Invocation

Councilman Joe Tackett opened the meeting with prayer.
Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

Councilman Keith Daniels made a motion to approve the October 16, 2025 Agenda, seconded by Councilman Joe Tackett.

Approval of Minutes

Councilman Joe Tackett made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 18, 2025 City Council Meeting, seconded by Councilman Richard Duff. Motion carried.

Recognize Citizens, Guests, and Visitors

Louis Blas, Grumpa Bear BBQ owner, wanted to thank the City workers and the Mayor for changing the date of the water shut off. The water shut off was scheduled for October 3, 2025 to remove a fire hydrant. Once they noticed all the businesses that would be affected, the date of shut off was changed to accommodate businesses.

Mayor's Report

None

Committee Reports

Planning Commission – Meeting October 21, 2025.

Recreation Committee – No October meeting.

City Manager Report

Fall clean-up is for the entire month of October. Trunk or Treat will be on October 31, 2025, from 6:00pm-8:00pm. The lowest bid for the City Hall and Police/Fire roofs was Dixie Roofing at \$120,000. Dixie Roofing has a 20-year warranty.

General Government Report

Financial Analysis Report – The Drug Fund received \$14,002 in revenue, spent \$1764.00 for the month. The General Fund received \$123,000, expenses are \$205,000, with \$17,000 toward debt service. In the Water and Sewer Fund, Water received \$72,000 in revenue, and Sewer received \$82,000, expenses were \$84,000. The Street Aid Fund didn't receive any revenue, and no expenses.

Police Report – Police Chief Thomas discussed the oversized loads that are coming through town and causing issues. Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam recommended a workshop to discuss solutions on the oversized loads.

Fire Report – 43 total calls for the month.

Public Works Report – Normal monthly operations.

Water/Sewer Report – Normal monthly operations.

Monthly water loss was 59.084%, with in-house usage 45.762%.

Sewer Adjustment – \$61.29 for New Beginning Church for a baptism. Councilman Joe Tackett made a motion to approve the adjustment of \$61.29, seconded by Councilman Richard Duff. Motion carried.

Ordinances and Resolutions

First Reading of Ordinance 616, An Ordinance to Amend Title 11 of the Rocky Top Municipal Code to Prohibit Smoking and the Use of Vapor Products in Certain Age-Restricted Venues. No motion to approve was made. Failed due to lack of motion.

Resolution 612, A Resolution Approving the City of Rocky Top, Tennessee to Enter into an Agreement with American Municipal Services Corporation (AMS) to Provide Collection Services. Councilman Joe Tackett made a motion to approve Resolution 612, seconded by Councilman Keith Daniels. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Rocky Top Urban and Community Forestry (UCF) Inflation Reduction Act Grant Proposal. Councilman Keith Daniels made a motion to accept the proposal, seconded by Mayor Kerry Templin. Councilman Joe Tackett voted no. Motion carried.

Bids for paving Fourth Street, High Street, Cobb Hollow, and Pearl Street. Councilman Joe Tackett made a motion to accept the bid from Roger's Group for \$187, 772.80 for paving to be paid out of ARPA funds, seconded by Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam. Motion carried.

Statement of Qualifications for Sludge Press System, Cannon & Cannon, Inc. Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam made a motion to accept the proposal from Cannon & Cannon for engineering on the sludge press system, 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 Joe Tackett, seconded by Councilman Keith Daniels. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm.

Kerry Templin, Mayor

Amanda Daugherty, City Recorder