

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

March 8, 2022

Visitors: Edgar Babian, Dave Hamric, Joseph Howell, Karen Pennington, Lorie Rice, Tim Verner, David Baker, Betty Ann Mullis, Rex Leath, Mary Etta Hallewell, Steven Loftin,

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

Chief Hamric 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. Sherrie Rinehart made the motion to approve the agenda, a second from Sondra Webb and a unanimous vote.

Minutes from the February 8th regular meeting of the Mayor and Board and the February 16<sup>th</sup> Special Called meeting were approved with a motion from Sherrie Rinehart, a second from Sondra Webb and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters opened the public hearing for Ordinance 2022-002, an Ordinance amending Title 15, Chapter 6 of the Rossville Municipal Code to prohibit parking vehicles in violation of any sign placed or erected by the State or Town. With no citizen comments Mayor Watters closed the public hearing for Ordinance 2022-002.

Mayor Watters opened the public hearing for Ordinance 2022-004, an Ordinance to repeal in its entirety Article V, section 4- (BH) Business Historic District and revise to allow for single family residential buildings in the form or style of Brownstone buildings as a permitted use. With no citizen comments Mayor Watters closed the public hearing for Ordinance 2022-004.

Lori Rice reported on the financials for the month of February. Sondra Webb made the motion to approve the financials for the month February, a second from Sherrie Rinehart and a unanimous vote. Mrs. Rice gave the Mayor and Board a schedule of dates to work on the Budget for the FY 23.

Chief Hamric reported there were 50 calls, 111 citation charges, 33 warnings, 2 crashes and 5 incident reports for the month of February for the Police Department. Chief Hamric informed the Mayor and Board that he hired a new employee and that she will be completing her training to become Post Certified.

Chief Edgar Babian reported a total of 9 fire and 20 medical calls with a response time of 8:07 minutes for the Rossville Fire Department for the month of February. Chief Babian informed the Mayor and Board that the results of the ISO audit will be received in 3-4 months.

Joseph Howell reported the water loss for the month of February was 13.5%. Mr. Howell stated they did not install or replace any meters this month. Mr. Howell stated that the track hoe was delivered. He informed that the TAUD rate study was still underway and a representative will come to Rossville to discuss the results. Mayor Watters stated that we will use this rate study to determine our water rates, we passed an ordinance that states we will base our rates on the CPI index and that rate is at 7.5%.

David Baker updated the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the Planning Commission meeting for the month of March. Mr. Baker stated that the Planning Commission members reviewed the rezoning for River Edge on Hwy 57 across from Saunders Creek from FAR to R-10. This was approved by Planning and Zoning. Mr. Baker stated that a public hearing will be set for April at the next Mayor and Board meeting. He stated that they also reviewed the planned development for River Edge which is 44 acres and is proposing 136-139 lots. This was approved and will be heard at the April meeting of the Mayor and Board. Mr. Baker stated that Mitchells Barber Shop withdrew her application so that item was removed from agenda. He informed the Mayor and Board that Cypress Home and Garden still has not come into compliance and missed the Court date assigned in March. He will be sending them a letter to reschedule for April to come into compliance.

Tim Verner informed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that Chickasaw Electric and other utility companies are running into a supply shortage on in ground transformers and are suggesting that new the pole mounted option that will still have underground wiring. Mr. Verner believes this will be the best option. Mayor Watters stated this will be a decorative pole with a light where the line comes up to a box that is the transfer and then goes back underground to the house. Mr. Verner suggested the Town allow this type of transformer for now.

Mr. Verner informed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that the existing water plant can withstand about 4 ½ more years but due to the growth of the Town we need an elevated storage tank to cover peak hours. He stated that the Town has requested \$3 million dollars in funding from the State and the letter was confirmed to be received from the Lieutenant Governor, but he has not received a response back. Mr. Verner stated that he has been working with grant writer, Shannon Cotter, to get applications to TEMA and several other State agencies for funding. Mr. Verner stated the new water plant and wells it will be a \$4.8 million investment. As soon we know more about financing options, the bidding process can begin. Mayor Watters stated that we have a decision to make by the end of March. She stated that with the funds from the American Rescue Plan have been to earmarked for a specific purchase and we have already decided to use these funds of \$250,000 towards the water plant. If we receive the \$3 million from the state that will pay for the water tower. Additionally, federal money in the amount of \$623,000 with a 40% match is earmarked for Rossville. Mayor Watters stated with these funds we should be close on funding. If we have to finance the rest of the cost we need to start looking now. Tim Verner stated that once you get the projected costs and approval the bidding process can begin.

Under Old Business, Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen second reading on Ordinance 2022-002, an Ordinance amending Title 15 of the Town of Rossville Municipal Code, Chapter 6 regulating parking of vehicles in violation of any sign placed or erected by the State or Town. Sherrie Rinehart made the motion to approve Ordinance 2022-002 on second reading, a second from Sondra Webb and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen second reading on Ordinance 2022-004, an Ordinance to repeal in its entirety Article V, section 4- (BH) Business Historic District and revise to allow for single family residential buildings in the form or style of Brownstone buildings as a permitted use. Mike Swessel made the motion to approve Ordinance 2022-004 on second reading, a second from Sondra Webb and a unanimous vote.

Under new business, Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen Resolution 2022-007, a Resolution designating the nonrecurring purchases for the Governor's Local Grant. Mayor Watters stated we received a grant in the amount of \$25,525 and the Town has decided to put this money towards the purchase of the track hoe that was purchased earlier in the year. Mike Swessel made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-007, a second from Sondra Webb and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen Resolution 2022-008, a Resolution to support restoring the historic revenue sharing relationship between the State of Tennessee and its Local Governments and to return the local share of the single article cap to Local Governments. Mike Swessel made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-008, a second from Sherrie Rinehart and a unanimous vote.

Motion to adjourn. All in favor.

Karen Pennington  
Town Recorder

Motion: Sherrie Rinehart  
April 12, 2022

Second: Sondra Webb  
April 12, 2022

Approved: Judy Watters  
Mayor