

CITY OF ROCKY TOP COUNCIL MEETING
21st January 2021 at 6:00 PM

The City Council of the City of Rocky Top, Tennessee, met at City Hall at 6:00 p.m., on 21st January 2021, for the regular scheduled meeting, with Mayor Tim Sharp presiding. On the roll call the following answered present:

Denise Casteel Tony Devaney Zack Green Juston Job Tim Sharp

A motion to amend the agenda to add the Capital Outlay Series 2018 Note Extension and 2020.2021 Budget Amendments to the agenda Committee was made by Mayor Sharp and was seconded by Vice-Mayor Juston Job. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Invocation

Mayor Sharp opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes

The motion to approve the minutes for the 17th December 2020 Public Hearings and regularly scheduled meeting with corrections was made by Mayor Sharp and was seconded by Councilwoman Denise Casteel. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Recognize Citizens, Guests and Visitors

J.R. Cates of Mitchell, Emert and Hill gave a general overview of the 2019.2020 audit. He advised that they have provided an unmodified opinion, which is the goal of every audit. Both General Fund and Water have had positive net position increases again this year.

Mayor's Report

None.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

2021 CDBG Resolution

The motion to approve was made by Vice-Mayor Job and seconded by Councilman Tony Devaney. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Property Assessor Reappraisal Agreement

The motion to approve pending review by the City Attorney was made by Vice-Mayor Job and seconded by Councilwoman Casteel. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

City Attorney

City Manager Michael Foster advised that Jerome Melson, who has been the City Attorney for many years, has been appointed a Judgeship in Knoxville. We will be doing an RFQ and will bring qualified recommendations to the next City Council meeting.

Capital Outlay Series 2018 Note Extension Resolution

The motion to approve was made by Mayor Sharp and seconded by Vice-Mayor Job. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

First Reading of an Ordinance to Amend the 2020.2021 Budget

The motion to approve was made by Vice-Mayor Job and seconded by Councilman Zack Green. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. A Public Hearing was set for 5:45 on 18th February 2021.

General Government

City Manager Foster spoke about both the loss of Chief Ronnie Spitzer and loss Timothy "Red" Phillips to Covid over the past week. He expressed his deepest sympathy and announced the upcoming services.

Water Adjustments- The motion to approve water adjustments in the amount of \$146.18 was made by Councilman Green and was seconded by Mayor Sharp. Councilwoman Casteel abstained from the vote. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

City Manager Foster announced that Chief Shetterly has been appointed Interim Public Safety Director, in Chief Spitzer's absence.

City Manager Foster provided an update on the Meadow Street bridge project and gave an update on the ballfield lights. He advised that they needed to put a breaker in because of the location of the transformers. No Trespassing signs were placed on both ends of the right-of-way adjacent to the Kinser property, as requested, and two more were placed toward the middle.

Public Works Director Terry Bearden advised that they have put out 63 bags of cold patch. City Manager Foster advised that we will do more patching when they start making hot patch again. The Christmas lights have been taken down. The Water Department has been working on a sewer leak on Jacksboro.

Committee Reports

Downtown Growth Committee- Councilwoman Casteel advised that the committee met in December, but they did not meet in January. They will be going to quarterly meetings until Covid is more controlled. The next meeting will be on 11th March 2021. They discussed a First Responder Park and putting up street signs. They would also like to put up a sign to honor Chief Spitzer and the two Chiefs that have passed before him.

Tree Committee- Councilwoman Casteel advised that they discussed moving forward with the planting of trees along the fence line at the sewer plant. City Manager Foster mentioned that Water & Sewer Director Jimmy Idles expressed concerns about possible infiltration of roots into sewer lines in that general area. Councilwoman Casteel noted the concerns and advised that they would work willingly with Mr. Idles to maintain the integrity of the infrastructure. The Committee will continue to meet monthly via Zoom to ensure that they are in compliance with Tree City USA regulations. The next meeting will be 11th March at 6:00 p.m.

Planning Commission – Did not meet.

Recreation Committee- There was no quorum at the January meeting. City Manager Foster advised that Anderson County will be including the City of Rocky Top in the county's Master Plan.

There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Timothy Sharp, Mayor

Kari Bates, City Recorder