



**ROCKY MOUNT TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES**

**February 17, 2021
5:00 p.m.**

The following members of Council were present:

Mayor Steven C. Angle
Council Member Billie W. Stockton
Council Member Robert L. Moyer
Council Member Mark H. Newbill
Vice Mayor Jon W. Snead
Council Member J. Tyler Lee

The following staff members were also present:

John T. Boitnott, Town Attorney

Rebecca H. Dillon, Town Clerk/Executive Administrative Assistant
C. James Ervin, Town Manager

Regular Council Meeting of the Rocky Mount Town Council (hereafter referred to as "Council") was held in the Council Chambers of the Rocky Mount Municipal Building located at 345 Donald Avenue, Rocky Mount, Virginia, with Mayor Steven C. Angle presiding.

1. Roll Call

The Town Clerk called each member of the Rocky Mount Town Council by name to account that each one was present.

Council Member J. Tyler Lee arrived at 5:05 p.m. due to traffic with a distance commute to the meeting.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was amended to add three items. The first item was the Flocculator Project that approval was needed for a Supplemental Appropriation Resolution of Funds to continue the project at the Water Plant. The second item was the recommendation for the sale of the K9 named Dorka to Sergeant Mason of the Rocky Mount Police

Department. The third item was an update on the winter storm forecasted for the Rocky Mount area.

Motion: To amend the agenda

Motion By: Vice Mayor Snead

Second: Council Member Stockton

Motion Discussion: None

Ayes: (5): Council Member Lee, Council Member Moyer, Council Member Newbill, Vice Mayor Snead, and Council Member Stockton

Approved (5 to 0)

4. Review and Consideration for Sale of Police K9 Named Dorka

Officer Fracker was assigned a K9 by the name of Dorka. The K9 was a multi-narcotic trained dog that upon Mr. Fracker being separated from employment with the Rocky Mount Police Department, was since being housed in the kennel. There was no interest in Dorka due to most agencies trying to replace the drug dogs that agency might have with drug dogs that are not trained on marijuana due to its legalization in many states and pending legalization in other states. 1st Sergeant Divers was asked if the dog could be retrained as a search and rescue dog however, 1st Sergeant Divers did not believe the dog could be retrained and if the dog could be retrained, how much the cost would be. Council Member Lee suggested that since Mr. Andy Pendleton was a trainer for the dog that perhaps Mr. Pendleton should be approached about retraining the dog. The consensus of Council was that the dog should be released from the kennel and given into the care of Officer Mason in the interim until details for the dog could be worked out such as Mr. Pendleton with Franklin County Public Safety attempting to retrain the dog if the dog could be retrained and if not, perhaps Officer Mason, if given approval to do so, would then purchase the dog for \$5,000.

No action was required at this time.

5. Review and Consideration for Flocculator Project Supplemental Funds

The flocculators at the water plant are motor driven paddle assemblies that mix coagulant into the water so that particles could be clumped together and settle out. The flocculators at the water plant are original to the plant and had not been used in decades. The Town has been working with Draper Aden to design new flocculators and to bid the work out. Engineering work to this date had costed the Town \$20,000. The low bid for the project was \$220,000 and to complete the project, the water plant was needing an additional appropriation of \$85,000 from the Utility Capital Fund. Staff asked Council to

authorize the project to continue and for the Finance Director to prepare an appropriations resolution to present to Council at the March Council meeting.

Let the record show that Mayor Angle asked if all of Council was in agreement for Staff to continue with the project and present a supplemental appropriations resolution for Council's formal approval at the March meeting. All members of Council agreed.

6. Update on Winter Storm Forecasted for the Town of Rocky Mount

Town Manager Ervin gave Council an update on the latest predictions regarding the winter storm forecasted to present during the night Wednesday with 1/2 inch of ice expected as well as widespread power outages. AEP had trucks on standby and the Town was encouraging all nonessential businesses to close for the next day to keep roads open and empty. Franklin County Public Safety would be communicating with the public as the storm unfolded.

7. Closed Session

Mayor Angle read aloud sections.

Enter Closed Meeting

Motion: To go into closed session under the Virginia Code Section cited below.

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Virginia Code Section:

Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) Discussion, consideration or interviews of prospective candidates for employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining or resignation of specific public officers, appointees or employees of any public body. (Town Council)

Motion By: Council Member Lee

Second: Council Member Stockton

Motion Discussion: None

**Ayes: (5): Council Member Lee, Council Member Moyer, Council Member Newbill,
Vice Mayor Snead, and Council Member Stockton**

Approved (5 to 0)

Action: To go into a closed meeting

Certificate of Closed Meeting Discussion:

Council certified unanimously that nothing was discussed in the closed meeting other than what was stated in the motion to enter the closed meeting. No action was taken during the closed meeting.

Whereas, the Rocky Mount Town Council has convened a closed meeting on Monday, March 14, 2016 pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

Whereas, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, requires certification by this Council that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Rocky Mount Town Council hereby certifies that, to the best of each members' knowledge: (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under this chapter; and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed, or considered in the meeting by the public body.

Steven C. Angle, Mayor

8. **Adjournment**

Motion: To adjourn

Time: 6:23 p.m.

Motion By: Council Member Stockton

Seconded By: Council Member Lee

Motion Discussion: None

**Ayes: (5): Council Member Lee, Council Member Moyer, Council Member Newbill,
Vice Mayor Snead, and Council Member Stockton**

Approved by a unanimous vote

Action: Meeting was adjourned

Steven C. Angle, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rebecca H. Dillon, Town Clerk

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