

CITY OF ROCKMART
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 14, 2025

REGULAR MEETING

The Rockmart City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Sherman Ross presiding. Council members present for the meeting were Joe Henderson, Mike Bradley, Marty Robinson, Lucille Harris and Rick Stone. Others present at the meeting were City Attorney Carey Pilgrim, City Manager Stacey Smith, and 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.

DELEGATIONS

A. None

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. None

PUBLIC HEARING

A. None

APPOINTMENTS

A. Reappointment Polk County Development Authority

1. Clint Brock – 4-year term
2. Ben Lovvorn – 4-year term

A motion was made to appoint Clint Brock and Ben Lovvorn to the Polk County Development Authority by Councilman Stone, seconded by Councilwoman Harris. All Council Members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

B. 2025 – Mayor Pro-Tem vote

Councilman Stone made a motion to nominate Councilwoman Harris for Mayor Pro-Tem, seconded by Councilman Robinson. All Council Members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried

C. 2025 – City Attorney – McRae Smith Peek Harmon & Monroe

A motion was made to approve 2025 City Attorney by Councilman Henderson, seconded by Councilman Bradley. All Council Members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

D. 2025 – Municipal Court Judge – James Edward Hulsey

A motion was made to approve 2025 Municipal Court Judge by Councilwoman Harris, seconded by Councilman Stone. All Council Members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

E. 2025 – Auditor – Mauldin and Jenkins, LLC

A motion was made to approve 2025 Auditor by Councilman Stone, seconded by Councilman Henderson. All Council Members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

F. 2025 – Council Committee Appointments

Mayor Ross distributed his committee appointments to the Council. Mayor Ross stated he would like each committee to meet regularly.

ADMINISTRATIVE

A. Approval – November 25, 2024, Joint Called Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to approve the November 24, 2024, Joint Called Meeting Minutes by Councilman Stone, seconded by Councilwoman Harris. All Council Members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

B. Approval – November 25, 2024, Executive Session Minutes

A motion was made to approve the November 25, 2024, Executive Session Minutes by Councilman Bradley, seconded by Councilwoman Harris. All Council Members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

C. Approval – December 16, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to approve the December 16, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes by Councilwoman Harris, seconded by Councilman Stone. All Council Members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

D. Approval – December 16, 2024, Executive Session Minutes

A motion was made to approve the December 16, 2024, Executive Session Minutes by Councilman Stone, seconded by Councilman Robinson. All Council Members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

E. Approval – December Financial Reports

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

OLD BUSINESS

A. None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval – Theatre Camp Corporate Sponsorships

A motion was made to approve the Theatre Camp Corporate Sponsorships by Councilwoman Harris, seconded by Councilman Robinson. 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 – None**
- F. Retirement - None**
- G. Recreation – None**
- H. Public Works & Utilities - None**
- I. SHR Library – None**
- J. Downtown Development Authority – None**

REPORTS

Mayor Ross

- Stated he appreciated Public Works, Fire and Police during the winter weather.
- Stated that Councilwoman Harris, Councilman Henderson, and Councilman Bradley would be up for reelection in November.
- Reminded everyone that City Managers’ annual review would be next month.
- Stated he was excited with all the new growth starting.
- Expressed his condolences to Councilman Stones family.

City Manager

- Stated she appreciated all Staff and their dedication to the City of Rockmart.
- Stated on February 8, 2025, there would be a work session and Department Head breakfast that was postponed in December.
- Stated they had her written report and was open to any questions.

City Attorney

- Stated that there was a need for executive session for litigation and personnel no legal action to take place.

Council Members

Councilman Henderson

- Thanked everyone for their hard work in 2024.

Councilwoman Harris

- Thanked her fellow Council Members for nominating her for Mayor Pro-Tem.
- Stated that the City of Rockmart was celebrating 10 years in the GICH program.
- Thanked the employees for all they do.

Councilman Robinson

- Stated the winter weather was no issue.
- Stated there were a lot of things that need to be completed in 2025.

Councilman Stone

- Expressed his gratitude for all the calls, cards, text, etc. for the condolences for the passing of his wife Terri.
- Thanked the Fire, Police, and Public Works departments for the help during the funeral.

Councilman Bradley

- No Comment

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 Bradley made a motion to enter executive session, seconded by Councilman Henderson. 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 Stone, seconded by Councilwoman Harris. All Council Members voted in favor of the motion. The Motion carried.

Jada OAdams
CITY CLERK

Lucille B Harris
MAYOR PH-TEM