

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

380 Morrison Road
Rossville, TN 38066

July 11, 2023

Visitors: Dave Hamric, Tom Minor, Edgar Babian, Karen Pennington, Joseph Howell, David Baker, Tim Verner, Carolyn Rhea, Betty Ann Mullis, Doug Swink, David Kendall, Terry Griffin and Nick Clark.

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

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

Bobby Williams led the invocation and the pledge of allegiance.

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

Minutes from the June 13, 2023 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 opened the public hearing for Resolution 2023-006, a resolution to annex certain territory upon written consent of the owners and to incorporate the same within the parcel number 34.01 on Fayette County tax map 181, parcels 14.00 and 15.02, as shown on Fayette County tax map NO. 182 said parcels shown on the attached map entitled, "Town of Rossville" (excludes parcels 182 010.00, 182 011.00, 182 012.00, 182 013.00, 182 015.04, 182 015.03, 182 015.00) boundaries of the Town of Rossville, Tennessee. With no discussion the public hearing was closed.

Mayor Watters opened the public hearing for Ordinance 2023-008, a resolution calling for a public hearing requesting an amendment to "The Highlands Planned Development" that adds approximately 611 acres located just south and adjacent to the existing approved Planned Development and changing the zoning from FAR to R10 and R15 Zoning Districts. With no discussion the public hearing was closed.

Financials for the month of June were approved with a motion from Sondra Webb, a second from Bobby Williams and a unanimous vote.

Chief Hamric reported that the Police Department responded to 52 calls, 1 arrest, 216 citation charges, 69 warnings, and 5 incident reports during the month of June.

Chief Edgar Babian presented the Fire Department activity for the month of June. They responded to 6 fire calls and 23 medical calls with an average response time of 10:43 minutes for Rossville.

Joseph Howell reported the water loss for the month of June was 10.8%. Mr. Howell informed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that they had to stay at the water plant to run the pumps

manually because a tree had fallen at the water tank. He stated that it took Chickasaw over a week to get to it but it is up and running now. Mr. Howell informed the Mayor and Board that the fence at the water tank was damaged during the storm and we are waiting on the insurance adjusters to come out to look at it.

David Baker informed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the Planning and Zoning results for the month of July. They first reviewed a fence for a residence in the historic district, this was approved. Next, they reviewed signage for Rossville Church on Main Street, he stated they want to relocate the current sign and include a historic marker, this was approved. Mr. Baker stated that he has been working with the steering committee for the Rossville TN Downtown Grant. The plans were for signs promoting the historic district and Lafayette Park, this was approved.

Tim Verner informed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that they took a survey and looked at different areas around Town that need street repairs as well as greenbelt walkways. He stated budget wise we need to look at spot repairs on Morrison and Knox and to repair some deficiencies on the Huntington Pointe walking trail for the run off and storm water flow, he stated that he will work on getting a bid packet together in the next month.

Under old business, Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen the second reading of Ordinance 2023-008, a resolution calling for a public hearing requesting an amendment to "The Highlands Planned Development" that adds approximately 611 acres located just south and adjacent to the existing approved Planned Development and changing the zoning from FAR to R10 and R15 Zoning Districts. Mike Swessel made the motion to accept on second reading Ordinance 2023-008, a second from Sherrie Rinehart and a unanimous vote.

Under new business Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen Resolution 2023-006, a resolution to annex certain territory upon written consent of the owners and to incorporate the same within the parcel number 34.01 on Fayette County tax map 181, parcels 14.00 and 15.02, as shown on Fayette County tax map NO. 182 said parcels shown on the attached map entitled, "Town of Rossville"(excludes parcels 182 010.00, 182 011.00, 182 012.00, 182 013.00, 182 015.04, 182 015.03, 182 015.00) boundaries of the Town of Rossville, Tennessee. Mike Swessel made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-006, a second from Sherrie Rinehart and a unanimous vote.

David Baker and Sherrie Rinehart gave an update on the TN Downtown Grant. Alderwoman Rinehart stated that we are working on a plan to procure the \$15,000 by adding wayfinding signs for the downtown area. David Baker stated that they held a meeting at RCA and got some input from business owners/residents about extending the historic district on Hwy 194, adding decorative pavement to the crosswalks and possibly adding a pedestrian plaza and bring the buildings closer to the street. Mr. Baker stated that another item discussed was to have a bypass on Hwy 194 and run it over to Kellogg's to Rossville Express, this will still allow access to businesses and the historic area. He stated that we are also looking at signage in this area to identify the Historic District and the gateway coming into Town.

Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen a Cybersecurity policy that the State has required for Water/Wastewater department. She stated that we will be in contact with the State to have them to a survey to locate any weaknesses we might have. Sondra Webb made the motion to accept the Cybersecurity policy, a second from Sherrie Rinehart and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen the bid results for trash collection. She stated that we only received one bid from Waste Connections and the cost is increasing 64% from the current trash rates and 85% on recycle. Mayor Watters stated that currently we have to have 100 customers on recycle to keep the rates and does not think we can keep that amount if

the rates increase. She recommended canceling the recycle pickup. She stated the new rates will be \$22.00 per cart and \$9.00 per additional cart, the new rates will go into effect September 1st. Mike Swessel made the motion to accept the bid from Waste Connections and approved the new rates for trash carts, a second from Sherrie Rinhart and unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen an update on the results of the clean up from the storm on June 26th. Mayor Watters stated that the County Mayor has declared this an emergency for Fayette County and this authorized cities across the county the authority to spend money without Board approval. She stated that we have already had to spend some in order to start cleaning up some of the debris on Main Street, in Lafayette Park, the water tower and other areas around town. Joseph Howell stated that he had to rent a skid steer from Williams Equipment and we got quotes to remove the trees from the park and water tower. Mayor Watters stated that Collierville has trucks coming in to help with some of the debris removal on Main Street and Waste Connections will be coming in the next couple of Saturdays to pick up the rest of the debris for \$150 an hour. The total estimated cost for the tree removal and skid steer will be \$18,200 and this was an emergency purchase. Mayor Watters stated there will possibly be more cost associated with this storm damage as we start cleaning up and asked board approval for a total of up to \$60,000 for emergency purchases for storm related damages. Sherrie Rinehart made the motion to approve emergency purchases related to storm damage, a second from Mike Swessel and a unanimous vote.

Chief Hamric addressed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen about the complaints received from citizens regarding fireworks over the fourth of July weekend. He stated the city does have an ordinance that states that fireworks are prohibited in the city limits and was being asked why the Police Department was not enforcing said Ordinance. Chief Hamric explained that each time they receive a call they do respond and issue a warning but the majority of the people shooting the fireworks are juveniles or small groups in a subdivision where you are unable to single out a certain individual to cite them. He stated that our court does not hear juvenile cases unless it is traffic related and General Sessions will not hear a municipal code violation. He stated this brings the question of whether the Town would like to change the Ordinance to only allow fireworks for certain holidays/occasions or just handle the calls that do come in the way they have in the past. Mayor Watters suggested tabling this and discussing it at a later date if the Board decides there is need to do an ordinance change. All in favor.

Motion to adjourn was made; all in favor.

Karen Pennington, Town Recorder

Motion: _____
August 8, 2023

Second: _____
August 8, 2023

Approved: _____
Mayor