

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

September 8, 2020

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

Present Board members were Cindi Rutledge, Zach Moore, Suzy Gray, Mike Swessell, and Bobby Williams. Doug Kranz was absent.

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

Mayor Watters established a quorum by roll call vote.

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

Mayor Watters stated that she would like to amend the agenda by adding the hiring of a new police officer and the purchase of new public works equipment. Bobby Williams made the motion to approve the agenda with amendments, a second from Cindi Rutledge and a unanimous vote made by roll call vote.

Minutes from the August 11, 2020 regular Board meeting were approved with a motion from Zach Moore, a second from Cindi Rutledge and a unanimous vote made by roll call vote. Minutes from the Special called meeting from August 31, 2020 were approved with a motion from Bobby Williams, a second from Cindi Rutledge and a unanimous vote made by roll call vote.

Mayor Watters tabled the financials until the October meeting due to Lorie Rice being out due to personal reasons.

Chief Hamric reported there were 54 calls, 149 citation charges, 43 warnings, and 8 incident reports for the month of August for the Police Department.

Edgar Babian reported a total of 4 fire calls, 15 medical calls and 3 service calls with a response time of 9:55 minutes for the Rossville Fire Department for the month of August.

Joseph Howell reported there was a 13.1% water loss for the month of July. Mr. Howell stated that since our water loss is so low, we will notice the numbers starting to fluctuate a bit.

Tim Verner informed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that the Bailey Ridge drainage bids came in the previous Thursday. Mr. Verner stated that we only had one contractor bid on the project and that the bid came in higher than originally estimated and he asked the Mayor and Board permission to renegotiate with the contractor. Mr. Verner stated that he has spoken with Tom Minor and he agreed this was the right move. Bobby Williams made the motion to allow for Tim Verner to re-negotiate the bid for the Bailey Ridge drainage, a second from Cindy Rutledge and a unanimous vote made by roll call vote. Tim Verner informed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that the east force main project is completed, and the contractor has submitted for final payment. Mr. Verner stated that the project came \$4000 under budget. There is a one-year warranty on the project. Mr. Verner also stated that the repaving on High Street has begun.

David Baker informed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that the Lafayette Parking project received three bids and the bid opening will be on September 16th at 3 p.m. Mr. Baker said that they have begun some base mapping and getting new counts in the new subdivisions to work on the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Mr. Baker stated that discussions with TDOT to coordinate for long term plans for land uses and will begin in the next few months. Mr. Baker informed the Mayor and Board that he met with Rossville Express. They have completed many improvements on the punch list that was issued to them. He stated the last item that needed to be corrected was the sidewalk. The owner stated he will be pulling the portion of the sidewalk out that was done incorrectly. Mr. Baker stated that after this is completed, Walter Owen will issue the Certificate of Occupancy. Mr. Baker informed the Mayor and Board that the Planning Commission will have a special called meeting this month to review a canopy sign for Exxon that will be used at Rossville Express convenience store.

Under Old Business, Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen that the Town received the F/Y 18/19 draft audit from Godwin and Associates. She stated that the audit has been filed with the State Comptroller's Office. A time we will scheduled for Mr. Godwin to come present the audit results to the Board.

Mayor Watters informed the Board of Aldermen that the Mayor of Fayette County still has the mandatory mask issued for Fayette County.

Under new business, Police Chief Dave Hamric addressed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to allow him to hire another Police Officer. Chief Hamric stated that he received some applications that he kept on file that he interested in. He does not feel that it is safe to have one officer alone on the night shift. This position is budgeted and will be a night position. Mayor Watters stated that we have had some incidences and this position is important to provide safety to our citizens. Zach Moore made the motion to hire another full time Police Officer, a second from Suzy Gray and a unanimous vote made by roll call.

Mayor Watters informed the Board of Aldermen that we have had some Public Works equipment breakdown that need to be replaced. Joseph Howell stated that the John Deere lawn mower should be replaced. He stated that a new Skagg mower is approximately \$12,000. Mr. Howell stated the other piece of equipment that needs to be replaced is the gear box on the bush hog as well as the bush hog deck itself. Mr. Howell stated the price he received for this was \$7500. Cindi Rutledge made the motion for Mr. Howell to purchase a new lawnmower, gear box and bush hog deck not to exceed the amount of \$20,000, a second from Mike Swessell and a unanimous vote made by roll call.

Bobby Williams made the motion to adjourn at 6:55 p.m., all in favor.

Karen Pennington
Town Recorder

Motion: Mike Swessell
October 13, 2020

Second: Doug Kranz
October 13, 2020

Approved: Judy Watters, Mayor