

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

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

Jeff Gilliam Joe Tackett Keith Daniels Richard Duff  
Mayor Kerry Templin was absent

**Invocation**

City Manager Mike Ellis opened the meeting with prayer.  
Pledge of Allegiance

**Approval of Minutes**

Councilman Joe Tackett made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 15, 2025 City Council Meeting, seconded by Councilman Keith Daniels. Motion carried.

Councilman Keith Daniels made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 27, 2025 Nuisance Public Hearing Meeting, seconded by Joe Tackett. Motion carried.

Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 27, 2025 Budget Public Hearing Meeting, seconded by Councilman Joe Tackett. Motion carried.

Councilman Joe Tackett made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 27, 2025 Special Called Meeting, seconded by Councilman Keith Daniels. Motion carried.

**Recognize Citizens, Guests, and Visitors**

The Briceville Volunteer Fire Department requested a roadblock on August 2, 2025, with a rain date of August 9, 2025. Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam made a motion to approve the roadblock for August 2, 2025, seconded by Councilman Joe Tackett. Motion carried.

**Mayor's Report**

None

**Committee Reports**

**Planning Commission** – Meeting May 20, 2025 and June 17, 2025. Planning Commission By-Laws were discussed and revised 50 car minimum for car lots. Considered revising ordinance on short-term rentals as a special exception.

**Recreation Committee** – Meeting June 17, 2025. Discussed 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration.

**City Manager Report**

City Hall will be closed June 19, 2025 for Juneteenth and July 4, 2025. Comptroller's office approved the FY26 budget. Congratulations to Fire Chief Braden for being appointed to the 911 board. Special Called meeting June 30, 2025 at 5:30 pm to pass Ordinance 608 before July 1, 2025.

**General Government Report**

Financial Analysis Report – The General Fund budget is around 92%, and revenues are around 96%. The Water and Sewer Fund budget is around 97%. The Street Aid Fund expenses at 89%.

Police Report – Officer Marcum completed his field training. Officer Goodman is halfway through his field training.

Fire Report – 54 calls for the month.

Public Works Report – Normal monthly operations.

Water/Sewer Report – Normal monthly operations.

Monthly water loss was 46.906%, with in-house usage 33.861%.

Pool Adjustments – \$747.90. Councilman Joe Tackett made a motion to approve the pool adjustments of \$747.90, seconded by Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam. Councilman Richard Duff abstained. Motion carried.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Adjustment</b>
Brian Champagne	109 Summit Lane	\$103.02
Michael Lovely	621 Wallace Avenue	\$67.26
Michael Foust	206 Church Avenue	\$32.22
Greg Phillips	603 Jacksboro Avenue	\$78.94
Cynthia Ezell	149-12 Shelby Street	\$102.78
Bridgette McCracken	908 Jacksboro Avenue	\$113.86
James Shaw	1002 Vivian Avenue	\$32.22
Christen Elliott	524 Railroad Avenue	\$103.02
Christina Duff	1022 S Main Street	\$114.58
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$747.90</b>

### **Ordinances and Resolutions**

First Reading of Ordinance 608, An Ordinance to Amend Title 3 Chapter 2 Section 3-202 of the Rocky Top Municipal Code Regarding Municipal Courts. Councilman Joe Tackett made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 608, seconded by Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam. Motion carried.

First Reading of Ordinance 609, An Ordinance Amending the "Zoning Ordinance of City of Rocky Top, Tennessee" by Amending Article VII Provisions Governing Use Districts, Section 701.10.1; Section 703.2.7; and Section 704.14 Special Exceptions: Short-Term Rental in the R-1 Low Density Residential Zone; R-2 High Density Residential Zone and C-1 General Commercial Zone. Councilman Joe Tackett made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 609, seconded by Councilman Keith Daniels. Councilman Joe Tackett voted no. Motion carried.

First Reading of Ordinance 610, An Ordinance Amending the "Zoning Ordinance of City of Rocky Top, Tennessee" by Amending Article III, Definitions, Section 315. Dwelling Unit to Include "Short-Term Rental Unit". Councilman Joe Tackett made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 610, seconded by Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam. Councilman Joe Tackett voted no. Motion carried.

First Reading of Ordinance 611, An Ordinance Amending the "Zoning Ordinance of City of Rocky Top, Tennessee" by Amending Article VII, Section 710.2.9, Auto Sales. Councilman Joe Tackett made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 611, seconded by Councilman Keith Daniels. Motion carried.

Second Reading of Ordinance 607, An Ordinance of the City of Rocky Top, Tennessee amending the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget. Councilman Joe Tackett made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 607, seconded by Councilman Keith Daniels. Motion carried.

**Unfinished Business**

None

**New Business**

Mitchell Emert and Hill audit contract for \$43,600. Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam made a motion to approve the audit contract with Mitchell Emert and Hill for FY25 audit, seconded by Joe Tackett. Motion carried.

Memorandum of Understanding Among the Anderson County Government, Anderson County Sheriff's Office, and the City of Rocky Top for dispatch services. Councilman Joe Tackett made a motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam. 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. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.

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Kerry Templin, Mayor

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Amanda Daugherty, City Recorder