

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

The City Council of Rocky Top, Tennessee met at City Hall at 6:00 pm on July 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
Joe Tackett was absent.

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 June 17, 2025 City Council Meeting, seconded by Councilman Keith Daniels. Motion carried.

Councilman Keith Daniels made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 30, 2025 Special Called Meeting, seconded by Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam. Motion carried.

Recognize Citizens, Guests, and Visitors

The Rocky Top House of Faith and Anchor of Hope Baptist Church requested a road closure on August 2, 2025 from 4:00pm-6:00pm, for a back-to-school event. Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam made a motion to approve the road closure for August 2, 2025, seconded by Mayor Kerry Templin. Motion carried.

Mayor's Report

Bridge dedication Friday, July 18, 2025 at 10:00 am for Srgt. Garry Weaver (Exit 129 bridge) and L Corp. Acie David Hall (Exit 128 bridge). Thank you to the city employees and volunteers that helped with the 4th of July celebration.

Committee Reports

Planning Commission – Meeting July 15, 2025. Planning Commission spoke with two developers that are interested in property on Walden Drive. They want to build thirteen (13) Planned Unit Developments. Passed the planning commission by-laws.

Recreation Committee – No July meeting.

City Manager Report

Sewer project is winding down. There are some final figures to go over. We need to have a special called meeting on July 28, 2025 at 5:30pm to pass the tax rate ordinance.

General Government Report

Financial Analysis Report – The Drug Fund total revenue was \$879.00, with no expenses. The General Fund budget total revenue is 103%. The Water and Sewer Fund budget is around 108% in revenue for water and 116% for sewer. The Street Aid Fund expenses are around \$4,000.00.

Police Report –Officer Goodman has completed his field training.

Fire Report – 64 calls for the month.

Public Works Report – Normal monthly operations.

Water/Sewer Report – Normal monthly operations.

Monthly water loss was 47.951%, with in-house usage 31.919%.

Pool Adjustments – \$631.55. Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam made a motion to approve the pool adjustments of \$631.55, seconded by Councilman Richard Duff. Motion carried.

Name	Address	Adjustment
Cynthia Washington	810 S. Main St	\$98.75
Joel Walsh	161 Mountain View Drive	\$98.75
Kenny Bunch	208 Church St	\$1.35
Derick Coapman	410 Creek St	\$53.45
April Drinnon	329 Second St	\$53.90
Joshua Davis	115 Longfield Rd	\$157.40
Brenda McRay	134 Shelby St	\$54.05
Ashley Roskie	3910 Lake City Highway	\$113.90
Total		\$631.55

Ordinances and Resolutions

First Reading of Ordinance 613, An Ordinance to Levy and Assess a Tax Rate in the City of Rocky Top for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026. Councilman Keith Daniels made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 613, seconded by Mayor Kerry Templin. Motion carried.

First Reading of Ordinance 614, An Ordinance Amending the “Zoning Ordinance of City of Rocky Top, Tennessee” by Amending Article VII, Provisions Governing Use Districts, Section 707.8.9 to Include Storage Facilities as a Prohibited Use in the C-4 Central Downtown Business District. Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 614, seconded by Mayor Kerry Templin. Motion carried.

Second 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 Keith Daniels made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 609, seconded by Mayor Kerry Templin. Motion carried.

Second 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”. Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 610, seconded by Councilman Keith Daniels. Motion carried.

Second 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 Keith Daniels made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 611, seconded by Councilman Richard Duff. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Bids:

Library Air Compressor, lowest bid Elliott Heating & Air Conditioning for \$2,443. Councilman Keith Daniels made a motion to approve R-W Contractors, seconded by Mayor Kerry Templin. Motion carried.

Replace pump at Main Lift Station, lowest bid R-W Contractors \$22,258.80 for pump, \$500 for adapter, and \$3500 for installation. Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam made a motion to approve R-W Contractors to replace the pump at the main lift station, seconded by Mayor Kerry Templin. Motion carried.

To get Summitt Lane tank back online, lowest bid R-W Contractors \$21,500. Councilman Keith Daniels made a motion to approve R-W Contractors to get the tank on Summit Lane back online, seconded by Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam. Motion carried.

Sludge press, lowest bid Huber Technology \$226,000. Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam made a motion to seek financing for the sludge press from Huber Technology, seconded by Councilman Keith Daniels. Motion carried.

Police vehicles, lowest bid Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM Fiat of Columbia, \$49,117. Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam made a motion to purchase the Durango from Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM Fiat of Columbia and the Durango from Kansas State Police for \$35,175, seconded by Mayor Kerry 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 Keith Daniels. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Kerry Templin, Mayor

Amanda Daugherty, City Recorder