

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

July 12, 2022

Visitors: Dave Hamric, Karen Pennington, Joseph Howell, Edgar Babian, Lorie Rice, Tim Verner, David Baker, Tom Minor, Carolyn Rhea, Colleen Hutson, Betty Ann Mullis, Kyle Ham, Frank Simmons, Steven Loftin, Mark Loftin, Rex Leath, Wes Ashworth, and Jeff Wooden.

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

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

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

Bobby Williams made the motion to approve the agenda, a second from Sondra Webb and a unanimous vote.

Minutes from the June 14, 2022 regular meeting of the Mayor and Board and Special Called meeting on June 14, 2022 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 2022-012, an Ordinance of the Town of Rossville establishing a processing fee and other charges for persons paying with credit or debit cards. With no citizen concerns, the public hearing was closed.

Mayor Watters opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2022-013, an Ordinance to rezone 2.52 acres being a portion of parcel 182 004.01, certain property within the Town limits of Rossville, TN. With no citizen concerns, the public hearing was closed.

Mayor Watters opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2022-014, an Ordinance increasing the City Court costs by amending Section 3-110 of the Municipal Code for the Town of Rossville. With no citizen concerns, the public hearing was closed.

Mayor Watters opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2022-015, an Ordinance to create a 1 lot subdivision for the first phase of the Highlands Planned Development that contains 1.47 acres within the Town Limits of Rossville, TN. With no citizen concerns, the public hearing was closed.

Mayor Watters opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2022-016, an Ordinance to rezone certain property within the Town limits of Rossville, TN from FAR to R-10 (Single Family Residential) and Site Plan Review of Riveredge Planned Development. The Subject contains 59.06 acres identified as parcels 181 014.00 and 181 014.01. With no citizen concerns, the public hearing was closed.

Lorie Rice reported on the financials for the month of June. Zachary Moore made the motion to approve the financials for the month June, a second from Bobby Williams and a unanimous vote.

Chief Hamric reported there were 53 calls, 202 citation charges, 51 warnings, 1 crash and 10 incident reports for the month of June for the Police Department. Chief Hamric informed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that the new officer will be attending the Academy starting July 10, 2022 and once she has completed the training, she will be a POST certified officer. Chief Hamric informed the Mayor and Board that they are having to return some leased rifles that the department had on loan from the Government. New mandates on how they have to respond to calls are in place now and he would like to request an unbudgeted expense of \$11,400 for safety equipment for the Police Department. Zachary Moore made the motion to approve the expense of \$11,400, a second from Sondra Webb and a unanimous vote.

Assistant Fire Chief Scott Jones reported a total of 2 fire, 1 service call and 24 medical calls with a response time of 10:08 minutes for the Rossville Fire Department for the month of June. Assistant Chief Jones informed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that they received their ISO audit results and that Rossville's rating is a 5. This rating is a good score considering the Fire Department is primarily volunteers.

Utility Director Joseph Howell reported the water loss for the month of June was 13.5%. Mr. Howell stated that they replaced 5 meters and set 3 new construction meters for the month. He informed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that they will start the retrofitting for Saunders Creek in the upcoming week. Mr. Howell informed the Mayor and Board that the TDEC audit has been completed and they made some recommendations that the overflow at the water tank needs to be brought to ground level.

Tim Verner updated the Board and Mayor of Aldermen on the street repair/repaving. Work is scheduled to start in Bailey Ridge on Monday. The bid process for Huntington Pointe Subdivision will begin shortly. Mr. Verner stated that they received the asbestos survey on the Ross Metals building and there was a small trace of asbestos in the floor tile and insulation that fills the cavity in the block walls. Mr. Verner stated that the material is stable and will have to be wet down when demolishing the building. All material demolished should be then taken to the landfill. Mr. Verner stated that we will bid this out to a demolition contractor.

Tim Verner and Mayor Watters informed the Board of Aldermen on the update on the water plant and water tower. Mr. Verner stated the first steps will be to get survey of design and locate soil types. Bid packets will be designed and the projects will be phased. The ARPA funds must be committed by November 1st. Mr. Verner stated that there is a limited pool of money for the project and the Town should look at estimated cost to spend all on one project at a time. Mayor Watters stated they met with Shannon Cotter and the two items they spoke about was the Town getting the money directly and the amount of the county allocation.

Attorney Tom Minor informed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that on June 1st a finding was made challenging the County Property Assessor office on charging Municipalities property taxes, Piperton brought this to the equalization board. Mr. Minor stated that the decision of the State Board of equalization ruled in favor of Piperton. If property is owned by a Town, it should be tax exempt. Mr. Minor stated that the Property Assessor issued a refund for the taxes paid on the Ross metals property to the Town of Rossville for \$313.

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

Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen second reading on 2022-013, an Ordinance to rezone 2.52 acres being a portion of parcel 182 004.01, certain property within the Town limits of Rossville, TN. Sherrie Rinehart made the motion to approve Ordinance 2022-013 on second reading, a second from Sondra Webb and a unanimous vote.

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Rossville. Zachary Moore made the motion to approve Ordinance 2022-014 on second reading, a second from Bobby Williams and unanimous vote.

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Mayor Watters informed the Board of Aldermen that the fiscal year 2022 audit has started and that we have been working with the auditors. The targeted completion date is December.

Mayor Watters informed the Board of Aldermen that there was a 3 % contractual rate increase with Waste Connections that will go into effect in October. Mayor Watters stated that since we negotiated this into our contract, we will not incur the CPI increase of 9.5% as an additional fuel tax surcharge.

Mayor Watters informed the Board of Aldermen that her and Alderwoman Sherrie Rinehart were appointed to the TML Board. Mayor Watters will be on the finance Committee and Sherrie Rinehart will be on the Infrastructure Committee.

Motion to adjourn 7:11 p.m.

Karen Pennington
Town Recorder

Motion: _____
August 9, 2022

Second: _____
August 9, 2022

Approved: _____
Mayor