

**TOWN OF ROSSVILLE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
MAYOR OF BOARD AND ALDERMEN**

380 Morrison Road
Rossville, TN 38066

August 10, 2021

Visitors: Edgar Babian, Dave Hamric, Joseph Howell, Scott Jones, Tim Verner, Tom Minor, Karen Pennington, Lorie Rice, Doug Swink, Mary Etta Hallewell, and Suzy Gray,

Board members attending were Judy Watters, Mike Swessel, Sherrie Rinehart, Zachary Moore, Bobby Williams and Sondra Webb. Doug Kranz was absent.

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

Bobby Williams 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 from the Board, none were suggested. Mayor Watters added the planned development for the Highlands which was recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Sherrie Rinehart made the motion to approve the agenda as amended, a second from Sondra Webb and unanimous vote.

Minutes from the July 13, 2021 regular meeting of the Mayor and Board were approved with a motion from Bobby Williams, a second from Mike Swessel and a unanimous vote.

Minutes from the July 28, 2021 special called meeting were approved with a motion from Bobby Williams, a second from Zachary Moore and a unanimous vote.

Lori Rice reported on the financials for the month of June and July, 2021. Sondra Webb made the motion to approve the financials for the months of June and July, a second from Sherrie Rinehart, and a unanimous vote.

Chief Hamric reported there were 96 calls, 154 citation charges, 17 warnings, 1 crash, and 6 incident reports for the month of July for the Police Department.

Chief Edgar Babian and Captain Scott Jones reported a total of 5 fire calls and 35 medical calls and one service call with a response time of 8:57 minutes for the Rossville Fire Department for the month of July.

Joseph Howell reported the water loss for the month of July was 14.4%. Mr. Howell stated that all the smart meters have been installed in the Huntington Pointe Subdivision and we will start installing other subdivisions as the meters come in.

Tim Verner updated the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the results from the Planning and Zoning meeting on August 10, 2021. Mr. Verner stated the Planning Commission met to review four portable buildings for the Rossville Christian Academy Campus. Mr. Verner stated that these buildings have been approved by our Fire Department as well as the State Fire Marshall. The Planning Committee approved the plans for the buildings on the Campus.

Under Old Business, Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen second reading on Ordinance 2021-008, an Ordinance to rezone 75.31 acres, Parcel 165 030.00, certain property within the Town limits of Rossville, TN. Zachary Moore made the motion to approve Ordinance 2021-008 on second reading, a second from Sondra Webb and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen second reading on Ordinance 2021-009, an Ordinance to rezone 237.12 acres, parcel 182 007.00, certain property within the Town limits of Rossville, TN. Sherrie Rinehart made the motion to approve Ordinance 2021-009 on second reading, a second from Sondra Webb and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen second reading on Ordinance 2021-010, an Ordinance to rezone 117.17 acres, parcel 181 034.02, certain property within the Town limits of Rossville, TN. Bobby Williams made the motion to approve on second reading Ordinance 2021-010, a second from Mike Swessel and a unanimous vote.

Under New Business, Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen 2021-011, an Ordinance repealing Water and Sewer rates for the Town of Rossville and adopting an annual Water and Sewer rate adjustment. Mayor Watters stated that we have not increased the water rates this year and recommends establishing a base rate that will have an annual increase equal to the Consumer Price Index for all Consumers. Mayor Watters stated that this increase will allow the Town to keep up with inflation rates. The rate increase will go into effect the 1st billing period of July 2022 and on the same date in each subsequent calendar year. Zachary Moore made the motion to approve on first reading Ordinance 2021-011 using the CPI rates per January of the calendar year, a second from Bobby Williams and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen Ordinance 2021-012, an Ordinance amending Title 18, Chapter 1, Section 18-110 of the Town of Rossville's Charter related to customer water and sewer main billing and payment policy. Mayor Watters stated that the water bills are currently due on the 15th of each of month and this Ordinance will change the due date to the 20th allowing more time for customers to get their payments in. Sondra Webb made the motion to approve on first reading Ordinance 2021-012, a second from Zachary Moore and a unanimous vote.

Engineer Tim Verner informed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen the bid results from the West Street Paving opening. Mr. Verner stated that this would be for the East side shoulder of West Street to remove the existing pavement and replace with thicker asphalt. Mr. Verner stated that the low bidder came in from Ensco at \$62,332. He recommends accepting this bid. Zachary Moore made the motion to award Ensco the bid for paving of West Street for \$62,332, a second from Mike Swessel and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters updated the Board of Aldermen that Knox Road has been repaired by the County using chip and seal paving. Mayor Watters asked Engineer Tim Verner if he could present a plan for street repair for the next 3 years. Mr. Verner stated that he has looked at three subdivisions Saunders Creek, Huntington Pointe and Bailey Ridge that have shown some distress. He recommended to start with Bailey Ridge first by advertising for bids in Spring for an overlay/asphalt and for 20% of repairs to distressed areas of Saunders Creeks A and B. Mr. Verner estimated this should be \$115,000. Mr. Verner suggested the following year to overlay Saunders Creek A and B for \$190,000, then the third year to bid to overlay Huntington Pointe. Mayor Watters stated that we have budgeted \$145,000 for street repairs this fiscal year and with the cost of West Street and Bailey Ridge we will be cutting it close. No motion was made as this will be addressed in Spring 2022.

Mayor Watters informed the Board of Aldermen that the Town received the American Rescue Plan Grant from the State for \$25,000. This grant must be used for a one-time purchase and the Board voted to use these funds for a water tower. Mayor Watters stated that we will need to open an account that is specifically for these funds to keep this separate and track expenditures. Sondra Webb made the motion to open an account for the grant proceeds for the American Rescue Plan, a second from Sherrie Rinehart and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters informed the Board of Aldermen that there will be a potential rate increase from Waste Connection this year and she has been negotiating with them to try to get this waived. Mayor Watters stated she will inform the Board when she receives more information.

Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen approval to pay legal fees of \$7,484. Zachary Moore made the motion to approve the legal fees for \$7,484, a second from Sondra Webb and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen the Planned Development for the Highlands. She stated that the Planning and Zoning reviewed the development plans and recommends Board approval. Sondra Webb made the motion to approve the Planned Development for the Highlands, a second from Zachary Moore and a unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Karen Pennington
Town Recorder

Motion: Zachary Moore
September 14, 2021

Second: Sondra Webb
September 14, 2021

Approved: Judy Watters
Mayor