

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

December 14, 2021

Visitors: Edgar Babian, Dave Hamric, Tom Minor, Karen Pennington, Mitzi Wickberg, Stephanie Hlavac, Lorie Rice, Betty Mullis and Mary Etta Hallewell.

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

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen met prior to the regular scheduled meeting to review the f/y 2021 audit with Wickberg Accounting.

Mayor Watters called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Sherrie Rinehart and Sondra Webb had a prior commitment and did not stay for the Board meeting.

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.

Minutes from the November 9, 2021 regular meeting of the Mayor and Board were approved with a motion from Bobby Williams, a second from Michael Swessel and a unanimous vote.

Lori Rice reported on the financials for the month of November. Zachary Moore made the motion to approve the financials for the month November, a second from Mike Swessel and a unanimous vote.

Chief Hamric reported there were 56 calls, 145 citation charges, 42 warnings, 2 crashes and 5 incident reports for the month of November for the Police Department.

Chief Edgar Babian reported a total of 3 fire calls and 27 medical calls with a response time of 9:09 minutes for the Rossville Fire Department for the month of November.

Mayor Watters reported for Public Utility Director Joseph Howell on the bid results for the mini excavator. Mayor Watters stated that the Board approved an expense of \$75,000 and the bid results came in at \$60,000. She stated that it has been ordered and will be delivered in 60 days. Mayor Watters reported the water loss for the month of November was 11.2%. She stated that Mr. Howell was notified that Core and Main will no longer be able to supply the AMR meters and Consolidated Pipe will be the new vendor.

Mayor Watters stated that Mr. Howell has been working on repairing and retrofitting their vehicles by adding safety lights and painting the bed of the dump truck. She stated that they have two trucks that are no longer functional and both have blown transmissions. She stated that Mr. Howell has asked the Mayor and Board to declare the vehicles as surplus. The vehicles are a 1999 and 2005 Chevrolet pickup and they can be sold in auction. Zachary Moore made the motion to declare the vehicles as surplus and put them in auction, a second from Mike Swessel and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters updated the Board of Aldermen on the engineering updates. She stated that the West Street pavement was complete and the potholes on Morrison will be paved. Tim Verner has reached out to Enscor and the repair is scheduled. Mr. Verner also spoke with Fowler paving and they are still waiting on the reflectors for the speed bumps on High Street. There were no planning updates for the month of November.

Mayor Watters updated the Board of Aldermen on the Blue Oval City project. She stated that the Town has completed the comprehensive plan and future land use plan. Mayor Watters said that validation of the Town boundaries has been received from the Comptroller's office. We will have to start working on our Water/Sewer infrastructure needs and determine what type of industry we would like to come to Rossville. Mayor Watters stated that Joseph Howell has been in contact with TAUD to perform a rate study on our water/waste water issues. This will help separate rates for residential, commercial and industry. Mayor Watters stated that there is no cost to the Town because we are members of TAUD and the expected completion date is 2-4 months from the start of the study. Mike Swessel made the motion to allow TAUD to perform a rate study for the Town of Rossville, a second from Zachary Moore and a unanimous vote.

Under new business, Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen a donation of a 1989 50' Tele-Squirt fire truck. This truck is being donated by Fire Chief Edgar Babian but because of State guidelines Chief Babian had to sell the truck and title it to Jimmy Parker. He will donate the truck to the city. Chief Babian stated that he has been in contact with the State and with attorney Tom Minor to address all documents and they have been approved. Chief Babian stated that the Town can have the truck as long as they wish but when they are no longer using it, they have to give it back to Mr. Parker. Zachary Moore made the motion to accept the donation of the 1989 Tele-Squirt fire truck, a second from Bobby Williams and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen Resolution 2021-014, the adoption of the Fayette County Mitigation plan. She stated the documents are adopted by each city and is prepared by the Fayette County Emergency Management Agency. Mayor Watters stated the department heads for the Town of Rossville have reviewed the plan and it will allow assistance from county and state agencies to our Town in the event of a major disaster or other emergency. She stated this document is also required for some state and federal grants. Bobby Williams made the motion to accept Resolution 2021-014, a second from Mike Swessel and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen the Tennessee Downtown grant from the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development. This grant is a \$15,000 reimbursable grant and the terms of the grant require you to join the National Main Street Center at an annual cost of \$295. Mayor Watters stated that Alderwoman Sherrie Rinehart will be heading this project up. Zach Moore made the motion to proceed with the application process for the Tennessee Downtown grant, a second from Zachary Moore and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen the holiday schedule for the calendar year 2022. Bobby Williams made the motion to accept the holiday schedule, a second from Zachary Moore and a unanimous vote.

Mike Swessel made the motion to adjourn the regular meeting of Mayor and Board of Aldermen at 7:05 p.m. and they entered executive session with attorney Tom Minor.

Karen Pennington  
Town Recorder

Motion: Mike Swessel  
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Second: Zachary Moore  
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Approved: Judy Watters  
Mayor