

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

April 13, 2021

Visitors: Edgar Babian, Dave Hamric, Lorie Rice, Karen Pennington, Joseph Howell, David Baker, Tim Verner, Guy Moore, Delphine Rose, Suzy Gray, Mary Etta Hallewell, Betty Mullis, Jeff Wooden and Carolyn Rhea.

Present members were Judy Watters, Sondra Webb, Mike Swessel, Sherrie Rinehart, Zach Moore, and Bobby Williams. Doug Kranz called in virtually.

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

Guy Moore gave the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

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 a landscaping estimate and an update about the Smokin on the Wolf BBQ contest. Sondra Webb made the motion to approve the agenda as amended, a second from Bobby Williams and a unanimous vote.

Minutes from the March 9, 2021 regular Board meeting were approved with a motion from Mike Swessel, a second from Sherrie Rinehart and a unanimous vote.

Lorie Rice presented the financials for March. Bobby Williams made the motion to approve the financials for March, a second from Zach Moore and a unanimous vote.

Chief Hamric reported there were 61 calls, 151 citation charges, 34 warnings, 1 crash, and 8 incident reports for the month of March for the Police Department.

Edgar Babian reported a total of 15 fire calls, 17 medical calls and 2 service calls with a response time of 11:01 minutes for the Rossville Fire Department for the month of March.

Joseph Howell reported the water loss for the month of March at 14.5 %. Mr. Howell stated that they repaired a 12-inch main break at the booster station at the Railroad. The "T" connection failed, and it took 16 hours to repair the main. M & M Solutions were called and helped with the repair. Mr. Howell stated that he is looking for a part time maintenance worker to cut grass. Alderman Zach Moore asked if there was an age limit on who the town could hire and suggested maybe some of the high school students might want summer work.

David Baker reported the Planning Commission updates to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. Mr. Baker stated they met to review some landscaping plans for a house located in the historic district and they were approved. Mr. Baker stated we are still reviewing the sign ordinance and some recommendations and revisions were discussed. This will be brought to the May Planning Commission meeting. Mr. Baker informed the Mayor and Board that they will also meet in May to review 2 new developments and continue working on the Comprehensive Plan.

Under Old Business, Mayor Watters stated that we received the lease agreement back from Norfolk Southern and per attorney Tom Minor's approval, we have executed the contract. Mayor Watters stated that this lease will renew on a month-to-month basis and allows for the same terms as the old lease agreement. Mayor Watters stated that this is favorable for the Town.

Under New Business, Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen Resolution 2021-004, a Resolution approving and adopting an updated Title VI plan for the Town of Rossville. Mayor Watters stated we must adopt this to stay in compliance with the State nondiscrimination guidelines. Bobby Williams made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-004, a second from Sondra Webb and unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen Ordinance 2021-003, an Ordinance amending Ordinance 2018-014 Schedule 3, Section A, Water Fees. Mayor Watters stated the fee change is for new construction meters and will not affect residents. The meter fee will go from \$75 to \$200 plus costs, this increase will be used to cover the cost to convert to AMR meters. Mayor Watters stated that we are currently walking from house to house reading meters and the automatic read meters will take less time to read. Joseph Howell stated that the Master Read System will allow meters to be read in 45 minutes compared to the current process requiring approximately 24-man hours. Vice Mayor Zach Moore asked about the conversion process and if we are currently set up for the new meters. Mr. Howell stated that it is the same installation process, and it may require an extra 15 minutes in paperwork once installed. Mike Swessel made the motion to approve on first reading Ordinance 2021-003, a second from Zach Moore and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen an invoice for M & M Solutions for \$5200 to repair the water leak at the booster station. Mayor Watters stated this was an emergency repair and requested Board approval. Sondra Webb made the motion to approve the invoice for \$5200, a second from Sherrie Rinehart and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen an update on the Ross Metals property that the city purchased 5 years ago from the county. Mayor Watters stated that we have been working closely with TDEC and EPA to ensure proper procedures were taken to get the land cleaned up and back in use. She stated that the Town would like to use this property for recreational use and the EPA is providing us resources and assistance to develop a reuse plan for the property. The EPA is working with George Washington State University to do a feasibility study, at no cost to the Town. Aldermen Doug Kranz stated that the hopes are to create a 5–9-acre soccer fields for the Town. Mayor Watters stated the site contains 119 acres but there are only 8 or 9 acres that will be usable. Mayor Watters stated that once we know more, we will bring it to the Board.

Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen an estimate from Delta Lawn and Landscaping to maintain the flower beds around town. The Estimate is for \$4500 to clean the beds, replace dead shrubs/trees, and cut and edge walkways. There is a 10% contingency of \$450 and the monthly maintenance fee is \$125. Mayor Watters stated that Public Works Department has been overloaded and this will help them focus more on cutting grass and their day-to-day duties. Zach Moore made the motion to approve the estimate from Delta Lawn & Landscaping, a second from Sherrie Rinehart and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters informed the Board of Aldermen that Suzy Gray has graciously agreed to do the Smokin on the Wolf BBQ cooking contest on September 23rd, 24th and the 25th.

Mayor Watters updated the Board of upcoming Planning Meeting on May 3rd and the Budget Workshop on May 5th.

Mayor Watters made the motion to adjourn at 7:05 p.m.

Karen Pennington
Town Recorder

Motion: Zach Moore
May 11, 2021

Second: Mike Swessel
April 13, 2021

Approved: Judy Watters
Mayor