

**City of Rocky Top Council Meeting
October 17, 2024 at 6:00 pm**

The City Council of Rocky Top, Tennessee met at City Hall at 6:00 pm on October 17, 2024, 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 Mack Bunch made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 19, 2024 Beer Board Meeting, seconded by Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam. Motion carried.

Councilperson Stacy Phillips made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 19, 2024 Public Hearing Meeting, seconded by Councilperson Mack Bunch. Motion carried.

September 19, 2024 City Council Meeting Minutes - Councilperson Zack Green inquired if the sewer adjustment tabled for Elizabeth Marie Graham needed to be subtracted from the total sewer adjustment amount. Mayor Templin asked City Recorder Amanda Daugherty to revise the minutes to reflect the correct amount that was approved. Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam made a motion to approve the minutes, after the revision, from the September 19, 2024 City Council Meeting, seconded by Councilperson Zack Green. Motion carried.

Recognize Citizens, Guests, and Visitors

David Massengill, 218 Nelson Street, requests that there be speed limit signs put up around Nelson Street and Gilliam Street.

Mayor's Report

The City received a Certificate from the Tennessee Comptroller's Office recognizing the City for a timely adoption of a balanced budget for the 2024-2025 year. With the recent flooding in upper East Tennessee, the City is getting with the Engineering firm to see what we can do to prevent flooding from happening in our area. The City sent fire personnel and a fire engine to help in the upper East Tennessee area to assist. Next month is the election. Make sure you vote!

Committee Reports

Planning Commission – Meeting October 15, 2024. The Planning Commission discussed tiny homes. The committee discovered the current zoning book is very vague and needs updating. An Ordinance with better definitions will be voted on later tonight.

Recreation Committee – Meeting October 17, 2024. The Fall Festival will be November 1, 2024 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. There was discussion on replacing a Recreation Committee member and appointing a new member.

City Manager Report

Fall Cleanup is still going on through the month of October. Water insurance will go into effect on February 1, 2025. The sewer project is 43% complete. The City received a grant to replace the traffic signal on Fourth and Main Street in January. Last month we had some motors that went out at the sewer plant. We had one rebuilt, we will have to replace two. The parts for the meter on Bank Avenue should be in this week to get that working. The water survey is closed.

General Government Report

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Adjustment</u>
Elizabeth Marie Graham	114 Pearl St	Damaged outside faucet	\$58.00
Macy Nicole & Matthew Ray	604 High Avenue	Leak	\$85.00
Ashley R Roskie	106 Carter Lane / Lot #7	Leak	\$81.00
Tommy & Carolyn Boston	611 Fourth Street	Water Heater	\$184.00
Dustin Terry Jones	109 Eighth Street	Leak	\$48.00
Anna & Jason Hollenbaugh	415 Chestnut Avenue	Replace Line	\$66.00
Roger Primm	301 Willow Lane	Replace Line/Burst Pipe	\$1,211.00
Total Sewer Adjustments			\$1,733.00

Sewer adjustments are \$1,733.00. Councilperson Stacy Phillips made a motion to approve the sewer adjustments, seconded by Councilperson Zack Green. Motion carried.

Monthly water loss was 39.998%, with in-house usage 22.122%.

Police Report – We have a University of Tennessee student intern that has started to help with administrative duties. Officer Maples resigned, and we hired Caleb McClurg. Officer McClurg is completing field training until the end of the month. City Recorder Amanda Daugherty swore in Office Caleb McClurg.

Fire Report – 38 calls for the month. The Baby Box has been installed and the testing process is complete.

Public Works Report – Normal monthly operations.

Water/Sewer Report – Normal monthly operations.

Financial Analysis Report – City Manager Mike Ellis will email it to all City Council members when completed.

Ordinances and Resolutions

First Reading of Ordinance 595, An Ordinance Amending the “Zoning Ordinance of City of Rocky Top, Tennessee” by Amending Article III, Definitions, Section 342, Tiny Home. Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 595, seconded by Councilperson Mack Bunch. Motion carried.

First Reading of Ordinance 596, An Ordinance Amending the “Zoning Ordinance of City of Rocky Top, Tennessee” by Amending Article VII Provisions Governing Use Districts, Section 703.2.6 Special Exceptions: Tiny Homes in the R-1 and R-2 Residential Zone. Councilperson Mack Bunch made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 596, seconded by Councilperson Stacy Phillips. Motion carried.

Second Reading of Ordinance 593, An Ordinance Adopting an Unclaimed Property Policy. Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 593, seconded by Councilperson Zack Green. Motion carried.

Second Reading of Ordinance 594, An Ordinance to Amend the Rocky Top Municipal Code Title 14 Zoning and land Use Control – Short -Term Rentals. Councilperson Mack Bunch made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 594, seconded by Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

2024 Parks and Recreation Grant – Councilperson Zack Green made a motion to approve Community Development Partners as administrators and Cannon & Cannon as engineers for the Parks and Recreation Grant, seconded by Councilperson Stacy Phillips. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the council, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilperson Mack Bunch, seconded by Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm.

Kerry Templin, Mayor

Amanda Daugherty, City Recorder