

**City of Rocky Top Council Meeting
May 15, 2025 at 6:00 pm**

The City Council of Rocky Top, Tennessee met at City Hall at 6:00 pm on May 15, 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 Keith Daniels opened the meeting with prayer.
Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 17, 2025 Public Meeting, seconded by Councilman Keith Daniels. Motion carried.

Councilman Joe Tackett made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 17, 2025 City Council Meeting, seconded by Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam. Motion carried.

Recognize Citizens, Guests, and Visitors

The Coal Creek Lodge 492 has requested a roadblock for the Shriner's paper sale on May 18, 2025, with a rain date of May 25, 2025. Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam made a motion to approve the boot drive for May 18, 2025, seconded by Councilman Richard Duff. Motion carried.

Mayor's Report

The Blessing box on the corner of Creek Street and Chestnut will be removed. The Upper Room Church has a food pantry.

Committee Reports

Planning Commission – Meeting May 20, 2025.

Recreation Committee – Meeting May 15, 2025. John Touchton will have a benefit concert on June 14, 2025 to raise money for Lake City Little League. We have a few vendors for the July 4th celebration. We are looking for a few more to set up.

City Manager Report

We had to adjust the engineering costs on the Parks and Recreation Grant. They estimated \$100,000, but had to adjust to \$150,000. The city now owns the old funeral home building at 225 South Main Street. Cannon & Cannon did their walkthrough on the sewer project. They are working on the punch list. They have one manhole on Alfred Street and Eighth Street left to do. Need to reschedule the June 19 City Council meeting to June 17 due to the Juneteenth holiday. Need to have a Public Hearing and Special Called meeting on May 27, 2025 at 5:30pm to finalize the budget. City Hall will be closed on May 26, 2025 for Memorial Day. All trash pick-up will be on Tuesday, May 27, with both garbage trucks running. Veteran's Breakfast will be this Saturday, May 18, 2025 at 8:00am. The Fire Chief's vehicle is down. We are looking into purchasing a vehicle to replace it. We will send bids out this week.

General Government Report

Financial Analysis Report – The General Fund budget is around 83%, and revenues are around 84%. The Water and Sewer Fund budget is around 88%. The Drug and Street Aid Funds have no change from last month.

Pool Adjustment – Donna Hall, 333 Willow Lane, \$101.71. Councilman Joe Tackett made a motion to approve the pool adjustment of \$101.71, seconded by Councilman Richard Duff.

Monthly water loss was 55.954%, with in-house usage 43.214%.

Police Report – Awarded the TBI grants for methamphetamine and heroin investigations. Received a one-time grant of \$18,000 from E911 to help with dispatch expense. Chief Thomas asked Council to consider holding a public hearing to determine whether A&J Automotive is a public nuisance.

Fire Report – 50 calls for the month.

Public Works Report – Normal monthly operations.

Water/Sewer Report – Normal monthly operations.

Ordinances and Resolutions

None

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System (TCRS) Minimum Employer Rate Increase. TCRS has increased the employer rate from 7.47% to 7.78%. Mayor Templin would like a total of what the increase will cost the City. City Manager Ellis will provide that amount at the next meeting.

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 Keith Daniels. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:38 pm.

Kerry Templin, Mayor

Amanda Daugherty, City Recorder