

TOWN OF ROSSVILLE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
MAYOR OF BOARD AND ALDERMEN
380 Morrison Road
Rossville, TN 38066

December 10, 2019

Visitors: Lorie Rice, Dave Hamric, Tim Verner, Karen Pennington, Betty Mullis, Connie Chambers, Guy Moore, Kim Moore, Tim Goodroe, Toby Stone, Mary Etta Hallewell and Nancy Hugie.

Present: Mayor Judy Watters, Suzy Gray, Michael Swessell, Doug Kranz, Bobby Williams, and Cindi Rutledge. Zach Moore was absent.

Mayor Watters called the regular meeting of the Board and Aldermen to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pastor Toby Stone gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Watters asked for citizen comments regarding agenda items only. Tim Goodroe with the Fayette County Board of Commissioners spoke on the agenda item for the Town to recognize "In God we Trust" in the Town buildings and on the marked vehicles. Mr. Goodroe stated that he brought this before the County commission and is pleased that Rossville is going to adopt this motto.

Mayor Watters asked for any non-agenda items from the Board and none were suggested.

Mike Swessell made the motion to approve the agenda, a second from Suzy Gray and a unanimous vote.

Minutes from the November 12, 2019 Regular Board Meeting and Special Called minutes from the November 20, 2019 meeting were approved with a motion from Doug Kranz, a second from Mike Swessell and a unanimous vote.

Lorie Rice presented the financials for the month of November. Bobby Williams made the motion to accept the financials, a second from Doug Kranz and a unanimous vote.

Chief Hamric reported there were 29 calls, one arrest, 146 citations, 33 warnings, and 2 incident reports for the month of November for the Police Department.

Joseph Howell reported there was a 22.8% water loss for the month of November.

Tim Verner updated the Mayor and Board on the parking improvements in the downtown area. Mr. Verner stated that they should be completed within the next 30 days.

Under Old Business, Mayor Watters updated the Board about the adequate facility tax that the county commission was trying to increase. Mayor Watters stated that four other city Mayors along with Rossville are not in agreement with the increase and are fighting the increase. Mayor Watters stated that at their Budget Committee resubmitted the increase failed at the county commission level and will have to be resubmitted.

Under New Business, Mayor Watters brought before the Board Resolution 2019-21, a Resolution to recognize "In God we Trust" as the official motto of the United States and supports the display of the national motto in all Town owned buildings, schools, and on all marked first responder vehicles. Bobby Williams made the motion to pass Resolution 2019-21, and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters informed the Board of Aldermen that the heating unit at the water plant is not working and needs to be replaced. Mayor Watters stated the quote to replace the unit is be \$2,750. Bobby Williams made the motion to approve the quote of \$2,750 to replace the heating unit at the water plant, a second from Cindy Rutledge and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters brought be the Board of Alderman Ordinance 2019-008, an Ordinance of the Town of Rossville, Tennessee amending the fiscal year 2019-2020 budget passed by Ordinance 2019-002. Mike Swessell made the motion to accept on first reading Ordinance 2019-008, a second from Cindy Rutledge and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen the new Health Insurance rates for the employees for the 2020 calendar year. Mayor Watters stated that the overall increase with United Health Care is 5.42% and the Town covers 85% of the employee portion only. Bobby Williams made the motion to approve the new health insurance rates for the 2020 year, a second from Mike Swessell and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen the Holiday Schedule for the 2020 calendar year. Mayor Watters stated that it includes nine holidays. Cindy Rutledge made the motion to approve the Holiday schedule for the 2020 year, a second from Bobby Williams and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen the holiday bonus for all employees. Mayor Watters stated that full time employees will receive \$200 and part time employees will receive \$100. Mike Swessell made the motion to approve the Holiday bonuses, a second from Doug Kranz ana a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters informed the Board and the Public that there will be a 2020 Census and she was informed that residents could go online and fill out the necessary requirements, Mayor Watters stated that she encourages everyone to spread that information along.

Mr. Goodroe presented the Mayor and Board with a In God we Trust plaque to display in support of the recently passed Resolution.

Mayor Watters made the motion to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. All in favor.

December 10, 2019 BMA meeting

Karen Pennington
Town Recorder

Motion: Mike Swessell
January 14, 2020

Second: Doug Kranz
January 14, 2020

Approved: Judy Watters
Mayor