

CITY OF ROCKMART
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 11, 2025

REGULAR MEETING

The Rockmart City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Pro-Tem Lucille Harris presiding. Council members present at the meeting were Joe Henderson, Mike Bradley, Marty Robinson, 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 Pro-Tem Harris called the meeting to order.

DELEGATIONS

A. None

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. Frank Golden – Police Department – MADD Award

Chief Turner explained that this award was being presented to Golden for making thirty-eight DUI arrests in 2024.

B. Stacia Williams – Police Department - MADD Award

Chief Turner explained that this award was being presented to Williams for making twenty-eight DUI arrests in 2024.

C. Hunter Wilson – Fire Department

Chief Queen explained that Wilson had completed his 10-week basic Firefighter school in November 2024. Wilson also finished with an academic GPA of 90% through the course. Wilson was commended by the Georgia Fire Academy staff for always motivating other class members to continue pushing the limits of their potential, constantly maintain a positive attitude and conveyed that attitude to others in the class, and demonstrating exceptional leadership abilities when placed in leadership roles.

D. David Gowens – Police Department

Chief Turner congratulated Gowens on being promoted to Deputy Chief for Rockmart Police. Turner stated that Gowens' hard work and positive reputation throughout his career showed during the consideration process. He stated he felt he had made the right decision that will have

a lasting positive impact on the agency. Turner added Gowens will do great in the new position, and he looks forward to working with him.

PUBLIC HEARING

A. None

APPOINTMENTS

A. None

ADMINISTRATIVE

A. Approval – Approval – January 14, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to approve the January 14, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes by Councilman Robinson, seconded by Councilman Stone. All Council Members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

B. Approval – January 14, 2025, Executive Session Minutes

A motion was made to approve the January 14, 2025, Executive Session Minutes by Councilman Bradley, seconded by Councilman Stone. All Council Members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

C. Approval – January 2025 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 Stone, seconded by Councilman Bradley. All Council Members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

D. Approval – RCAC Donations Request – Student Art Show

City Manager explained this would be donations for awards that attend Art Classes with RCAC during the fall.

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

E. Approval – GA Power EV Charging Stations – Trailhead Parking Area

City Manager explained this was 10-year lease agreement she recommends approval contingent upon legal review.

A motion was made to approve the GA Power EV Charging Stations – Trailhead Parking Area by Councilman Bradley, seconded by Councilman Stone. All Council Members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

F. Approval – Resolution 2025R-01 Cartersville Hwy/Carlton Drive Planned Development

City Manager explained this Resolution was to advertise for the Public hearing at the March meeting.

City Attorney Pilgrim stated that Councilman Stone would be recused from the vote. A motion was made to approve Resolution 2025R-01 by Councilman Bradley, seconded by Councilman Robinson. All Council Members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

G. Approval – Resolution 2025R-02 Bid Amphitheater Construction

City Manager recommended approval contingent upon legal review. A motion was made to approve Resolution 2025-02 by Councilman Henderson, seconded by Councilman Bradley. All Council Members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

H. Approval – Ratification of landfill lawsuit against Polk County and GFL/ETC of Georgia in Polk Superior Court

Council Member Robinson abstained from the vote. A motion was made to approve the Ratification of landfill lawsuit against Polk County and GFL/ETC of Georgia in Polk Superior Court by Councilman Stone, seconded by Councilman Bradley. All Council Members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

A. None

NEW BUSINESS

A. None

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

City Manager requested that each committee email her their schedules so they can start meeting.

REPORTS

Mayor Ross

- Not Present

City Manager

- Stated that Railroad at 101 would be one lane traffic only from February 17, 2025 thru March 3, 2025.
- Stated she was open to any questions.

City Attorney

- No Comment

Council Members

Councilman Henderson

- Thanked Public Safety and all City staff for what they do.

Councilwoman Harris

- Stated she thought the workshop that was held on February 8, 2025, was a success.

Councilman Robinson

- Thanked all Public Safety for what they do.
- Thanked all City Staff for their hard work.

Councilman Stone

- Congratulated all Public Safety for the awards given.

Councilman Bradley

- Thanked Public Safety even the ones who didn't receive an award.

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.

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

Jada O. Edwards
CITY CLERK

Shema Ross
MAYOR