

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

May 12, 2020

Visitors: Edgar Babian, Dave Hamric, Tim Verner, Lorie Rice, Karen Pennington, Joseph Howell, Betty Mullis, Guy Moore, Sherrie Rhinehart, Phil Chamberlain, David Bray, Caroline Rhea and Tom Minor.

Mayor Judy Watters did a roll call to confirm all Aldermen were present. Present: Suzy Gray, Zach Moore, Cindi Rutledge, Bobby Williams, Mike Swessell, and Doug Kranz.

Mayor Watters started the virtual meeting at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Watters explained to the members of the Board and the public who were attending the meeting to voice their concerns or ask questions in the chat section during the meeting.

Mayor Watters asked for citizen comments regarding agenda items only. None were suggested.

Bobby Williams made the motion to approve the agenda, a second from Cindi Rutledge and a unanimous vote confirmed by roll call.

Minutes from the April 14, 2020 meeting were approved with a motion from Doug Kranz, a second from Mike Swessell and a unanimous vote confirmed by roll call.

Lorie Rice presented the financials for April 2020. Suzy Gray made the motion to accept the financials for April, a second from Zach Moore and a unanimous vote confirmed by roll call.

Mayor Watters opened the public hearing for Ordinance 2020-006, an Ordinance to rezone certain property within the Town of Rossville from Forest Agriculture (FAR) to Residential (R-15). Public hearing closed at 6:40 p.m.

Chief Hamric reported there were 34 calls, 33 citation charges, 10 warnings, 1 crash and 5 incident reports for the month of April for the Police Department.

Edgar Babian reported a total of 2 fire calls and 12 medical calls with a response time of 9:36 minutes for the Rossville Fire Department for the month of April.

Joseph Howell reported there was a 15.4% water loss for the month of April.

Tim Verner updated the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen on the progress of the East force main sewer project. Mr. Verner stated that the 8-inch pipe for the force main for the East side of Huntington Point has been being installed and 2100 feet of the line has been put in. Installation should be complete within the next 30-45 days pending the weather.

Under old business, Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen second reading on Ordinance 2020-006, an Ordinance to rezone certain property within the Town of Rossville from Forest Agriculture (FAR) to Residential (R-15). Bobby Williams made the motion to approve Ordinance 2020-006 on second reading, a second from Mike Swessell and a unanimous vote confirmed by roll call.

Under new business, Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen first reading on Ordinance 2020-007, an Ordinance of the Town of Rossville, Tennessee adopting the annual budget and tax rate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021. Robert Williams made the motion to accept on first reading Ordinance 2020-007, a second from Mike Swessell and unanimous vote confirmed by roll call.

Mayor Watters brought before the board that Attorney Tom Minor had met with Betty Salmon the owner of the Wolf River Café to discuss paving of the parking lot by Lafayette Park. Tom Minor stated he and Doug Swink discussed with Mrs. Salmon that the deed established the Town's rights to pave the parking lot and that a survey of the property has been completed. Mr. Minor stated that Mrs. Salmon concerned if this would affect her sidewalk going into the restaurant and if the food delivery trucks would have an issue getting in and out of the new parking area. Mr. Verner stated that the sidewalk will have to be ADA compliant and that there should be no issues with the trucks. He will be happy to meet with her about how the change will improve the look of the building. Mr. Verner also stated that this should help with the drainage in the parking lot. TDOT will have to be contacted to discuss the connection to HWY 194 and the curbing, drainage, and inlets. Mayor Watters stated that the anticipated open date for the Wolf River is July 1<sup>st</sup> so that should give us enough time get all the work done and opens an outlet for future phases of the downtown parking improvements. Tim Verner stated that we would also need to reach out to Chickasaw Electric to move the pole from the center of the parking lot and get them to possibly run the electrical lines underground. This will free up more parking spots as well. Suzy Gray made the motion to proceed with obtaining bids to pave the parking lot in Lafayette Park, a second from Doug Kranz and a unanimous vote confirmed by roll call.

Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen paving of West Street adjacent to Kellogg's. Mayor Watters stated that there is no shoulder and the trucks have torn up the road. Tim Verner stated that the trucks must do U turns to have access to the scales and the only way to protect the road is with a piece of concrete inlay. Mr. Verner stated that he can not give an estimate at the time of how much this will cost but the General Manager of Kellogg's stated that they might be able to absorb some of the cost. Mike Swessell made the motion to proceed with obtaining bids to repair West Street, a second from Zach Moore and a unanimous vote confirmed by roll call.

Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen a request to replace the flooring in City Hall. Mayor Watters stated that the flooring in the conference room was replaced when the pipes bust for \$2275 and the cost to replace the rest of City Hall is \$7901. Robert Williams made the motion to approve the flooring to be replaced in City Hall for \$7901, a second from Mike Swessell and a unanimous vote confirmed by roll call.

Mayor Watters updated the Board and Aldermen that she had reached out to the bands for the BBQ and informed them that the new date will be October 16, 2020 for the Smokin on the Wolf.

Mayor Watters informed the Board of Aldermen that Governor has extended virtual meetings until June 30, 2020 and that he also signed executive order 35 and that the listed activities are still suspended until further notice.

Robert Williams made the motion to adjourn at 7:16 p.m., all in favor.

Karen Pennington  
Town Recorder

Motion:       Bobby Williams        
June 9, 2020

Second:       Zach Moore        
June 9, 2020

Approved:  
Judy Watters, Mayor