

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

May 10, 2022

Visitors: Dave Hamric, Karen Pennington, Lorie Rice, Tim Verner, David Baker, Tom Minor, Carolyn Rhea, Donnie Culver, Doug Swink, Kathy and Doug Richards, Glyn Moore, Erika Wilkins, Allen Wilkins, Mary Etta Hallewell, Renee Mayne, Keith and Melanie Willer, Paige Walley, Shannon Cotter, Betty Mullis, and Colleen Hutson.

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

Senator Paige Walley Gave the innovation and pledge.

Mayor Watters expressed appreciation to Senator Paige Walley, Representative Ron Gant, and grant writer, Shannon Cotter for all the help they gave to Rossville. Mayor Watters informed the Board of Aldermen and the citizens that Rossville will be receiving \$3 million from the State of Tennessee to fund the Water Tower project. Senator Paige Walley stated that Rossville is one out of ten projects that was awarded the funds.

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 April 12, 2022 regular meeting of the Mayor and Board were approved with a motion from Bobby Williams, a second from Zachary Moore and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2022-009, an Ordinance amending Title 5, Chapter 3; Privilege taxes, of the Town of Rossville Municipal Code: Levying a privilege tax upon the occupancy in any hotel or motel or any place in which rooms, lodgings or accommodations are furnished to transients for a consideration. With no citizen concerns the public hearing was closed.

Lori Rice reported on the financials of the month of April. Bobby Williams made the motion to approve the financials for the month April, a second from Sondra Webb and a unanimous vote.

Chief Hamric reported there were 54 calls, 188 citation charges, 52 warnings, 1 crash and 8 incident reports for the month of April for the Police Department.

Chief Edgar Babian reported a total of 6 fire, 2 service and 25 medical calls with a response time of 9:34 minutes for the Rossville Fire Department for the month of April.

Utility Director Joseph Howell reported the water loss for the month of April was 13.5%. Mr. Howell stated this was normal for this time of year with people running their irrigation systems and filling up pools. He stated TAUD had not completed the rate study and hoped to get a response soon.

David Baker reported the Planning and Zoning Updates for the month of April. Mr. Baker stated that two items were reviewed one for the rezoning of the eastern side of the property on Neville from FAR to R-15, which was approved. The Planning Commission also reviewed a proposal for 15 one acre lots and one ten-acre lot located on Neville and recommended their proposal be heard at the June meeting of Mayor and Board and Aldermen.

Under new business, Mayor Watters informed the Board of Aldermen that Fisher Arnold has begun work on the design of the water tower. Mr. Verner stated that he has started working on the construction design and some of the detailed work such as surveys and soil borings, which can take up to 6 months. Mayor Watters stated that Mr. Verner has the agreement and we have already budgeted the fees in this fiscal year. The Board of Aldermen agreed to approve to give Mayor Watters authority to sign agreement with Fisher and Arnold pending Tom Minor's review. Sondra Webb made the motion, a second from Sherrie Rinehart and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen a one-time salary payout for employees which was reviewed during the budget workshop. Zachary Moore made the motion to approve the payout, a second from Bobby Williams and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen first reading on Ordinance 2022-010, an Ordinance of the Town of Rossville, Tennessee amending the fiscal year 2021/2022 budget passed by Ordinance 2021-006. This budget amendment is to remove a grant that was not received by the Fire department. The same grant will be applied for again in the 22/23 budget. The amendment will decrease the cash receipts for General fund by \$100,836 and decrease the appropriations by \$111,000. Bobby Williams made the motion to approve on first reading Ordinance 2022-010, a second from Zachary Moore and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen 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 ending June 30, 2023. Bobby Williams made the motion to approve on first reading Ordinance 2022-011, a second from Zachary Moore and unanimous vote.

Tim Verner brought before the Board of Mayor and Aldermen the results of the bid opening for 2022 Street Rehabilitation and Repair. Mr. Verner stated that the lowest bid was from ENSCOR for \$204,390.50. This bid will cover the repair and overlay of Bailey Ridge and the repair and partial overlay of Saunders Creek Phases 1A and 1B. Sherrie Rinehart made the motion to approve the bid from ENSCOR in the amount of \$204,390.50, a second from Bobby Williams and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters informed the Board of Alderman that the University of Memphis is doing a capstone project using the Ross Metals site as their location. Mayor Watters stated that TDEC believes there might be asbestos in the building and quotes are needed to determine the presence of asbestos, demolishing the building, and replacing the fence on the property. Engineer Tim Verner stated he could get quotes for the next meeting in June. The Board approved.

Mayor Watters informed the Board of Aldermen that we received a complaint from a citizen regarding Spring Lake Park. Mr. Larry White introduced himself to the Mayor and Board and Aldermen as a resident in the Huntington Point Subdivision. Mr. White provided the Mayor and Board of Aldermen aerial pictures of the walkway and areas surrounding Spring Lake Park. Mr. White stated he knows that the developer is dumping silt into the lake without proper permits. Mr. White stated he has been in contact with TDEC and he is aware of a notification that was given to the developer. He asked the Mayor and Board what they can do to enforce this issue. Mayor Watters informed Mr. White that the developer was in attendance she believed that he should be able to address this situation because the claim is against his development. Mr. Swink addressed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen and showed his appreciation for allowing him to speak to the claim made against him. He takes his role as a developer very seriously. Mr. Swink stated that he was aware of the TDEC notification and has been in contact with them. He stated that anytime you have construction going on there will be violations and that this particular one has been addressed. Mr. Swink explained to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen the process required to collect the sediment and how his company has many people who are qualified and certified to test and run the equipment to make sure there are no damages to any infrastructures. Mr. Swink then addressed the privacy concern of how Mr. White flew a drone over his property and distributed pictures of his property and his equipment. Mr. Swink stated that this is a legal concern. At that time Mayor Watters told Mr. White the Board would no longer be able to discuss this matter with him. (See attached report in the Fayette Falcon for more detailed information)

Mayor Watters informed the Board of Aldermen that there is a call for an Election in November. Aldermen Zachary Moore, Bobby Williams, and Doug Kranz positions will be on the ballot.

Being no more business there a was a motion to adjourn at 8:09; all in favor.

Karen Pennington  
Town Recorder

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_  
June 12, 2022

Second: \_\_\_\_\_  
June 12, 2022

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor