

**TOWN OF ROSSVILLE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
MAYOR OF BOARD AND ALDERMEN**

380 Morrison Road
Rossville, TN 38066

November 9, 2022

Visitors: Karen Pennington, Dave Hamric, Edgar Babian, Tom Minor, Betty Ann Mullis, Jeff Wooden, Joseph Howell, Delphine Rose Suzy Gray and Norman and Leslie McCone.

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

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

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

Mike Swessel made the motion to approve the agenda, a second from Sherrie Rinehart and a unanimous vote.

Minutes from the October 11, 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.

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

Chief Hamric report read there were 53 calls, 186 citation charges, 69 warnings, 4 crashes and 15 incident reports for the month of October for the Police Department.

Chief Edgar Babian reported a total of 5 fire, 1 service call and 24 medical calls with a response time of 11:20 minutes for the Rossville Fire Department for the month of October.

Joseph Howell reported the water loss for the month of October was 13.1%. Mr. Howell stated that they have changed out some meters that were not registering correct readings. He stated that they finished installing the Automated Read Meters in the Saunders Creek Subdivision.

David Baker brought before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen the Planning and Zoning updates. Mr. Baker stated the Planning Commission met to review a fence in the Historic District and a change to the façade of a porch on Main Street, both were approved. Mr. Baker stated that they also reviewed some plans on expansion for Gateway Global Container and

suggested that they provide some landscaping plans. The Design Review Board met also to review the landscaping plans for Rivers Edge and recommended this go to the Board of Zoning Appeals, a date for this meeting has not been set at this time.

Tim Verner brought before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen the Engineering updates for the month of October, Mr. Verner stated that the paving work for Bailey Ridge is complete. He stated that during the paving they did run into some issues when the paving truck came through the sewer line in the road was crushed and it developed a sink hole, this was repaired. He stated that the paving/milling has been complete with the exception of the inlets and he is hoping this will be done within the month and will contracts complete. Mr. Verner stated that the existing 2023 paving work punch list has not been developed.

Mr. Verner brought the Mayor and Board of Aldermen an update on Ross Metals and that a sample has been obtained and there is no reason not to move forward with the demolition. TDEC has signed off on this and he estimates a quote of \$3500 for demolition. Mr. Verner informed the Mayor and Board on the ARP grant and that they have started to build a hydraulic build of the system for the new water tower and that things are starting to ramp up.

Mayor Watters opened a Public Hearing for Ordinance 2022-022, an Ordinance amending Title 7, Chapter 2, Section 7-202. Fire Code Adopted; Adopting the 2018 Editon. With no citizen comments, the Public Hearing was closed.

Mayor Watters opened a Public Hearing for Ordinance 2022-023, an Ordinance amending Title 12, Chapters 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 8 of the Town of Rossville Municipal Code. Mayor Watters stated that this in addition to adopting the 2018 fire code, with no citizen comments the Public Hearing was closed.

Under old business, Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen second reading on Ordinance 2022-022, an Ordinance amending Title 7, Chapter 2, Section 7-202. Fire Code Adopted; Adopting the 2018 Editon. Zachary Moore made the motion to approve on second reading Ordinance 2022-022, a second from Mike Swessel and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen second reading on Ordinance 2022-023, an Ordinance amending Title 12, Chapters 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 8 of the Town of Rossville Municipal Code. Mike Swessel made the motion to approve on second reading Ordinance 2022-023, a second from Sherrie Rinehart and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen a change order from ENSCOR for the Bailey Ridge pavement project of \$9,976.30, this is an unbudgeted expense due to the sewer repair and sink hole from the paving, Mr. Verner has approved the change order. Zachary Moore made the motion to approve payment of \$9,976.30, a second from Mike Swessel and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen an update on the University of Memphis Capstone project that they have been doing for Ross Metals. Mayor Watters stated that these students have been doing a study on what the Town can do with the property after the building is demolished. She stated that they will hear their final decisions on November 28th.

