

**CITY OF ROCKMART**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**August 13, 2024**

**REGULAR MEETING**

The Rockmart City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Sherman Ross presiding. Council members present for the meeting were Marty Robinson, Joe Henderson, Rick Stone, Mike Bradley, and Lucille Harris. Others present for the meeting were City Attorney Carey Pilgrim, 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.

**DELEGATIONS**

**A. None**

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**A. Eagle Scout Project – Will Scott**

Will Scott shared that he completed the audio tour on the Silver Comet Trail. He stated that each QR code gives a 2-4 minute clip on the history of that section.

**B. Proclamation – Lucille Harris**

Mayor Ross read and presented Ms. Harris with the proclamation and thanked her for her dedicated service to the City of Rockmart.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**A. Specialty Shop – Ordinance**

No one was present to speak for or against the ordinance.

**APPOINTMENTS**

**A. Denise Bell – Rockmart DDA Board – 4 years**

**B. Todd Renner – Rockmart DDA Board – 4 years**

A motion was made to re-appoint Denise Bell and Todd Renner to the Rockmart DDA Board for 4 years by Councilman Bradley, seconded by Councilwoman Harris. All Council Members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

## ADMINISTRATIVE

### **A. Approval – July 9, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made to approve the July 9, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes by Councilman Henderson, seconded by Councilman Bradley. All Council Members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

### **B. Approval – July 9, 2024, Executive Session Minutes**

A motion was made to approve the July 9, 2024, executive meeting minutes by Councilwoman Harris, seconded by Councilman Robinson. All Council Members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

### **C. Approval – July 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 Robinson, seconded by Councilman Bradley. All Council Members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

### **D. Approval – Advertise 5-year Tax History**

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

### **E. Approval – 3 Public Hearings – 2024 Property Tax**

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

### **F. Approval – MOU Mainstreet Program**

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

### **G. Approval – Resolution 2024R-13 Salvage Yards, etc. – CU**

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

### **H. Approval – Ordinance 2024-08 Specialty Shop – Alcohol Ordinance**

A motion was made to approve by Councilman Robinson, seconded by Councilwoman Harris. Council Members Robinson, Harris, Bradley, and Henderson voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried. Councilman Stone voted no.

## 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

- Thanked the Rockmart DDA for all their work.
- Thanked the scouts for being there and Will Scott and his family.
- Stated he had been very busy with grand openings.

### B. City Manager

- Thanked all city staff for their hard work. Also, thanked Ann Arnold and the Rockmart DDA.
- Stated that on August 27 from 6p.m -7: 30p.m the City would be hosting a Community Engagement Night.
- Thanked Councilwoman Harris for 16 years of dedicated service to the city.

### C. City Attorney

- Stated there was a need for executive session to discuss potential litigation.

### D. Council Members

#### **Councilman Henderson**

- Congratulated Councilwoman Harris on 16 years of service.
- Thanked Will Scott for his eagle scout project.
- Stated the Rockmart DDA has been working hard and that they have a vision.

#### **Councilwoman Harris**

- Thanked everyone she has worked with on the Council.

#### **Councilman Robinson**

- Thanked the scouts for coming and Will Scott for his scout project.
- Thanked Councilwoman Harris for her work.

**Councilman Stone**

- Thanked Councilwoman Harris for her service.
- Thanked the scouts and Will Scott for his eagle scout project.

**Councilman Bradley**

- Stated that on August 27,2024 would be a very good time for the community to come together.

**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.

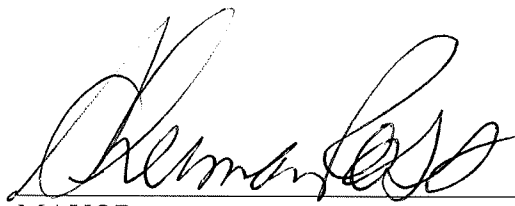
**Waste-Water – Robert Taff**

- Written Report provided.

Councilman Bradley made a motion to enter executive session, seconded by Councilman Robinson. 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.

  
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CITY CLERK

  
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MAYOR