

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

June 14, 2022

Visitors: Dave Hamric, Karen Pennington, Joseph Howell, Edgar Babian, Lorie Rice, Tim Verner, David Baker, Tom Minor, Carolyn Rhea, Suzy Gray, Doug Swink and Betty Mullis.

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

Chief Dave Hamric led the invocation and the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Watters asked for citizen comments regarding agenda items only. None were suggested.

Minutes from the May 10, 2022 regular meeting of the Mayor and Board were approved with a motion from Sherrie Rinehart, a second from Mike Swessel and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2022-010, an Ordinance of the Town of Rossville amending the fiscal year 2021-2022 Budget passed by Ordinance 2021-006. With no citizen concerns, the public hearing was closed.

Mayor Watters opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2022-011, an Ordinance of the Town of Rossville, Tennessee adopting the annual budget and tax rate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023. With no citizen concerns, the public hearing was closed.

Lorie Rice reported on the financials for the month of May. Mike Swessel made the motion to approve the financials for the month May, a second from Bobby Williams and a unanimous vote.

Chief Hamric reported there were 74 calls, 191 citation charges, 43 warnings, 1 crash and 10 incident reports for the month of May for the Police Department.

Chief Edgar Babian reported a total of 2 fire, 1 service and 28 medical calls with a response time of 13:16 minutes for the Rossville Fire Department for the month of May. Chief Babian notified the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that the Collierville Fire Department offered to donate their old self-contained breathing apparatus devices to the Town. Collierville purchased new devices and the old ones are surplus now. Chief Babian told the Board that there is a grant in place to purchase more but this donation would be beneficial to our department. Sherrie Rinehart made the motion to accept the donated equipment from the Town of Collierville Fire Department, a second from Mike Swessel and a unanimous vote.

Utility Director Joseph Howell reported the water loss for the month of May was 14.3%. Mr. Howell stated he repaired a valve at the Water Department this month. Additionally, retro fitting Saunders Creek to the AMR meters will begin. Mr. Howell informed the Mayor and Board that S & T wiring replaced the contactors and cables on 4 of the aerators and replaced the power cables on 11, at a cost of \$35,000. This expense was budgeted in the fiscal year 22 budget.

There were no Planning and Zoning updates for June.

David Baker gave the engineering report for the month of June. Mr. Baker informed the Mayor and Board of the updates on the Ross Metals property, he stated that they are waiting on the final review but they did find a trace of asbestos in the floor tile and insulation. He stated that they approved the demolition of the building with additional watering to keep debris down and there will be another update in July. Mr. Baker expects the street repair in Saunders Creek to begin in 3 weeks as contracts are signed. Residents will be notified before work begins.

Under old business, Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen second reading on Ordinance 2022-010, an Ordinance of the Town of Rossville amending the fiscal year 2021-2022 Budget passed by Ordinance 2021-006. Sherrie Rinehart made the motion to approve Ordinance 2022-010 on second reading, a second from Bobby Williams and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen second reading on Ordinance 2022-011, an Ordinance of the Town of Rossville, Tennessee adopting the annual budget and tax rate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023. Mike Swessel made the motion to approve Ordinance 2022-011 on second reading, a second from Bobby Williams and a unanimous vote.

Alderwoman Sherrie Rinehart updated the Mayor and the Board on the TN Downtown Program Grant that she has been working on for the Town. She stated that the Steering Committee is scheduled to meet on July 11<sup>th</sup> with a representative from the grant program. They will work with the representative for two years. Alderwoman Rinehart informed the Mayor and Board that they also have a trip to Jackson scheduled to meet with some other communities involved in the program.

Under new business, Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen a request from Renaissance Development to reduce the Letter of Credit that the Town currently has for Villages of Lafayette Station from \$100,000 to \$37,500. Mayor Watters stated that Engineer Tim Verner requests that since this development has reached into its 1-year warranty period and all improvements have been constructed. Sherrie Rinehart made the motion to reduce the Letter of Credit for Renaissance Development from \$100,000 to \$37,500, a second from Mike Swessel and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen first reading on Ordinance 2022-012, an Ordinance establishing a processing fee and other charges for persons paying with credit or debit cards. Bobby Williams made the motion to approve on first reading Ordinance 2022-012, a second from Mike Swessel and unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen first reading on Ordinance 2022-013, an Ordinance to rezone 24.92 acres, Parcel 182 004.01, certain property within the Town limits of Rossville, TN. David Baker stated that only the east side of Neville is being rezoned which is 2.52 acres, the rest will remain FAR. Mike Swessel made the motion to approve Ordinance 2022-013 on first reading with amendments, a second from Sherrie Rinehart and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen first reading on Ordinance 2022-014, an Ordinance increasing the City Court Costs by amending Section 3-110 of the Municipal Code for the Town of Rossville. Mayor Watters stated that we have not increased our Court costs in several years and the current amount is \$100 and due to the increase in the costs to run court this Ordinance would increase the amount to \$120. Aldermen Sherrie Rinehart suggested to raise cost to \$125 to cover the extra court expenses and the Board agreed. Sherrie Rinehart made the motion to approve on first reading Ordinance 2022-013 with amendments, a second from Bobby Williams and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen first reading Ordinance 2022-015, an Ordinance to create 1 lot Subdivision for the first phase of the Highlands Planned Development that contains 1.47 acres within the Town limits of Rossville, TN. Developer Doug Swink stated this is mainly for the creation of Commercial lots. Sherrie Rinehart made the motion to approve on first reading Ordinance 2022-015, a second from Bobby Williams and a unanimous vote.

Motion to adjourn 6:53 p.m. Mayor and Aldermen then proceeded into executive session with attorney Tom Minor.

Karen Pennington  
Town Recorder

Motion: Sherrie Rinehart  
July 14, 2022

Second: Sondra Webb  
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Approved: Judy Watters  
Mayor