

CITY OF ROCKY TOP COUNCIL MEETING
18th February 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 18th February 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

Invocation

Mayor Sharp opened the meeting with a prayer.

Mayor Sharp inquired about the RFQ process for the City Attorney. City Manager Michael Foster advised that it was on the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

The motion to approve the minutes for the 21st January 2021 regularly scheduled meeting was made by Vice-Mayor Juston Job and was seconded by Councilman Tony Devaney. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Recognize Citizens, Guests and Visitors

None.

Mayor's Report

None.

Unfinished Business

Second Reading of an Ordinance to Amend the 2020.2021 Budget

A motion to approve was made by Mayor Sharp and seconded by Vice-Mayor Job. roll call vote was taken:

Casteel- Aye
Devaney- Aye
Green- Aye
Job- Aye
Sharp- Aye

Second Reading of an Ordinance to Amend Title 12 and Restore and Amend Title 13

City Manager Foster advised that when we adopted the 2018 International Building Codes Title 13 was removed, but that there are parts that are needed. We have added a Miscellaneous Section in Chapter 3, and Lisa Crumpley advised that we needed to amend Title 12 to match. The motion to approve was made by Vice-Mayor Job and seconded by Councilwoman Denise Casteel. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

New Business

2021 CDBG Administrative Resolution

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

2021 CDBG Engineering Resolution

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

Meadow Street Bridge Bid

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

Road Block Request for Medford Volunteer Fire Department for 9.4.2021 from 9am to 12pm

The motion to approve was made by Councilman Devaney and seconded by Councilman Zack Green. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion of the USDA Grant

City Manager Foster advised that this is a grant for which we should apply for equipment for our community. It would allow us to purchase items that we need or could truly use including, but not limited to the following: camera for our officers, police cars, extrication equipment, tone pagers, side-by-side, pavement recycler, mini - excavator with bush hog head, etc. The grant would pay 75% up to \$250,000.00. We would like to spend the amount in its entirety, which would be a match of \$80,000.00 for the City. Discussion occurred amongst council. We will move forward this week.

General Government

Water Adjustments- The motion to approve water adjustments in the amount of \$605.87 was made by Councilwoman Casteel and was seconded by Vice-Mayor Job. Councilwoman Casteel abstained from the vote. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

City Manager Foster advised that we were able to avoid using salt with the last storm, which saved money. We are in the process of re-doing the lights at the ballfield; three have been done, and there are three remaining. They should be done next week, weather permitting. The next project will be to paint the light poles. The lighting will be beneficial for community use and provide an additional level of security. Interstate lights are in the works. Delivery of the new fire truck has been delayed because of Covid; it is currently scheduled for June. We were supposed to have been able to demo the new trash truck, but that was also delayed because of the recent storms and ice, as they are located in Nashville.

Councilman Devaney inquired about the roof at the Community Center. City Manager Foster advised that we have quotes, but we are waiting until the end of the budget year. The patching was successful, so it is not an immediate concern.

City Manager Foster also advised that new lights have been installed at the sewer plant, which improves safety and visibility. The plant will also be getting a new roof in the near future.

Committee Reports

Downtown Growth Committee- Councilwoman Casteel advised that there was no meeting in January. The next meeting will be in March.

Tree Committee- Councilwoman Casteel advised that they discussed the planting of trees along the fence line at the sewer plant with Jimmy Idles. City Manager Foster advised that there is also room for trees on the side near the Public Works building. Mr. Hatmaker will be working with Buffalo Creek Nursery on pricing for a new Christmas tree. They will be changing the Arbor Day

celebration to April 30th 2021, in hopes of having an in-person, socially distanced event, instead of a virtual one. The next meeting will be 11th March at 6:00 p.m.

Planning Commission – They met and approved a site plan at North Main for TN Gas. The Shops at Rocky Top is welcoming the Bates Sisters Boutique.

Recreation Committee- Vice-Mayor Job advised that there was no quorum at the February meeting, but he is working to rectify that.

There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Timothy Sharp, Mayor

Kari Bates, City Recorder