

**City of Rocky Top Council Meeting
September 18, 2025 at 6:00 pm**

The City Council of Rocky Top, Tennessee met at City Hall at 6:00 pm on September 18, 2025, for the regularly scheduled City Council meeting with Mayor Kerry Templin presiding. Upon roll call the following answered present:

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

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 September 18, 2025 Agenda, seconded by Councilman Joe Tackett.

Approval of Minutes

Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 21, 2025 City Council Meeting, seconded by Councilman Joe Tackett. Motion carried.

Recognize Citizens, Guests, and Visitors

Citizen Donna Walker returned to complain about her neighbor's downed tree in her yard. Ms. Walker also suggested having a liaison to keep citizens up to date on how they can help around town.

Mayor's Report

An organization contacted via email regarding the City of Rocky Top supporting Rails for Trails. Mayor Templin spoke with several residents in the New River area, and everyone he spoke with was not in favor of it. Mayor Templin declined.

Committee Reports

Planning Commission – Meeting September 16, 2025. City Manager Ellis identified Phillip Pyke as building inspector. Mr. Pyke showed interest in the position. Contract with Mr. Pyke will start October 1, 2025. Dwayne Seiber at 210 and 211 Alley Street asked if the City would sell him 10 ft. He was instructed to get a survey.

Recreation Committee – Meeting September 18, 2025. Rocky Top Christmas Market will be on Saturday, November 29, 2025, from 10:00 am to 6:00pm. The Christmas Parade will be on December 5, 2025, at 7:00pm. The theme of the parade is Songs of the Season. The Trunk or Treat will be on Friday, October 31, 2025, from 6:00 to 8:00pm at the ballfield. The Christmas Tree Lighting will be on Thursday, December 4, 2025, at 6:00pm at City Hall.

City Manager Report

Evan Sanders reached out about the TDEC grant. Evan suggests the City pay \$137,000 to close out the sewer project, then get reimbursed from the TDEC grant. Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam made a motion to pay \$137,000 to close out the sewer project, seconded by Councilman Richard Duff. Motion carried.

Gullet Sanitation quoted around \$26,000 for sludge dewatering services. They will use a belt press. This will give us a chance to see the operation of the belt press. Mayor Kerry Templin made a motion to approve \$26,000 for Gullet Sanitation services, seconded by Councilman Joe Tackett. Motion carried.

The bids for roof repair have gone out. The bidding opens next Friday, September 26, 2025. Mayor Kerry

Templin made a motion to accept the lowest bid not to exceed \$125,000, seconded by Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam. Motion carried.

American Municipal Services collection agency has reached out to the City for utility and court collections. There is no cost to the City. Brownfield Grant Proposal Phase 2 site assessment for 225 S Main Street. Fall Cleanup will be the whole month of October, Wednesday through Friday. Public Entity Partners meeting for insurance renewal.

General Government Report

Financial Analysis Report – The Drug Fund spent \$43.00 for the month. The General Fund total revenue is 11%, expenses are around 17%. The Water and Sewer Fund budget is around 17% in revenue, 22% in Sewer. Expenses are around 13% in Water and 20% in sewer. The Street Aid Fund is at 17% in revenue, with no expenses.

Police Report – Completed TBI training and taser recertification. Participated in DUI checkpoint in Oliver Springs for THSO grant.

Fire Report – 60 total calls for the month.

Public Works Report – Normal monthly operations.

Water/Sewer Report – Normal monthly operations.

Monthly water loss was 42.052%, with in-house usage 22.553%.

Pool Adjustments – None

Ordinances and Resolutions

First Reading of Ordinance 615, An Ordinance Adopting and Enacting a Codification and Revision of the Ordinances of the City of Rocky Top, Tennessee. Councilman Joe Tackett made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 615, seconded by Councilman Richard Duff. Motion carried.

Resolution 611, Resolution to Apply for Federal Assistance. USDA-RD grant and loan not to exceed \$750,000 for assistance in purchasing a sludge press and vac truck. Councilman Joe Tackett made a motion to approve Resolution 611, seconded by Mayor Kerry Templin. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Bids for Fire Department ATV. Anderson County gave the Fire Department \$50,000. Chief Braden chose to purchase a Polaris Ranger with the money from the county. Lowest bid was Tommy's Motorsports for \$32,147.00. Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam made a motion to accept the bid from Tommy's Motorsports, seconded by Councilman Joe Tackett. Motion carried.

120x60 impound yard fence. Southern Fence is the lowest bid at \$10,700.00. Vice-Mayor Jeff Gilliam made a motion to accept the bid from Southern Fence, seconded by Councilman Joe Tackett. Motion carried.

Cannon & Cannon, Inc. General Consulting Services Proposal for Brownfield Redevelopment Area Grant (BRAG) Application Assistance. Councilman Richard Duff made a motion to accept the Cannon & Cannon BRAG proposal, seconded by Councilman Joe Tackett. Motion carried.

City of Rocky Top, TN Wrecker Policy and Procedures. Councilman Richard Duff made a motion to accept the Wrecker Policy, seconded by Councilman Joe Tackett. Motion carried.

Mutual Aid for Medford Volunteer Fire Department. Mayor Templin would like to do some research on this and would like to speak to the insurance company.

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 7:50 pm.

Kerry Templin, Mayor

Amanda Daugherty, City Recorder