

CITY OF ROCKMART
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 9, 2026

REGULAR MEETING

The Rockmart City Council met in regular session on Tuesday June 9, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Sherman Ross presiding. Council members present at the meeting were Joe Henderson, Mike Bradley, Marty Robinson, Lucille Harris 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 Ross called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

DELEGATIONS

A. Allison Ellard – United Way

Ms. Ellard not present

B. David Wallace – Hogue Ave Gym

Mr. Wallace not present

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. None

PUBLIC HEARING

A. Medical Office – 164 Prospect Rd – Conditional Use

Mayor Ross asked if anyone was present to speak for or against the conditional use request.

Liz Moon – spoke in favor of the Conditional Use she stated she is looking for final approval. She stated that they want to be able to help residents who struggle with addiction. She stated that there would not be any medicines given out at this location.

James – 164 Prospect Rd – Tax Company – stated that he was concerned about what it would bring next to his business. He stated that there was a school 900 feet away and he worries about

safety concerns. He stated that he admires what they are trying to do but maybe just not the right location.

Tony Moon – He stated that people just assume that all addicts are criminals. He shared that this would be a professional location with a safe environment. He stated that their location in Hiram they have a good relationship with the Police and the families of the addicts. He stated for them to be treated at this location they would have to have stable mental health, and no medication would be given out. He stated that they would be open Monday – Friday 9a.m – 7 p.m. He also stated that it would be by appointment only so there would be no overcrowding.

MaKayla – tax company – she stated that there isn't enough parking for them and the counseling business. She stated that they had only been in business for 1 year and more than likely would close them down.

Jennifer Highsmith- Stated that she was addict and that she just wanted to see a place locally that could help people. She stated that she had been in recovery for several years and was doing great.

APPOINTMENTS

A. None

ADMINISTRATIVE

A. Approval – May 12, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to approve the May 12, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes by Councilman Henderson, seconded by Councilwoman Harris. All Council Members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

B. Approval – Continuation of FY2026 Budget

A motion was made to approve the Continuation of the FY2026 Budget Councilman Bradley, seconded by Councilman Robinson. All Council Members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

C. Approval – Advertisement for Public Hearing July 7, 2026, at 5:30 on FY2027 O&M Budget and Capital Budget

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

D. Approval – Amended Resolution 2026R-06 FY2026 Lease Purchase 3 year & 10 Year

City Manager explained that this request was to removed the Jetter from the lease previously approved.

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

E. Approval – Resolution 2026R-07 LHOST

City Manager Smith explained this was a request by Representative Kelley and Senator Anavitarte. This resolution would allow them to potentially approve during the upcoming legislative session the placement of the LHOST sales tax on the November ballot.

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

F. Approval – Ordinance 2026O-02 Medical Office -164 Prospect Rd- Conditional Use

A motion was made to approve the conditional use request with the conditions detailed in the resolution by Councilman Robinson, seconded by Councilman Bradley. All Council Members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

G. Approval – Employee End of the Year Compensation

City Manager explained that the Finance Committee met on May 9, 2026, and recommend each employee get a 4% salary increase in the FY27 budget along with End of Year Compensation check.

A motion was made to approve the Employee End of the Year Compensation by Councilman Henderson, seconded by Councilman Stone. 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

Mayor Ross

- Thanked City Manager and Assistant City Manager for all their hard work on getting the budget completed.
- Shared July 3rd event stated Celebration is from 6-10 and the gates open at 5.

City Manager

- Stated she provided a written report and was open for any questions.

City Attorney

- No comment.

Council Members**Councilman Henderson**

- Thanked all employees and Department Heads for their hard work.

Councilwoman Harris

- Stated that on June 18th there would be a meeting on Data Centers.
- Thanked the Council Members for approving the Medical Office.

Councilman Robinson

- Shared that on July 4th Kiwanis would be hosting Kids Day Parade. Judging will begin at 8:30 and parade at 9.
- Thanked Council Members for approving the Medical Office.

Councilman Stone

- No Comment

Councilman Bradley

- No Comment

Department Heads**Fire - Chief Todd Queen**

- Written report provided.

Police Department – Chief Randy Turner

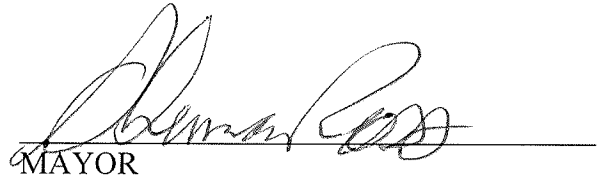
- Written report provided.

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.


CITY CLERK


MAYOR