

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

September 12, 2022

Visitors: Karen Pennington, Joseph Howell, Edgar Babian, Tim Verner, Betty Ann Mullis, Shannon Cotter, Mary Etta Hallewell, Suzy Gray, and Renee Mayne.

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

Bobby Williams led the invocation and the pledge of allegiance.

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

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

Minutes from the August 9, 2022 regular meeting of the Mayor and Board were approved with a motion from Sherrie Rinehart, a second from Sondra Webb and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen an update on the ARPA grant. Grant Writer Shannon Cotter stated that all the paperwork is due November 1st and we have set a deadline to have it all submitted by October 1st because we want to avoid any confusion in the system. Tim Verner has the majority of the information completed. Another required document will be completed after the Town approves the Resolution tonight to accept the funds from the State. Tim Verner stated that we need to focus on 3 primary components the water tower, water wells and the water plant. From a budgeting standpoint. TDEC requires a report that separates the different projects to see what funds the Town will need to borrow. Mr. Verner stated once we do this, we can start the design process. Shannon Cotter stated that TDEC has changed the amount that is available to a billion dollars and we have put that amount down on the application so we can possibly add that to the funds and help us borrow less. Mrs. Cotter stated that all applications must be submitted by October 31st at midnight and that the town should get all of the portion by January 1st. The Town's match is 35%.

Mayor Watters opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2022-017, an Ordinance amending Title 14, Chapter 1 of the Rossville Municipal code to provide compensation to members of the Planning Commission. With no citizen concerns, the public hearing was closed.

Mayor Watters opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2022-018, an Ordinance to change the compensation for the Town of Rossville Board of Aldermen salary from \$100 to \$200 for each regularly scheduled monthly meeting. Citizen Betty Ann Mullis expressed concern about the increase because she was unaware that this was a paid position. Mrs. Mullis stated that she felt that the amount was doubled and that she did not agree with being in line with other surrounding towns because that is not why she moved here. She asked the Mayor and Board if this increase was going to go into effect for the new members that are elected in November and if the remaining members would stay at \$100. Mayor Watters confirmed this was correct. With no more citizen comments, the public hearing was closed.

Karen Pennington reported on the financials for the month of August. Bobby Williams made the motion to approve the financials for the month August, a second from Sondra Webb and a unanimous vote.

Chief Hamric report read there were 73 calls, 189 citation charges, 35 warnings, 2 crashes and 4 incident reports for the month of August for the Police Department.

Chief Edgar Babian reported a total of 4 fire, 12 service calls and 17 medical calls with a response time of 13:36 minutes for the Rossville Fire Department for the month of August.

Utility Director Joseph Howell reported the water loss for the month of August was 13.4%.

Tim Verner updated the Board and Mayor of Aldermen on the street repair/repaving. Mr. Verner stated that the overlay is 99% completed in Bailey Ridge and Saunders Creek, and we scheduled to start the bid process for the 2023 street repairs in the upcoming weeks.

Under Old Business, Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen second reading on Ordinance 2022-017, an Ordinance amending Title 14, Chapter 1 of the Rossville Municipal Code to provide compensation to members of the Planning Commission. Zachary Moore made the motion to approve Ordinance 2022-017 on second reading, a second from Sondra Webb and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen second reading on Ordinance 2022-018, an Ordinance to change the compensation for the Town of Rossville Board of Aldermen from \$100 to \$200 for each regularly scheduled meeting. Bobby Williams made the motion to approve Ordinance 2022-018 on second reading, a second from Sondra Webb and unanimous vote.

Under New Business, Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen Resolution 2022-020, a Resolution of the Town of Rossville to increase Solid Waste Collection fees due to a CPI increase with Waste Connections. Mayor Watters stated this a 3% increase and that the new rates will take effect on the October 1st billing. The new rates for a single cart will be \$14.42, an additional cart \$5.00 and a recycle cart \$9.15. Zachary Moore made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-020, a second from Sherrie Rinehart and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen Resolution 2022-021, a Resolution authorizing the submission of the American Rescue Plan proposal and the commitment of the required local share. Sondra Webb made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-01, a second from Bobby Williams and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters updated the Board of the upcoming Smokin on the Wolf September 23rd and 24th.

Mayor Watters stated that we will reschedule then November meeting of the Mayor and Board to November 15, 2022 due to election day.

Motion to adjourn 6:59 p.m.

Karen Pennington, Town Recorder

Motion: _____
October 11, 2022

Second: _____
October 11, 2022

Approved: _____
Mayor