

**City of Rocky Top Council Meeting
April 17, 2025 at 6:00 pm**

The City Council of Rocky Top, Tennessee met at City Hall at 6:00 pm on April 17, 2025, for the regularly scheduled City Council meeting with Mayor Kerry Templin presiding. Upon roll call the following answered present:

Jeff Gilliam Keith Daniels Richard Duff Kerry Templin

Invocation

Councilman Keith Daniels opened the meeting with prayer.
Pledge of Allegiance

Open Seat

Mayor Templin made a motion to appoint Joe Tackett to fill the vacant seat, seconded by Councilman Keith Daniels. Motion carried. Joe Tackett was sworn in by City Recorder Amanda Daugherty, signed the oath, and took his new seat.

Approval of Minutes

Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 20, 2025 City Council Meeting, seconded by Councilman Joe Tackett. Motion carried.

Councilman Keith Daniels made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 7, 2025 Special Called Meeting, seconded by Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam. Motion carried.

Recognize Citizens, Guests, and Visitors

Medford Volunteer Fire Department has requested a boot drive for May 3, 2025. Councilman Joe Tackett made a motion to approve the boot drive for May 3, 2025, seconded by Councilman Keith Daniels. Motion carried.

Mayor's Report

Resolutions 596 and 597 for bridge renaming have been approved by the state. Mayor Templin previously appointed Christina Duff to the Library Board. Christina has declined. Mayor Templin would like to appoint Tina Daniels as the Rocky Top representative. Joe Tackett made a motion to appoint Tina Daniels to the library board, seconded by Richard Duff. Keith Daniels abstained. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Planning Commission – Meeting April 15, 2025. The Planning Commission reviewed and approved a drive-thru restaurant on Norris Freeway. Reviewed and approved subdivision plat for 824 N Main Street. Reviewed site plan for a modular home on Legion Ave, the citizen was referred to the Board of Zoning and Appeals. Reviewed zoning ordinances for tiny home regulations. The Planning Commission agreed that tiny homes should be restricted to tiny home parks on three or more acres in R-2 Zone.

Recreation Committee – No April meeting.

City Manager Report

City Hall will be closed on April 18, 2025, for Good Friday. The sewer project is 91% complete. They are starting the punch list. They have one manhole on Alred Street. The loan documents were signed today for the funeral home building, 225 South Main Street. We have received insurance checks for the following interstate lights poles 30, 34, 36, 43 and 44. Letters have been sent out for commercial water/sewer

insurance. The commercial insurance will go into effect June 1, 2025. The traffic signal grant has been submitted for Fourth Street and Main Street. This is for the radars for the traffic signals. Cannon & Cannon is requesting RPR services to cover Morgan extension. This is by the hour at \$115/hour, they are estimating 210 hours. Mayor Kerry Templin made a motion to approve the extension of Cannon & Cannon RPR services up to 210 hours, Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam seconded. Motion carried. The Arbor Day celebration has been rescheduled to May 6, 2025, at the Rocky Top Library at 11:00 am.

General Government Report

Monthly water loss was 59.217%, with in-house usage 47.257%.

Police Report – Swearing in of Officers Dustin Henderson and Nicholas Marcum. Applying for two overtime grants from TBI Dangerous Drugs Task Force. One for methamphetamine investigations and the other is for heroin investigations. These grants pay for up to 20 hours overtime per case.

Fire Report – 49 calls for the month.

Public Works Report – Normal monthly operations.

Water/Sewer Report – Normal monthly operations.

Financial Analysis Report – The Drug fund has no change from last month. The Street Aid fund revenue is around 51%, and expenses are around 74%. The General Fund revenue is around 79%, and expenses are around 72%. The Water Fund revenue is around 78%, expenses are at 85%.

Ordinances and Resolutions

First Reading of Ordinance 605, An Ordinance of the City of Rocky Top, Tennessee Adopting the Annual Budget and Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2025 and Ending June 30, 2026. The tax rate will need to be amended after July. Councilman Joe Tackett made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 605, seconded by Councilman Keith Daniels. Motion carried.

First Reading of Ordinance 606, An Ordinance to Amend the Rocky Top Municipal Code by Revising Water and Sewers Title 18, Section 18-101, Effective July 1, 2025. The only change will be the CPI rate on June 30, 2025. Mayor Kerry Templin made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 606, 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 341, Tiny Home. Councilman Joe Tackett made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 595, seconded by Councilman Keith Daniels. 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 702.1 Permitted Uses and 702.2 Special Exceptions: Tiny Home in the R-2 Residential Zone. Councilman Keith Daniels made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 596, seconded by Councilman Joe Tackett. Motion carried.

Second Reading of Ordinance 603, An Ordinance of the City of Rocky Top, Tennessee Amending the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget, Passed by Ordinance Number 585. Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 603, seconded by Councilman Keith Daniels. Motion carried.

Second Reading of Ordinance 604, An Ordinance Amending the “Zoning Ordinance of City of Rocky Top, Tennessee” by Amending Article VII, Provisions Governing Use Districts, Section 704.1 to Add Single Family Dwelling as a Permitted Use. Councilman Keith Daniels made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 604, seconded by Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam. Councilman Joe Tackett abstained. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Rocky Top Fire Department will be donating the old cascade to Ridgewood Volunteer Fire Department. Councilman Richard Duff made a motion to donate the old cascade to Ridgewood, seconded by Councilman Joe Tackett. Motion carried.

Cannon & Cannon, Inc. for Professional Engineering services for Phase 2 of the Multimodal Grant. Councilman Keith Daniels made a motion to accept Cannon & Cannon, Inc for engineering services for Phase 2 of the Multimodal Grant, seconded by Mayor Templin. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the council, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam, seconded by Councilman Joe Tackett. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm.

Kerry Templin, Mayor

Amanda Daugherty, City Recorder