

CITY OF ROCKMART
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 14, 2026

REGULAR MEETING

The Rockmart City Council met in regular session on Tuesday July 14, 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, and City Manager Stacey Smith. 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 Councilwoman Harris. 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. None

ADMINISTRATIVE

A. Approval – June 9, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to approve the June 9, 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 – July 7, 2026 Public Hearing Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the public hearing on July 7th by Councilwoman Harris seconded by Councilman Robinson. All Council Members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

C. Approval – April 2026 Financial Reports

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

D. Approval – May 2026 Financial Reports

A motion was made to approve the May financials by Councilman Stone, seconded by Councilwoman Harris with a vote the motion carried. All voting in favor of motion.

E. Approval – Resolution 2026R -08 FY 2026 Leasing Contract

City Manager Smith explained this was a resolution addressing the FY26 final lease as approved previously. A motion was made to approve the Resolution by Councilwoman Harris, seconded by Councilman Robinson. All Council Members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

F. Approval – Resolution 2026R-09 FY27 Capital Budget

City Manager explained this was approval of the FY 27 Capital Budget. 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.

G. Approval – Resolution 2026R-10 FY27 Lease Purchase-3 Yr Lease

City Manager stated this was for the lease for the capital items for the police department and recreation. Councilman Stone made motion to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Harris. All Council Members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

H. Approval – Resolution 2026R-12 Moratorium Convenience Stores

City Attorney recommended, due to some staff concerns, that the city adopt a moratorium on convenience stores. The moratorium would allow time for our zoning ordinance to be reviewed and updated to address concerns with location and size of convenience stores. After discussion, Councilman Robinson made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Stone and with a vote the motion passed. All voted in favor.

I. Approval – Ordinance 20260-03 Coin Operated Amusement Machines

City Attorney, Mr. Pilgrim, addressed the council and stated he was open to questions concerning the ordinance. Mr. Pilgrim stated this ordinance would address the concerns of the COAMs and ensure our code follows state law. Several council members had questions concerning the removal of a portion of our current code concerning game rooms. After much discussion, Councilman Henderson voted to table the approval until questions were addressed, seconded by Councilman Stone and with a vote the motion passed. All council members voted in favor.

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

- Appreciated the July 3rd event. Thankful to Ms. Arnold and the Public Works staff.
- Thanked the Kiwanis Club for the children's parade on the 4th.
- Reminded everyone of the John Berry concert at the theater in December.
- Recognized the 8U GRPA State Champs and hoped we would recognize them at the upcoming council meeting.

City Manager

- Stated she provided a written report and was open for any questions.
- Advised City was in process for procurement of engineer in an effort to move forward with the raw water line project.

- Stated the Community Engagement meeting would be on August 13th from 6:00 to 7:30

City Attorney

- Advised need for executive session to discuss pending litigation.

Council Members

Councilman Henderson

- Thanked all employees and Department Heads for their hard work on the 4th of July Celebration

Councilwoman Harris

- Advised everyone to be aware of data centers and their impact on communities
- Discussed impact of SB 33 and property taxes.

Councilman Robinson

- Expressed appreciation to employees.

Councilman Stone

- Enjoyed the July 3rd event and thankful to staff
- Requested prayers for Eli and his grandchildren

Councilman Bradley

- Appreciated America's 250th birthday.

Department Heads

Fire - Chief Todd Queen

- Written report provided.

Police Department – Chief Randy Turner

- Written report provided.

Waste-Water – Robert Taff

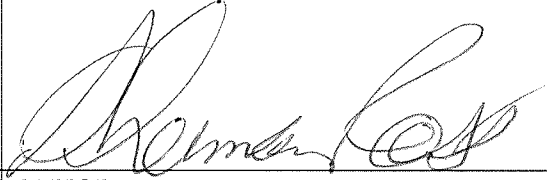
- Written Report provided.

Executive Session

Councilman Bradley made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel and pending litigation, seconded by Councilman Stone. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, a motion was made to adjourn by Councilman Henderson, seconded by Councilman Stone. All Council Members voted in favor of the motion. The Motion carried.


CITY CLERK


MAYOR