

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

**September 8, 2026**

**REGULAR MEETING**

The Rockmart City Council met in regular session on Tuesday September 8, 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 amend the Agenda by Councilman Stone to add the approval of the water-sewer for Polk County at the Fire Station at Van-Wert, Councilman Bradley seconded the motion. Councilman Robinson recused himself. All other Councilmembers voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried. A motion was made by Councilman Bradley to add approval of Ordinance 2026O-03 COAM, seconded by Councilman Stone. 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 – August 11, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made to approve the August 11, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes by Councilwoman Harris, seconded by Councilman Robinson. All Council Members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

**B. Approval – August 11, 2026, Executive Session Minutes**

A motion was made to approve the August 11, 2026, Executive Session Minutes by Councilman Henderson, seconded by Councilman Stone. All Council Members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

**C. Approval – August 27, 2026, Public Hearing Minutes**

A motion was made to approve the August 27, 2026, Public Hearing Minutes by Councilman Stone, seconded by Councilman Robinson. All Council Members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

**D. Approval – September 3, 2026, Public Hearing Minutes**

A motion was made to approve the September 3, 2026, Public Hearing Minutes by Councilman Robinson, seconded by Councilwoman Harris with a vote the motion carried. All voting in favor of motion.

**E. Approval – July 2026 Financial Reports**

A motion was made to approve the July 2026 Financial Reports by Councilman Bradley, seconded by Councilman Stone. All Council Members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

**F. Approval – 2026 Millage Rate 7.364**

A motion was made to approve the 2026 Millage Rate 7.364 by Councilman Robinson, seconded by Councilman Bradley. All Council Members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

**G. Approval – Rockmart Development Authority Member**

A motion was made by Councilman Stone, to appoint Steve Miller to the Rockmart Development Authority, seconded by Councilman Henderson. All Councilmembers voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

**H. Approval – ICE MOA Task Force Model**

City Manager explained that the Public Safety Committee met with Chief Turner, and a Representative from Immigration and Customs to discuss MOA and recommend approval.

A motion was made to approve the MOA by Councilman Stone, seconded by Councilman Bradley. All Councilmembers voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

**I. Approval – Engineer Federal Funded Projects 24 Months**

City Manager explained per Federal Funding Requirements a RFP for engineering proposals was required. City received RFP's from several firms and based on the scoring Turnipseed Engineers was the top candidate. Staff recommended Turnipseed Engineers be approved as the engineering firm for these projects.

A motion was made to approve Turnipseed Engineers for Federally Funded Projects for a period of 24 months by Councilman Robinson, seconded by Councilwoman Harris. All Councilmembers voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

**J. Approval – Extension Moratorium Convenience Stores – 60 days**

City Manager explained staff was still working on changes to the zoning ordinance for convenience stores and requested the moratorium be extended.

A motion was made to approve the Extension of the Moratorium Convenience Stores – 60 days by Councilman Robinson, seconded by Councilman Stone. All Councilmembers voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

**K. Approval – Water-Sewer Polk County Fire Station – Van Wert**

A motion was made to approve the Water-Sewer Tap Request by Councilman Stone, seconded by Councilman Bradley. Councilman Robinson recused himself. All other Councilmembers voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

**L. Approval – Ordinance 20260-03 COAM**

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. None**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. None**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Finance** – City Manager stated she needed to meet with the Finance Committee within the next couple of weeks.

- B. Personnel** – City Manager stated she needed to meet with the Personnel Committee within the next couple of weeks.
- C. Public Safety** – Councilman Bradley state he was very pleased with MOA after the meeting.
- 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 everyone for all the help with the Concert on August 29.
- Reminded everyone of Homespun on October 3.
- Stated that September 13 Rivers of Life and Keep Polk Beautiful would be having a cleanup day from 9-12.

### **City Manager**

- Thanked all Employees for all they do.
- Stated Police and Fire had taken a lot in the last couple of weeks but thanked them for all their work.

### **City Attorney**

- No Comment

## **Council Members**

### **Councilman Henderson**

- Thanked everyone for all the work for the Concert. Very pleased with how it all turned out.

### **Councilwoman Harris**

- Thanked everyone for all the work put into the Concert.

### **Councilman Robinson**

- Echoed what everyone else had to say about the Concert.
- Thanked everyone for all the hard work in getting the Amphitheatre finished.

**Councilman Stone**

- No Comment

**Councilman Bradley**

- Thankful for such a good Concert stated he had a lot of positive feedback.

**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**

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



CITY CLERK



MAYOR