

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

November 10, 2020

Visitors: Edgar Babian, Dave Hamric, Tim Verner, David Baker, Karen Pennington, Betty Mullis, Sherrie Rhinehart, Peyton Dungan, Sondra Webb, Mary Etta Hallewell, Jeff Wooden, Lorie Rice, and Tom Minor.

Present members were Judy Watters, Zach Moore, Suzy Gray, Mike Swessell, Bobby Williams, Doug Kranz and Cindi Rutledge.

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen met with Attorney Tom Minor for executive session prior to the regular meeting.

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

Bobby Williams did the Innovation and the pledge.

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

Mayor Watters asked for non-agenda items, none were suggested from the Board. Mayor Watters added the Lafayette Parking Lot to the agenda per the suggestions made by Tom Minor in executive session. Bobby Williams made the motion to approve the amended agenda, a second from Cindi Rutledge and a unanimous vote.

Minutes from the October 13, 2020 regular Board meeting were approved with a motion from Suzy Gray, a second from Mike Swessell and a unanimous vote.

Lorie Rice presented the financials for October. Mike Swessell made the motion to approve the financials for October a second from Zach Moore and a unanimous vote.

Chief Hamric reported there were 44 calls, 127 citation charges, 23 warnings, and 9 incident reports for the month of October for the Police Department. Chief Hamric informed the Mayor and Board that the new Ford Explorer came in today and he is hoping to have it outfitted and in service by mid-December.

Edgar Babian reported a total of 4 fire calls, 17 medical calls and 1 service call with a response time of 9:05 minutes for the Rossville Fire Department for the month of October.

Mayor Watters reported there was a 15.5% water loss for the month of October. She stated there was a water main break in front of the Post Office on Main Street and this was repaired. She said the concrete work has been done and we are just waiting on the asphalt.

Tim Verner gave the engineering updates for the month of October to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen. He stated that the paving on High Street has been done and the contractor is waiting on reflectors for the speed bumps to complete the job. Mr. Verner stated the work in Bailey Ridge is reaching completion and the contractor has been in contact with him about repairing a driveway that was messed up during construction.

Aldermen Zach Moore asked if we have any updates about the fencing around the water tower, Mayor Watters stated that we received a cost to repair the front part only for \$5000 and it will be mid-December when the lumber will be in to start work on the fence.

David Baker have the Planning updates for the month of October to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen. He stated that he is still working on an analysis of the Comprehensive Plan Use and would like to bring it to the December planning meeting for recommendations from members from the Planning committee.

Under Old Business, Mayor Watters introduced Peyton Dungan to be the newest member for the Design Review Committee. Cindi Rutledge made the motion to appoint Peyton Dungan as a Design Review member, a second from Mike Swessell and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen the bid results for the High Street Paving repair. She stated the bid came in at \$64,600 and was awarded to Fowler Paving. Zach Moore made the motion to approve the cost to repave High Street for \$64,000, a second from Mike Swessell and a unanimous vote.

Under New Business, Mayor Watters informed the Board of Aldermen the results from the 2020 election. Mayor Watters stated that she will resume position as Mayor, Sherrie Rhinehart and Sondra Webb will replace Alderwomen Cindi Rutledge and Suzy Gray and Mike Swessell will resume his position as current Aldermen. Mayor Watters stated that she wanted to thank Cindi and Suzy for the dedication to the Town and that they will be missed. Mayor Watters also informed the Board that the liquor by the drink referendum passed.

Mayor Watters stated that because Sondra Webb is the newly elected Aldermen she will step down as a Planning Committee member and she nominated Mike Humerickhouse to replace this vacancy. All in favor.

Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen first reading on Ordinance 2020-010, an Ordinance amending the Town of Rossville, Tennessee Town Charter. Mayor Watters stated that this change will allow for employees to accrue 10 days of vacation after one year of employment, 15 days of vacation after 5 years and 20 days of vacation after 10 years of employment. Cindi Rutledge made the motion to approve on first reading Ordinance 2020-010, a second from Mike Swessell and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen first reading Ordinance 2020-011, an Ordinance of the Town of Rossville, Tennessee amending Title 8, Chapter 1 of the Rossville Municipal Code by the deletion and addition of certain sections of Title 8, Chapter 1 relating to the sale of alcoholic beverages. Mike Swessell made the motion to approve on first reading Ordinance 2020-011, a second from Zach Moore and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen the Development Agreement for Saunders Creek Planned Development Phase 2B. Mike Swessell made the motion to execute the contract with Magnolia Homes for Saunders Creek Planned Development Phase 2B, a second from Suzy Gray and unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters updated the Board of Aldermen that Police Chief Dave Hamric has graciously agreed to postpone his retirement for another year, she stated that Chief Hamric and attorney Tom Minor have agreed on a contract and it needs Board approval. Cindi Rutledge made the motion to approve the contract for one-year employment with William Hamric as Police Chief, a second from Bobby Williams and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Judy Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen issuing one-time performance bonuses in lieu of raises. She stated when we decided on the budget we were unsure on where we would stand and we are now in a position to offer this one time. Zach Moore made the motion, a second from Cindi Rutledge and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen the Holiday schedule for the 2021 year. A motion was made by Bobby Williams to approve the Holiday schedule, a second for Mike Swessell and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters brought before the Board the added agenda item to gravel the area between Lafayette Park and Wolf River Café, this was discussed during executive session with attorney Tom Minor. Bobby Williams made the motion, a second from Mike Swessell and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters made the motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m., all in favor.

Karen Pennington
Town Recorder

Motion: Bobby Williams
December 8, 2020

Second: Mike Swessell
December 8, 2020

Approved: _____
Mayor