

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

380 Morrison Road
Rossville, TN 38066

January 10, 2023

Visitors: Karen Pennington, Dave Hamric, Lorie Rice, Edgar Babian, Joseph Howell, Betty Ann Mullis, Ann Aukerman, Sarah and Robert Schwalb.

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

Chief Dave Hamric 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 Sherrie Rinehart and a unanimous vote.

Minutes from the December 13, 2022 regular meeting of the Mayor and Board were approved with a motion from Sondra Webb, a second from Jeff Wooden and a unanimous vote.

Lorie Rice reported on the financials for the month of December. Sondra Webb made the motion to approve the financials for the month December, a second from Mike Swessel and a unanimous vote.

Chief Hamric reported that the Police Department responded to 86 calls, 3 arrests, 120 citation charges, 63 warnings, 2 crashes and 13 incident reports for the month of December. Chief Hamric informed the Mayor and Board that they have apprehended the suspect that graffitied the Town. The suspect has been detained and the incidents were not gang related. Chief Hamric informed the Mayor and Board that they are in the process of applying for the Crime Prevention Grant offered by the State. The grant will be for \$60,000 and can be used to purchase tasers, body cameras, scopes, and security cameras. Chief Hamric stated that the application has been submitted.

Chief Babian presented the Fire Department activity for December. They responded to a total of 9 fire calls, 1 service call, and 25 medical calls with an average response time of 10:09 minutes. Chief Babian informed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that he applied for a grant for a pump on the brush truck. The grant closes the end of February.

Joseph Howell reported the water loss for the month of December was 14.6%. Mr. Howell informed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that a heater switch on the water tank failed during the below freezing temperatures and there was some water loss from the tank. He stated that there were many busted pipes on private property. He stated that they will be replacing the older meters in the downtown area next week.

Under Old Business, Mayor Watters stated it was approved that the steering committee of the TN Downtown Program. The committee has identified on some key points for the grant they would like to address to revitalize downtown. The Board of Mayor and Aldermen were introduced to Sarah Schwalb who presented a power point presentation of the various projects.

- Priority one would be to establish food trucks in the downtown area on the first and third Sunday beginning 4/16/23. This includes establishing a “brand” to be designed by the students of RCA.
- Priority two would be to develop a new comprehensive plan for the downtown area. This would include working with Fisher and Arnold and stakeholders/business owners in the downtown historic district to get their input.

Aldermen Rinehart stated the committee would like to offer food trucks to the community even if we don’t use the funds from the grant. They also discussed having music in the park at some point. She stated that the plans for the grant have been submitted.

Under new business, Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Alderman Ordinance 2023-001, an Ordinance to amend Title 8 of the Town of Rossville Municipal Code pertaining to alcoholic beverages. Mayor Watters stated that the Town has followed all the protocols with the State and the Election commission and the ordinance has been reviewed by MTAS and our Town Attorney. Mayor Watters stated that we have received two letters of intent for a package store. The Town will refer to section 8-105 and base it on a first come first serve basis. Jeff Wooden made the motion to approve Ordinance 2023-001 on first reading, a second from Mike Swessel and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen a notification of intent to sign a non-disclosure agreement. She stated this agreement has been reviewed by our attorney and will provide the ability to discuss potential business with new developers.

Mayor Watters informed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen the results of the Planning and Zoning meeting that met on January 9th. She stated they met to review signage for a new business in the Historic District. This has been referred to the Design Review Committee and they are scheduled to meet on January 23, 2023.

Motion to adjourn 6:45 p.m., all in favor.

Karen Pennington, Town Recorder

Motion: _____
February 14, 2023

Second: _____
February 14, 2023

Approved: _____
Mayor