

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

380 Morrison Road
Rossville, TN 38066

June 13, 2023

Visitors: Dave Hamric, Lorie Rice, Scott Jones, Joseph Howell, David Baker, Tim Verner, Carolyn Rhea, Betty Ann Mullis, Doug Swink, Glyn Moore, Celia and Dan Rosser.

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

Mayor Watters called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Chief Hamric led the invocation and the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Watters called the Beer Board to order and informed the Board of Aldermen that they had received a new application for a Beer Permit for Sandy's Express Mart located at 5245 Hwy 57. Chief Hamric stated that he had Cope Investigative Services conduct an extensive background check on the applicant Sadif Ayaz and everything came back clear. Sondra Webb made the motion to approve the beer application for Sandy's Express Mart, a second from Sherrie Rinehart and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters called the regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

Mayor Watters asked if there were any citizen comments regarding agenda items only. None were suggested.

Mayor Watters added an item to the agenda for the Fire Department to receive a grant with Piperton for the Tennessee Volunteer Equipment and Training grant. Zachary Moore made the motion to approve the agenda with the added item, a second from Jeffrey Wooden and a unanimous vote.

Minutes from the May 9, 2023 regular meeting of the Mayor and Board were approved with a motion from Sherrie Rinehart, a second from Zachary Moore and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters opened the public hearing for Ordinance 2023-003, an Ordinance of the Town of Rossville, TN to adopt the annual budget and tax rate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024. Mayor Watters stated that after much discussion the Board decided that there will be a tax increase of \$0.12. Resident Betty Mullis asked if there was any other option, and if it could be lowered? Mayor Watters stated the increase is about \$5.00 a month on a house that appraises for \$200,000. With no more discussion the public hearing was closed.

Mayor Watters opened the public hearing for Resolution 2023-005, a Resolution adopting an amended Urban Growth Boundary Map and Plan of Services for the Town of Rossville for submittal to the Fayette County Co-Ordinating Committee. With no discussion the public hearing was closed.

Lorie Rice reported on the financials for the month of May. Sondra Webb made the motion to approve the financials for the month of May, a second from Jeff Wooden and a unanimous vote. Chief Hamric reported that the Police Department responded to 47 calls, 3 arrest, 214 citation charges, 78 warnings, 7 incident reports and 1 crash during the month of May. Chief Hamric commended officer Mary King on how she has been taking a lot of drugs and weapons off the streets during her routine traffic stops.

Assistant Chief Scott Jones presented the Fire Department activity for the month of May. They responded to 5 fire calls and 15 medical calls and 1 service call with an average response time of 10:08 minutes for Rossville.

Joseph Howell reported the water loss for the month of May was 12.4%. Mr. Howell informed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen they have repaired a main on Hwy 194 and completed 43 work orders for the month.

David Baker informed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the Planning and Zoning results for the month of June. He stated that they reviewed a proposed annexation amendment for the Highlands to add 611 acres that was mostly residential. This was approved. They reviewed some site plan improvements to a house in the historic district that was tabled with recommendations. They reviewed parking lot improvements for the gas station at 5245 Hwy 57. This was tabled due to missing information. The final item that was reviewed was building improvements for Rossville Express, and this was also tabled.

Tim Verner informed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that they have been working on the water production wells to fill the new water tank. The Town received money from the American Rescue Plan Grant and the money must be spent by September 2026. He stated the model is complete and we have an idea of where we will be putting the tank and wells.

Under old business, Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen second reading on Ordinance 2023-003, an Ordinance of the Town of Rossville, TN to adopt the annual budget and tax rate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024. Sherrie Rinehart made the motion to approve Ordinance 2023-003 on second reading, a second from Zachary Moore and a unanimous vote.

Under new business Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen Resolution 2023-004, a resolution calling for a public hearing on the proposed annexation of the territory into the Town of Rossville by owner consent and approving a plan of services. Sondra Webb made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-004, a second Mike Swessel and unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen Resolution 2023-005, a resolution adopting an amended urban growth boundary map for the Town of Rossville for submittal to the Fayette County Co-Ordinating Committee. Jeff Wooden made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-005, a second from Zachary Moore and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen Resolution 2023-007, a resolution calling for a Public Hearing on the proposed amendment to the Highlands Planned Development in the Town of Rossville. Sondra Webb made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-007, a second from Mike Swessel and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen first reading on Ordinance 2023-008, an Ordinance amending the Highlands Planned Development in the Town of Rossville, Tennessee. Zachary Moore made the motion to approve on first reading Ordinance 2023-008, a second from Sherrie Rinehart and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters informed the Board of Aldermen of the bid results for the camera equipment portion of the Violent Crimes Grant. She stated that the low bidder was Konica Minolta for \$25,999 for camera equipment. The total grant awarded is for \$60,928 and will be used for six tasers for \$21,600, rifle sites for \$7,793, and body cameras for \$6,186. Sherrie Rinehart made the motion to approve the bid of \$25,999 with Konica Minolta, a second from Sondra Webb and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen the release of the letter of credit for Villages of Lafayette Station Phase 1 in the amount of \$37,500. Tim Verner stated that all the work required by the Developer under the Development agreement with the Town has been completed and the one-year warranty period post final asphalt surface placement has ended. Mr. Verner recommended the Town release the letter of credit. Zachary Moore made the motion to release the letter of credit for Villages of Lafayette Station, Phase 1 in the amount of \$37,500, a second from Jeff Wooden and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen that all public utilities must prepare and implement a cyber security plan by July 1, 2023. This plan is for Water/Waste Water treatment facilities to prevent/minimize any outside threats. Once the plan is implemented, we will contact the EPA to conduct a survey. When TDEC comes to do their State Sanitary Survey they will identify areas of weakness for the Town. We will provide a copy of the policy at the next scheduled Board meeting.

Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen information regarding an anonymous donation to add graphics to the Police and Public Works vehicles. Sondra Webb made the motion to accept the donation to add graphic to the Police and Public Works vehicles, a second from Jeff Wooden and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen the added agenda item to accept a grant with Piperton for the Assistance to Fire Fighter Grant. She stated our out-of-pocket expense would be \$7,500. Zachary Moore made the motion to accept the grant with Piperton, a second from Jeff Wooden and a unanimous vote.

Motion to adjourn was made; all in favor.

Karen Pennington, Town Recorder

Motion: _____
July 11, 2023

Second: _____
July 11, 2023

Approved: _____
Mayor