

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

August 11, 2020

Visitors: Edgar Babian, Dave Hamric, Tim Verner, Lorie Rice, Karen Pennington, David Baker, Betty Mullis, Tom Minor, Caroline Rhea, Sherrie Rhineheart, and Joseph Howell.

All Board members present.

Mayor Watters called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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 Suzy Gray and a unanimous vote made by roll call vote.

Minutes from the July 14, 2020 meeting were approved with a motion from Bobby Williams, a second from Doug Kranz and a unanimous vote made by roll call vote.

Mayor Watters opened the public hearing for Ordinance 2020-009, an Ordinance amending the Municipal Code of the Town of Rossville, Title 11, Chapter 3 regarding municipal offenses against the peace and quiet. Mayor Watters if any citizens would like to speak on behalf of Ordinance 2020-009, with no one speaking for or against, the public hearing was closed.

Lorie Rice presented the financials for July 2020. Zach Moore made the motion to accept the financials for July, a second from Bobby Williams and a unanimous vote made by roll call.

Chief Hamric reported there were 31 calls, 157 citation charges, 38 warnings, and 8 incident reports for the month of July for the Police Department.

Edgar Babian reported a total of 3 fire calls, 22 medical calls and one service call with a response time of 9:55 minutes for the Rossville Fire Department for the month of July.

Joseph Howell reported there was a 14.9% water loss for the month of July.

Tim Verner informed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that the east force main project is completed, and they will be getting the bids out on the Bailey Ridge Drainage project in September. Mr. Verner stated that the contractor's paperwork has been signed for the High Street paving project.

David Baker informed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that the Lafayette Parking lot bid closing is August 20th at 2 p.m. and he expects a start date 3 to 4 weeks within the opening of the bids. Mr. Baker stated he reached out to Chickasaw and they are working on a design to remove the pole from the parking lot.

Under Old Business, Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen second reading on Ordinance 2020-009, an Ordinance amending the Municipal Code of the Town of Rossville, Title 11, Chapter 3 regarding municipal offenses against the peace and quiet. Bobby Williams made the motion to accept on second reading Ordinance 2020-009, a second from Suzy Gray and a unanimous vote made by roll call.

Mayor Watters updated the Board on the 2018/2019 audit with Godwin and Associates. Mayor Watters stated that we still have not received the audit and we are unable to start the 2019/2020 audit until we get this completed.

Mayor Watters informed the Board of the mandated mask requirement issued for Fayette County by Mayor Skip Taylor. Mayor Watters stated that this is in effect until the end of August.

Under new business, Mayor Watters stated that the Town should update the Comprehensive Land Use Plan for Rossville. David Baker stated that this was last updated in 2012 and an update is needed. Mr. Baker stated that the State requires that municipalities update this plan for growth regarding rezoning, parks and recreation, and transportation circulation. Mr. Baker stated that the cost to update the Comprehensive land use plan is generally around \$20,000 and should take about 4 to 6 months to complete including public meetings with the community. Mayor Watters stated this will help cover water/sewer infrastructure requirements such as a water tower that is needed on the east end of Town. Zach Moore gave the motion for David Baker to proceed with starting the process of updated the towns land use plan, a second from Doug Kranz and a unanimous vote made by roll call.

Fire Chief Babian informed the Mayor and Board that the City of Bartlett received a grant for new breathing air equipment and would like to donate their old equipment to our Fire Department. Chief Babian stated that this equipment would allow us to handle situations such as hazardous material incidents and structure fires with the use of 60-minute capabilities. The ones we have now are designed for 30-minute usage. Bobby Williams made the motion to accept Resolution 2020-010, a Resolution of the Town of Rossville accepting the donation of breathing air equipment from the City of Bartlett, a second from Zach Moore and a unanimous vote made by roll call.

Mayor Watters updated the Board that Sales Tax increase was approved in the election. She stated that we are working with the election commission and the Department of Revenue to get all the paperwork submitted and we expect the increase to take effect by October 1st. Mayor Watters informed the Board that the Smokin on the Wolf BBQ event has been canceled, and she wanted to thank Suzy Gray for all the money she has raised for the Town.

Bobby Williams made the motion to adjourn at 7:05 p.m., all in favor.

Karen Pennington
Town Recorder

Motion: Zach Moore
September 8, 2020
Second: Cindi Rutledge
September 8, 2020

Approved: Judy Watters, Mayor

