

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

April 12, 2022

Visitors: Scott Jones, Dave Hamric, Karen Pennington, Lorie Rice, Tim Verner, Tom Minor, Ann Aukerman, David Crislip, Charles McNab, Mary Etta Hallewell, Rex Leath, Mark Loftin, Skip Taylor, Wes Ashworth, Traci Neely, Jeff Wooden, Terrye Cannady, Glyn Moore and Carolyn Rhea.

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

Assistant Fire Chief Scott Jones 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. Bobby Williams made the motion to approve the agenda, a second from Sondra Webb and a unanimous vote.

Minutes from the March 8, 2022 regular meeting of the Mayor and Board and the March 28, 2022 Special Called meeting were approved with a motion from Sherrie Rinehart, a second from Sondra Webb and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters introduced candidates that are running in the upcoming election and allowed them each three minutes to introduce themselves to the Board of Aldermen and the public. The candidates that spoke were David Crislip, District 5 Position 1, Charles McNabb, County Trustee, Skip Taylor, County Mayor and Terrye Cannaday, District 5 Position 2.

Mayor Watters opened the public hearing for the rezoning and planned development for River Edge located on the north side of Hwy 57 east of Lafayette Station Subdivision. With no comments from the citizens or from the Board of Alderman Mayor Watters closed the public hearing.

Lori Rice reported on the financials of the month of March. Bobby Williams made the motion to approve the financials for the month March, a second from Sherrie Rinehart and a unanimous vote. Mayor Watters informed the Board of Aldermen that we will have a budget workshop on April 20, 2022.

Chief Hamric reported there were 52 calls, 212 citation charges, 50 warnings, 2 crashes and 3 incident reports for the month of March for the Police Department. Chief Hamric introduced new officer Mary King to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen and stated she will be going to the Academy in June. Chief Hamric acknowledged 3 of his employees and awarded them with pins for their years of service. Joshua Hicks, 5 years. Kimberly Marsh, 5 Years. Bo Sims, 10 years.

Chief Hamric informed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that on April 2nd one of his officers was involved in a vehicle accident and the 2014 Chevrolet Tahoe was a total loss. Chief Hamric informed the Mayor and Board that FLOCK have been installed. The cameras on Knox Road and he believes this will help keep our community safe.

Assistant Chief Jones reported a total of 8 fire and 19 medical calls with a response time of 5:45 minutes for the Rossville Fire Department for the month of March. Assistant Chief Jones informed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the arrangements for Chief Babian's son's funeral and stated that the Fire Department decided to collect funds to start a scholarship fund in honor of Daniel Babian.

Mayor Watters reported the Water report for the month of March. She stated the water loss was 11.9% for the month of March. Mayor Watters stated that there are some excess funds in the budget for Water Fund Capital Outlay that was allocated for the Water Tower project. This project will be funded by upcoming grants and loans. Mr. Howell will use \$66,000 of the funds to purchase the remaining AMR meters for the Town. This was approved. Mayor Watters stated that Mr. Howell has scheduled an inspection of the aerators at the lagoon to get a price to repair or replace them.

Tim Verner reported the Planning and Zoning updates for the month of March. Mr. Verner stated that the committee reviewed the rezoning request of the Hatchett Subdivision located in the Historic District; this was approved. Mr. Verner stated the Planning Commission also discussed River Edge Subdivision and decided to table this item for further action from the developer and engineer. Revised plans of the development will be brought before the Planning and Zoning Commission at a later date.

Mr. Verner updated the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Cypress Home and Garden improvements and stated that after their appearance in court they have until May 4th to come into compliance with the violations. Mr. Verner stated that the Planning Commission reviewed the Highlands proposal and this was approved with recommendations and will go before the Mayor and Board at the May meeting.

Tim Verner informed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that the street repair bids for Saunders Creek 1A, 1B and Bailey Ridge will be submitted on April 21, 2022. Mr. Verner hopes to receive 4 bids in total.

Under Old Business, Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen that the fence at the water plant has been replaced for \$3600. This was approved a year ago.

Under new business, Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen first reading on Ordinance 2022-009, an Ordinance amending Title 5, Chapter 2; Privilege taxes, of the Town of Rossville Municipal Code: Levying a Privilege tax upon the occupancy in any hotel or motel or place in which rooms, lodgings or accommodations are furnished to transients for consideration. Sherrie Rinehart made the motion to approve on first reading Ordinance 2022-009, a second from Sondra Webb and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen Resolution 2022-010, a Resolution to establish a set of parameters by which debt obligations will be undertaken by the Town of Rossville, TN. Sherrie Rinehart made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-010 with the change of "Town Council" to "Mayor and Board of Aldermen", a second from Bobby Williams and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen that the Town is the recipient of the Tennessee Downtown Grant. Mayor Watters stated that Alderwoman Sherrie Rinehart worked on this grant for the Town and expressed appreciation for all the hard work invested in this project. Alderwoman Rinehart stated that this is a two-year program focusing on revitalization and economic growth for the downtown area. A steering committee has been developed and members will attend training and begin developing plans. She stated that we will then decide how we will use these funds. It allows us to apply for other grants as well. The Tennessee Downtown grant is reimbursable and is for \$15,000.

Mayor Watters informed the Board of Aldermen that the Water/Waste water rates will increase in July based on the CPI increase of 7.5%. This was voted on in 2021 and will take effect on the July 1, 2022 utility bills.

Mayor Watters informed the Board of Aldermen that the University of Memphis will be conducting a study on the Ross Metals property. She stated that they will select seniors to do this study with hopes of us being able to reclaim this property.

Mayor Watters thanked the volunteer group "Rossville on Track" for cleaning the park in to hold community events such as the upcoming Easter egg hunt in Lafayette Park.

Mayor Watters informed the public and the Board of Aldermen that the Fayette County Springfest has been rescheduled and as of now there is no definite date.

Motion to adjourn 7:10 p.m., All in Favor.

Karen Pennington
Town Recorder

Motion: Bobby Williams
May 10, 2022

Second: Zachary Moore
May 10, 2022

Approved: Judy Watters
Mayor