

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

June 9, 2020

Visitors: Edgar Babian, Dave Hamric, Tim Verner, Lorie Rice, Karen Pennington, Joseph Howell, Betty Mullis, Gary Arndt, Donna Krachen, Kimberly Rankhorn, Renee Farley, 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.

Chief Dave Hamric said a prayer.

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

Suzy Gray made the motion to approve the agenda, a second from Doug Kranz and a unanimous vote confirmed by roll call.

Minutes from the May 12, 2020 meeting were approved with a motion from Bobby Williams, a second from Zach Moore and a unanimous vote confirmed by roll call.

Mayor Watters opened the public hearing for Ordinance 2020-007, an Ordinance of the Town of Rossville, TN adopting the annual budget and tax rate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021. Mayor Watters asked if anyone would like to speak and with, she closed the public hearing.

Lorie Rice presented the financials for May 2020. She stated that due to the Covid-19 situation the budget is unclear at this time and the amount of income that will be received for major projects this year might be slim. Mike Swessell made the motion to accept the financials for May, a second from Zach Moore and a unanimous vote confirmed by roll call.

Chief Hamric reported there were 43 calls, 164 citation charges, 43 warnings, no crashes and 5 incident reports for the month of May for the Police Department.

Edgar Babian reported a total of 6 fire calls and 20 medical calls with a response time of 9:36 minutes for the Rossville Fire Department for the month of May.

Joseph Howell reported there was a 15.6% water loss for the month of May. He stated that Main street flooded due to amount of rainfall in a short amount of time, but the infrastructure did its job.

Mayor Watters Stated that Vulcan sent their street sweeper out after the rain and cleaned up the streets downtown. She expressed the Town's appreciation for removing debris and mud from the downtown area.

Tim Verner updated the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the engineering projects for the month of May. Mr. Verner stated that he spoke with the property owner in Bailey Ridge to alleviate all the drainage issues. He feels that the project should be completed by summer. Mr. Verner stated that they have finished the boring under the railroad and Hwy 194 for the Sewer force main and that things are moving along, and he is pleased with the progress. They will finish installing the force main and connect all the bores within the next few weeks. Mr. Verner stated that the last step will be to connect to the lift station at Huntington Point.

Mr. Verner stated they met with the property owner of the Wolf River Café to discuss the plans to pave the parking lot and to view a proposed outline of the plans. These plans have been sent to TDOT and are awaiting their comments. Once comments are received, Mr. Verner stated that we will start the bidding process. Mr. Verner updated the Board and Mayor on the paving of West street and recommended the Town move forward with stabilizing the cement base on the shoulder and put a chip and seal on the top. He suggested that the Town meet with the plant manager at Kellogg's to discuss the damage being caused by the 18-wheeler trucks coming into the weight scales to prevent further damage to West Street. Mr. Verner stated that he will work on getting that bid packet ready for the repair of West street.

David Baker updated the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen on the Planning and Zoning updates for the month of May. Mr. Baker stated the Planning and Zoning Commission met to review signage for a new business located in downtown historic district and that was approved. Mr. Baker stated the Planning and Zoning Commission and Design Review met to review proposed plans for an insurance company on Hwy 57 and Neville. Mr. Baker stated that this would be a 6,320 square foot building. The plans were approved by the Planning Committee and the Design Review Board contingent on the submission of landscaping plans.

Under old business Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen second reading on Ordinance 2020-007, an Ordinance of the Town of Rossville, TN adopting the annual budget and tax rate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2020. Bobby Williams made the motion to approve Ordinance 2020-007 on second reading, a second from Doug Kranz and a unanimous vote confirmed by roll call.

Under new business, Mayor Watters informed the Board of Aldermen that she received a request from the residents of High Street about the need for repairs of the road. Donna Krachen spoke for the residents and informed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that High Street has not been paved in years and there are several potholes. She stated that this is the main road that leads into Rossville Christian Academy and the speed bumps are coming up and the potholes are cause for concern. Town Engineer Tim Verner stated that he had investigated the last the time the road was paved prior to tonight's meeting. Mr. Verner quoted that to just repair the road it would cost approximately \$40,000 and to overlay the entire street and add new speed bumps it would be around \$61,000. Mayor Watters stated as mentioned earlier the budget this upcoming year is extremely tight and there are several major capital projects and she agreed with the residents that this should be a priority.

Mayor Watters stated that we may have to defer other capital projects to do this. If the Board decides to go forward, we need to start the process. These are longtime residents and the street needs repair. All Aldermen gave support in moving forward with repairing High Street. Zach Moore made the motion to start the bidding process to overlay High Street and new speed bumps, a second from Doug Kranz and a unanimous vote confirmed by roll call.

Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen Ordinance 2020-008, an Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Rossville to amend the certain provisions of Article VIII related to political signage. Mayor Watters stated that the primary change is that the signs will be prohibited on all parked vehicles and trailers. Zach Moore made the motion to approve Ordinance 2020-008, a second from Suzy Gray and a unanimous vote confirmed by roll call vote.

Mayor Watters informed the Board of Aldermen about the delay in the 2018-2019 audit. She stated that we still have not had this audit completed and have been in contact with the Comptrollers Office. The auditor has till June 30th to have it complete. Mayor Watters stated that we could possibly have to use a new auditor but will know more closer to the end of June.

Mayor Watters informed the Board of Aldermen that we will have court next month. We have spoken to both the Judge and Prosecutor and will follow all protocols. This is the first time we have had court since March.

Bobby Williams made the motion to adjourn at 7:38 p.m., all in favor.

Karen Pennington
Town Recorder

Motion: Zach Moore
July 14, 2020

Second: Mike Swessell
July 14, 2020

Approved:
Judy Watters, Mayor