

**City of Rocky Top Council Meeting  
August 21, 2025 at 6:00 pm**

The City Council of Rocky Top, Tennessee met at City Hall at 6:00 pm on August 21, 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 Joe Tackett opened the meeting with prayer.  
Pledge of Allegiance

**Approval of Agenda**

Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilman Joe Tackett.

**Approval of Minutes**

Councilman Keith Daniels made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 17, 2025 Beer Board Meeting, seconded by Mayor Kerry Templin. Motion carried.

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

Councilman Joe Tackett made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 17, 2025 City Council Meeting, seconded by Councilman Keith Daniels. Motion carried.

Councilman Joe Tackett made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 28, 2025 Public Hearing Meeting, seconded by Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam. Motion carried.

Councilman Joe Tackett made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 28, 2025 Special Called Meeting, seconded by Councilman Keith Daniels. Motion carried.

**Recognize Citizens, Guests, and Visitors**

The Briceville Church of God Youth Group requested a roadblock on September 20, 2025, with a rain date of September 27, 2025. Councilman Richard Duff made a motion to approve the road closure for August 2, 2025, seconded by Councilman Joe Tackett. Motion carried.

Brad Utley seeks a refund on a water bill he feels he was forced to pay for \$1,049.00, for 411 Second Street. City Manager Mike Ellis mentioned that the City was following instructions from the District Attorney's office on the water bill for 411 Second Street. He also seeks a refund for previous invoices paid in 2023, for parts that he believes were upcharged. Mayor Templin concluded the conversation and recommended Mr. Utley seek an attorney.

**Mayor's Report**

We have an open position for the Library Board. Eddie Taylor would like to represent Rocky Top. Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam made a motion to have Eddie Taylor represent Rocky Top on the Library Board, seconded by Councilman Richard Duff. Motion carried.

**Committee Reports**

**Planning Commission** – Meeting August 19, 2025. Ron Garrett would like to buy a piece of land and stick-build six 400 square-foot homes and sell them for \$90,000 each. A TDOT representative requested rezoning

on Cobb Hollow Road. The representative withdrew his request. Voted to approve the LPRF Grant for the ballfield. Voted to approve BCBS Grant for a playground at the splash pad.

**Recreation Committee** – Meeting August 21, 2025. BCBS grant will add a playground in front of the splash pad at no cost to the city. We will have a Trunk-or-Treat on October 31, 2025, at the ballfield. Fall Festival is still in the planning phase.

**City Manager Report**

Municipal Code has been sent for final draft. The city is in the process of applying for a BCBS grant to add a playground at the splash pad. For the LPRF Grant, we are looking at 400 seating capacity bleachers and press box for \$375,000. When it rains, City Hall has several leaks. We need to see about replacing the roof. The Police and Fire building is also having issues with leaks. City Hall will be closed September 1, 2025, for Labor Day. If your garbage is normally picked up on Monday, it will be picked up on Wednesday.

**General Government Report**

Financial Analysis Report – The Drug Fund total revenue was \$8.00, with no expenses. The General Fund budget total revenue is 6%. The Water and Sewer Fund budget is around 10% in revenue. The Street Aid Fund 9% in revenue, with no expenses.

Police Report – Received an Enforcement Agreement from CSX to enforce ordinances and laws on railroad property. We already have an agreement in place with RJ Corman.

Fire Report – 40 calls for the month.

Public Works Report – Normal monthly operations.

Water/Sewer Report – Normal monthly operations.

Monthly water loss was 55.691%, with in-house usage 41.588%.

Pool Adjustments – \$683.87. Councilman Joe Tackett made a motion to approve the pool adjustments of \$683.87, seconded by Councilman Richard Duff. Motion carried.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Adjustment</b>
James Shetterly	115 Eighth Street	\$261.35
Robert Isabell	109 Walden Drive	\$39.35
Ransom Davis	918 Vivian Avenue	\$157.40
Anita Silcox	158 Shelby Street	\$53.90
Gregory Hedlund	223 Bolin Road	\$53.90
Tommy Boston	611 Fourth Street	\$69.35
Elizabeth Graham	114 Pearl Street	\$24.20
Kaitlyn Seiber	141 Shelby Street	\$24.42
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$683.87</b>

**Ordinances and Resolutions**

Resolution 609, A Resolution Authorizing the City of Rocky Top to Participate in Public Entity Partner’s Safety Partners Matching Grant Program for \$1,500.00. We are looking to purchase hydraulic shoring. Vice-

Mayor Jeff Gilliam made a motion to approve Resolution 609, seconded by Councilman Joe Tackett. Motion carried.

Resolution 610, A Resolution Authorizing the City of Rocky Top to Participate in Public Entity Partner's Property Conservation Matching Grant Program for \$4,000. Cyber security, second server, updating cameras at City Hall and the ballfield. Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam made a motion to approve Resolution 610, seconded by Councilman Keith Daniels. Motion carried.

### **Unfinished Business**

None

### **New Business**

Bids for Fire Department Reporting Software: First Due had the lowest bid of \$4,650. Councilman Keith Daniels made a motion to approve First Due to provide reporting software for the Fire Department, seconded by Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam. Motion carried.

Life Savings Awards for a CPR save on Hill Street. Awards to Fire Chief Anthony Braden, Zach Kennedy, Daniel Seiber, Nick Marcum, Matt Bell, Dustin Henderson, and Brandon Smith.

There being no further business to come before the council, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Joe Tackett, seconded by Councilman Richard Duff. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

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Kerry Templin, Mayor

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Amanda Daugherty, City Recorder