

CITY OF ROCKMART
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 16, 2024

REGULAR MEETING

The Rockmart City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 16, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Sherman Ross presiding. Council members present for the meeting were Mike Bradley, Marty Robinson, and Lucille Harris. Councilman Rick Stone and Joe Henderson joined via phone. Others present at the meeting were City Attorney Andy Garner, 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.

Councilman Robinson made a motion to table the appointments for the Polk County Development Authority, seconded by Councilman Bradley. All Council Members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE

- A. Approval – November 12, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made to approve the November 12, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes by Councilwoman Harris, seconded by Councilman Robinson. All Council Members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

B. Approval – November 12, 2024, Executive Session Minutes

A motion was made to approve the November 12, 2024, Executive Session Minutes by Councilman Robinson, seconded by Councilman Bradley. All Council Members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

C. Approval – November Financials

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

D. Approval – Resolution 2024R-15 City of Milton

GMA recommended each city to make a resolution supporting the City of Milton. A motion was made to approve the resolution by Councilman Bradley, seconded by Councilman Stone. All Council Members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

E. Approval – Resolution 2024R-16 Abandoned Cemetery Lots – Terry Estes

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

F. Approval – Resolution 2024R-17 Euharlee Properties – Land Donation

A motion was made to table the resolution due to an error on the deed of easement by Councilman Henderson, seconded by Councilman Robinson. All Council Members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

G. Approval – Malt Beverage and Wine Retail License – Vaahoo Investment, LLC, DBA Smart Mart – 648 Goodyear Avenue

A motion was made to approve the license by Councilman Robinson, seconded by Councilwoman Harris. All Council Members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

H. Approval – Distilled Spirits, Malt Beverage, Wine Retail License – Rock Market Beverage – 2039 Etowah Drive

A motion was made to approve the license by Councilman Robinson, seconded by Councilman Bradley. All Council Members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

I. Approval – Salary Enhancement Bonus

A motion was made to approve the Salary Enhancement Bonus by Councilman Robinson, seconded by Councilman Henderson. All Council Members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

A. None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval – 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

Mayor Ross

- Thanked city staff for the Chili Luncheon.
- Stated we needed to keep the Fuller family in our prayers.
- Thanked Police Chief Turner for all the work put in for Christmas is for kids.
- Shared there would be a GICH meeting on January 16, 2025, about projects and ideas.
- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

City Manager

- Stated the Chili Luncheon would be December 17, 2024, from 11:30-2.
- Stated the Department Head Breakfast would be December 18, 2024, at 8 a.m.
- Stated that Wreaths Across America was a success and thanked Walmart for getting it together for our community also thanked Cathy Matthews, Scott Ferguson, Glenn Jones, Rockmart Public Works, and Alvis Miller Funeral Home for opening their facilities to meet in.
- Stated that each one had her written report and she was open to any questions.

City Attorney

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

Council Members

Councilman Henderson

- Thanked everyone for their hard work.
- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Councilwoman Harris

- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Councilman Robinson

- Stated he appreciated all employees for all they do.
- Stated that Assistant Chief Fuller would be missed.

Councilman Stone

- Stated that Assistant Chief Fuller was more than a Co-Worker and that he was praying for the family.
- Stated he appreciated all the employees for everything.
- Stated they needed prayers for their Family.
- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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

Judith Adams
CITY CLERK

[Handwritten Signature]
MAYOR