

CITY OF ROCKY TOP COUNCIL MEETING
20th May 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 20th May 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.

Approval of Minutes

The motion to approve the minutes for the 15th April 2021 Public Hearing and regularly scheduled meeting was made by Vice-Mayor Job and was seconded by Councilwoman Denise Casteel. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Recognize Citizens, Guests and Visitors

None.

Mayor's Report

The motion to add Dustin Leach to the Recreation Committee was made by Vice-Mayor Job and seconded by Councilwoman Casteel. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Unfinished Business

Second Reading of an Ordinance to An Ordinance to Amend the Rocky Top Municipal Code Title 11 – "Municipal Offenses"

Clinton and Oak Ridge have both passed this ordinance. Vice-Mayor Job inquired about putting the cost of the fine on the signs. Mayor Sharp would like to see designated smoking areas nearby, but off-property. The motion was made by Vice-Mayor Job and seconded by Councilwoman Casteel. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Second Reading of an Ordinance to An Ordinance to Amend the Rocky Top Municipal Code Title 2- Boards and Committees, etc. Chapter 1 Park and Recreation Committee

City Manager Foster advised that this change would allow the committee to increase in size from 5 to 7. Vice-Mayor Job explained the reason for the proposed changes. Letters of interest will be accepted until June 11th 2021 at City Hall. The motion was made by Vice-Mayor Job and seconded by Councilwoman Casteel. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

New Business

Mitchell, Emert & Hill Contract

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

First Reading of the 2021.2022 Budget Ordinance

A Budget Workshop was set for 7th June 2021 at 5:30 p.m. A Public Hearing was set for 17th June 2021 at 5:30 p.m. The motion to approve was made by Vice-Mayor Job and seconded by Mayor Sharp. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

First Reading of the 2020.2021 Budget Amendment Ordinance

A Public Hearing will be held concurrent with the 2021.2022 Budget Ordinance Public Hearing. The motion to approve was made by Mayor Sharp and seconded by Councilman Zack Green. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

General Government

Water Adjustments- \$1,528.64

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

City Manager Michael Foster advised that Meadow Street bridge is now gone and they are already in the process of rebuilding. He also advised that we were approved for the USDA Grant in the amount of \$250,000. This will go toward the purchase of a mini-excavator, an asphalt recycler, police cars, new body-worn cameras, etc.

July 4th will be celebrated on Friday 2nd of July. The Recreation Committee is now in charge of coordinating this event.

The Splash Pad will be used by the schools next week and remain open to the public for the remainder of the summer. Thanks to a generous donation from one of our citizens, new benches and picnic tables have been ordered and additional concrete work will be done in the Splash Pad area. Mayor Sharp inquired about cameras and lighting for that area. City Manager Foster advised that it is in the works.

Committee Reports

Downtown Growth Committee- None.

Tree Committee- They met and discussed the Arbor Day celebration in November 2021. They are working with Diane Warwick to get a \$1,000 matching grant to plant trees in the area of the Public Works building and a new Christmas tree by the library. City Manager Foster stated that 441 from Rocky Top to Halls is considered a National Scenic Byway, and that we may want to look at future projects involving those areas.

Planning Commission – They met and will be presenting a lighting ordinance next month for existing and new businesses. A site plan has been submitted for a Fast Pace Urgent Care clinic. They are planning to open across from Glenn’s.

Recreation Committee- No quorum.

There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Timothy Sharp, Mayor

Kari Bates, City Recorder