

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

The City Council of Rocky Top, Tennessee met at City Hall at 6:00 pm on November 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 Kerry Templin
Absent: Zack Green Stacy Phillips

Invocation

Councilperson Mack Bunch opened the meeting with prayer.
Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 17, 2024 Public Hearing, seconded by Councilperson Mack Bunch. Motion carried.

Councilperson Mack Bunch made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 17, 2024 City Council Meeting, seconded by Mayor Kerry Templin. Motion carried.

Recognize Citizens, Guests, and Visitors

None

Mayor's Report

None

Committee Reports

Planning Commission – Meeting November 19, 2024. A&J Automotive asked for a setback variance to build a 6 foot privacy fence, the Planning Commission approved. Two houses have been torn down on Johnson Street.

Recreation Committee – No November meeting.

City Manager Report

The sewer project is about 45% complete. The City will be going with the State health insurance for 2025. Main Street Baptist Church has sent the deed for the alley. The Christmas tree lighting will be December 5, 2024 at 6:30 pm at City Hall. The Christmas parade will be December 6, 2024 at 7:00 pm. You must register and get a number to participate in the parade. Thanksgiving dinner for the City employees will be Friday, November 22, 2024 at 12:00 pm.

General Government Report

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Adjustment</u>
Shane McMillian	120 Mason Ave	Leak	\$42.00
Geidy Dayana Paredes	204 Nelson St	Leak	\$136.00
Larry Brent Gaskill	509 Wallace Ave	Replace Line	\$246.00
Megan Marlow	211 Meadow St	Leak	\$136.00
Hatmaker Funeral Home	503 S Main St	Replace Line	\$529.00
Total Sewer Adjustments			\$1,089.00

Sewer adjustments are \$1,089.00. Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam made a motion to approve the sewer adjustments, seconded by Councilperson Mack Bunch. Motion carried.

Monthly water loss was 43.155%, with in-house usage 27.020%.

Police Report – Deputy Chief McGhee was issued the Purple Shield for injury in the line of duty. Received new badges as part of re-branding of the department.

Fire Report – 38 calls for the month.

Public Works Report – Normal monthly operations.

Water/Sewer Report – Normal monthly operations.

Financial Analysis Report – Through October, the General Fund is a little behind on revenue. We have spent about 47% of the General Fund budget. In water, we have spent about 65% of the Water budget.

Ordinances and Resolutions

First Reading of Ordinance 597, An Ordinance to Amend Title 3 of the Rocky Top Municipal Code Regarding Municipal Courts. Councilperson Mack Bunch made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 595, seconded by Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam. Motion carried.

Second 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 has suggested this ordinance needs to be sent back to the Planning Commission for further review. Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam made a motion to table Ordinance 595, seconded by Councilperson Mack Bunch. Motion carried.

Second 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. Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam has suggested this ordinance needs to be sent back to the Planning Commission for further review. Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam made a motion to table Ordinance 596, seconded by Councilperson Mack Bunch. Motion carried.

Resolution 605, Resolution for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Allocation and Memo of Understanding. Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam made a motion to approve Resolution 605, seconded by Mayor Kerry Templin. Motion carried.

Resolution 606, Resolution Recognizing Police Department Officers for Service to the City of Rocky Top, Tennessee, Councilperson Mack Bunch made a motion to approve Resolution 606, seconded by Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam. Motion carried.

Resolution 607, A Resolution in Opposition to Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency Price Hikes. Councilperson Mack Bunch made a motion to approve Resolution 607, seconded by Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Cannon & Cannon Inc. Funding Coordination and Construction Services for Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Professional Engineering Services, Amendment No. 1. Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam made a motion to approve Amendment No. 1, seconded by Councilperson Mack Bunch. Motion carried.

A Sewer Project Change Order for pipe bursting on Jacksboro Avenue for \$52,000 and a new line in the fairgrounds for \$45,000 will be voted on next month.

Add Accounting Clerk, Jessica Jones, to all checking accounts to sign checks. Councilperson Mack Bunch made a motion to add Accounting Clerk Jessica Jones to all checking accounts with Peoples Bank of the South, seconded by Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam. Motion carried.

Parks and Recreation Grant Contract for \$566,000. Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam made a motion to approve the Parks and Recreation Grant contract, seconded by Councilperson Mack Bunch. 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 6:39 pm.

Kerry Templin, Mayor

Amanda Daugherty, City Recorder