

CITY OF ROCKMART
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 8, 2024

REGULAR MEETING

The Rockmart City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Sherman Ross presiding. Council members present for the meeting were Joe Henderson, Rick Stone, Mike Bradley, Marty Robinson, and Lucille Harris. Others present for the meeting were City Attorney Mike McRae, City Manager Stacey Smith, City Clerk Jada Edwards. Others in attendance are listed on the attached sign in sheet.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ross called the meeting to order.

Councilman Robinson made a motion to amend the agenda to add the purchase of AR Rifles for the Police Department from Sion. Seconded by Councilman Stone. All Council members were in favor of the motion. The motion carried and the item was added to the agenda.

DELEGATIONS

A. None

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. Proclamation – Rockmart Slate – 30 Years

Mayor Ross read and presented David Robinson with proclamation in honor of their 30 years.

PUBLIC HEARING

A. None

APPOINTMENTS

A. None

ADMINISTRATIVE

A. Approval – September 10, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to approve the September 10, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes by Councilman Stone, seconded by Councilwoman Harris. All Council Members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

B. Approval – September Financials

Finance Director Lori Davidson advised she had prepared the financial reports this month and was open to any questions. A motion was made to approve the Financial Reports by Councilwoman Harris, seconded by Councilman Bradley. All Council Members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

A. None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval – AR Rifles from Sion

A motion was made to approve purchase of AR Rifles by Councilman Robinson, seconded by Councilman Henderson. All Council Members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Finance - None**
- B. Personnel – None**
- C. Public Safety – None**
- D. Regulatory & Property – None**
- E. Cultural Arts** – Councilwoman Harris stated that the reception held was very nice and that Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger was present.
- F. Retirement - None**
- G. Recreation – None**
- H. Public Works & Utilities - None**
- I. SHR Library – None**
- J. Downtown Development Authority** – Thanked Ann Arnold and all city staff and committees that helped with the Homespun festival. Thanked Police, Fire, & Public Works for all they do.

REPORTS

Mayor Ross

- Stated that on November 30, 2024, the Rotary Club would hold the 4th annual Silver Comet Fest.
- Stated it was a good day for Homespun.

- Stated that on October 12th Keep Polk Beautiful along with Rethink Rockmart would be in the park and neighborhoods cleaning up.
- Stated that Councilwoman Harris, Code Enforcement Officer Julie Beckman, and himself attended the GICH retreat.

- **City Manager**

- Thanked staff for all they did for Homespun.
- Advised that several staff members & volunteers painted the Hogue Avenue Gym.
- Stated that Advent Health donated pink light bulbs for employees for breast cancer awareness month.
- Thanked the Council for the way they conduct themselves in a meeting.

- **City Attorney**

- Stated a need for executive session to discuss litigation

- **Council Members**

Councilman Henderson

- No Comment

Councilwoman Harris

- Thanked city staff for trimming the limbs on the trail.

Councilman Robinson

- Stated that we were blessed to be spared from the Storms.

Councilman Stone

- No Comment

Councilman Bradley

- Stated he was glad we were spared from the storm.

- **Department Heads**

Public Works - Brent Edwards

- No Written report provided.

Fire - Chief Todd Queen

- Written report provided.

Police Department – Chief Randy Turner

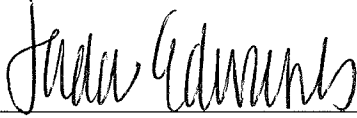
- Written report provided.

Waste-Water – Robert Taff


- Written Report provided.

Councilman Robinson made a motion to enter executive session, seconded by Councilman Stone. With a vote, the motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, a motion was made to adjourn by Councilman Bradley, seconded by Councilman Robinson. All Council Members voted in favor of the motion. The Motion carried.



CITY CLERK



MAYOR