

**CITY OF ROCKMART**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**July 9, 2024**

**REGULAR MEETING**

The Rockmart City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Sherman Ross presiding. Council members present for the meeting were Marty Robinson, Joe Henderson, Rick Stone, and Lucille Harris. Mike Bradley joined by telephone. 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 change item D under administration to a resolution seconded by Councilman Henderson. All the Council members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

**DELEGATIONS**

**A. None**

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**A. None**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**A. None**

**APPOINTMENTS**

**A. None**

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

**A. Approval – June 11, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made to approve the June 11, 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 – June 27, 2024, Called Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made to approve the June 27, 2024, called meeting minutes by Councilwoman Harris, seconded by Councilman Robinson. All Council Members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

**C. Approval – June Financial Reports**

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 Councilman Henderson, seconded by Councilwoman Harris. All Council Members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

**D. Approval – Resolution 2024R-12 Specialty Shop**

Mayor Ross explained the resolution was to hold a public hearing for the change to the zoning ordinance allowing specialty shops to serve alcohol as a conditional use in the downtown area. A motion was made to approve by Councilman Bradley, seconded by Councilwoman Harris. 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

**REPORTS**

- A. Mayor Ross
  - Enjoyed their time together at GMA.
  - Thanked Public Works for their hard work putting the flags up for July 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - Stated he enjoyed the employee lunch.

## **B. City Manager**

- Stated employee lunch was a success and that we need to do more often.
- Advised the DDA had submitted their Main Street application.
- Advised Councilman Bradley had inquired about having a community engagement/ meet elected officials' event and requested councilmembers send their availability so event could be planned. Smith explained it would be an informal educational event allowing citizens of Rockmart to meet elected officials and discuss concerns.

## **C. City Attorney**

- Stated there was a need for executive session to discuss legal matters and litigation.
- Requested Bennett Vest stay for the executive session.

## **D. Council Members**

### **Councilman Henderson**

- Shared that there was a lot of information offered at GMA.
- Thanked all the departments for all their hard work.

### **Councilwoman Harris**

- Reiterated everyone's comments

### **Councilman Robinson**

- Stated times are hard for everyone and encouraged to help someone when you can.

### **Councilman Stone**

- Stated he enjoyed the employee luncheon.

### **Councilman Bradley**

- No Comment

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

  
CITY CLERK

  
MAYOR