Under new business, Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Alderman an employment contract with Chief Dave Hamric and stated he has agreed to stay on for one more year. Sherrie Rinehart made the motion to approve the addendum to extend Dave Hamric's employment contract for one for year, a second from Zachary Moore and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen the request to apply for the Violent Crime Intervention Fund. She stated this is a law enforcement grant and will be used for license plate readers and FLOCK cameras. Mayor Watters stated the intent to apply has already been submitted and the completed application will be due January 16, 2023. Zachary Moore made the motion to allow Mayor Watters and Chief Hamric to apply for the Violent Crime Invention Fund Grant, a second from Bobby Williams and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen permission to apply for a grant with the Ford Motor Company Fund. Mayor Watters stated this grant is targeted at capital improvements including physical infrastructure and construction of new or renovated spaces like a community center. She stated that the awarded grants will range between \$25,000-\$100,000 and could be used for repaving the walking trail around Spring Lake, addition of benches around the lake or lighting/signage around the trail. The application deadline is February 3, 2023. Zachary Moore made the motion to allow Mayor Watters to apply for the Ford Motor Company Fund Grant, a second from Mike Swessel and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters informed the Board of Aldermen that the TDEC American Rescue Plan application has been submitted and we are waiting on those dollars to be disburse. She stated these funds will be used for the Water Tower, water wells and the Water plant.

Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen the 2023 employee insurance rates. Mayor Watters stated that the rates have increased this year and we approved to cover the increase last year on the employee portion only and recommends doing the same this year. The employees portion only would stay the same as the 2021 rate and Mayor Watters recommended that the Board once again hold the rate paid for the past two years. Sherrie Rinehart made the motion to approve that the Town cover the increase to the employee portion only and the employee will continue to pay the 2021 rate, a second from Zachary Moore and a unanimous vote.

Mayor

Mayor Watters stated that the 2022 Smokin' on the Wolf was a huge success and wanted to thank everyone who participated. Suzy Gray stated that there are three other BBQ events being held the same time that we have the Smokin' on the Wolf. The reason all the teams keep coming back each year is because this event is so family friendly. Mrs. Gray stated that she would like to thank all the volunteers that helped in the hospitality tent and judges' tent including the Mayor and Bobby Williams for all their hard work and time, and to the Fire Department for cooking. Mayor Watters stated that the dates for the 2023 Smokin' on the Wolf and they will be September 29th and 30th.

Under New Business, Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen Ordinance 2022-022, an Ordinance amending Title 7, chapter 2, Section 7-202, Fire Code adopted; adopting the 2018 edition. Zachary Moore made the motion to accept Ordinance 2022-022 on first reading, a second from Bobby Williams and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen Ordinance 2022-023, an Ordinance amending Title 12, chapters 1,2,4,5,6 and 8 of the Town of Rossville Municipal Code. Fire Chief Babian stated this is just to bring our Municipal Code Book up to date when we adopt the 2018 Fire Code. Sherrie Rinehart made the motion to accept Ordinance 2022-023, a second from Mike Swessel and unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters informed the Board of Aldermen that bids for the resurfacing of Saunders Creek (Phase 1A and 1B) and the repair of Huntington Pointe were received. There was one bid from ENSCOR in the amount of \$ 254,795.50. The Board was presented with an email from Tim Verner, Town Engineer, that recommended approval of the bid. Zachary Moore made the motion to accept the bid from ENSCOR in the amount of \$254,795.50, a second from Mike Swessel and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen the contract with grant writer Shannon Cotter with SIC Management who will be assisting the Town with the TDEC grant. The grant allows a grant writer to be paid up to 6% of the total grant amount. Through negotiations, the contracted rate is \$60,000, a reduction of \$38,000 from original requested amount. Doug Kranz made the motion to allow approval for the mayor to sign the contract with SIC Management for \$60,000, a second from Zachary Moore and unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters stated that the Town has been asked to sponsor a breakfast for Leadership Fayette in March, 2023 and she would like approval to do this. Sherrie Rinehart made the motion to approve the Town sponsoring a breakfast for Leadership Fayette in an amount not to exceed \$500, a second from Mike Swessel and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters announced that there will be a Planning and Zoning meeting on November 7th, the election will be held on November 8th and the November regular Board Meeting will be moved to November 9th.

Motion to adjourn 6:45 p.m.

Karen Pennington, Town Recorder

Motion: _____
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Second: _____
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Approved: _____
Mayor