

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

September 12, 2023

Visitors: Dave Hamric, Edgar Babian, Karen Pennington, Lorie Rice, Joseph Howell, David Baker, Betty Ann Mullis, and Suzy Gray.

Board members attending were Judy Watters, Sherrie Rinehart, Sondra Webb, Bobby Williams, Jeff Wooden and Mike Swessel. Zachary Moore was 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. Mayor Watters added an agenda item to allow for maximizing the interest rates on funds owned by the town.

A motion to approve agenda with amendments was made by Sondra Webb, a second from Jeff Wooden and a unanimous vote.

Minutes from the August 8, 2023 regular meeting of the Mayor and Board were approved with a motion from Bobby Williams, a second from Sherrie Rinehart and a unanimous vote.

Lorie Rice presented the financials for the month of August which were approved by a motion from Sherrie Rinehart, a second from Sondra Webb and a unanimous vote.

Chief Hamric reported that the Police Department responded to 54 calls, 2 arrests, 195 citation charges, 77 warnings, and 11 incident reports during the month of August. Chief Hamric informed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that he would be conducting Active Shooter Training with the Rossville Academy staff on September 13th. He stated that Governor Bill Lee mandated that all Police Departments that have a school in their cities either public or private must conduct these trainings, and it will involve firing blank ammunition. Chief Hamric updated the Mayor and Board that the cameras that were purchased with the VCIF grant will be installed outside of City Hall and the Fire/Police building next week. He stated that the 2010 Dodge Charger has been having a lot of issues, and we had to have it towed to Collierville Imports. They confirmed it was inoperable. He stated that we are still waiting on the two Tahoe's that we ordered and was told it could be 9 months to a year until we receive them.

Chief Edgar Babian presented the Fire Department activity for the month of August. They responded to 5 fire calls, 2 service calls and 27 medical calls with an average response time of 8:46 minutes for Rossville. He informed the Mayor and Board that the Fire Department had to assist on a rescue on the Wolf River where some hunters got lost.

Joseph Howell reported the water loss for the month of August was 14.2%. Mr. Howell stated that the loss was higher due to the annual recalibration of the main meter. They had been calculating it 2% over the correct amount. Going forward they will not have to add any additional percentage. Mr. Howell informed the Mayor and Board that they replaced 12 meters this month.

David Baker informed the Mayor and Board that the bids for the repairs to Morrison and Knox Road were being advertised for an opening date of October 10th. He stated that they reviewed a site plan for a lot on Main Street that backs up to West Street for Chase Moore at the Planning and Zoning meeting. He stated that Mr. Moore requested to subdivide the lot which was approved.

Under old business, Mayor Watters informed the Board of Aldermen that she is working with FEMA on recovering some of the expenses related to the storms in June. She stated that they are offering grant opportunities that may reimburse us for a portion of the \$40,000 which was spent. The Grant request was submitted and the Board will be updated as more information is available.

Under new business, Mayor Watters informed the Board of Aldermen about some unforeseen expenses at one of the booster stations. Joseph Howell stated that the booster stations are climate controlled and the air conditioning went out earlier this month. He contacted two companies to give quotes. Global submitted the low quote of \$14,000. Mayor Watters stated this is an unbudgeted expense but needs to be repaired and can be classified as an emergency purchase. Joseph Howell stated that we also had a part break off the tractor and have been told by Tennessee Tractor that the cost to repair it will be \$17,000. This includes the part and labor. Mr. Howell explained to the Board and Mayor that buying a new tractor would cost more. The tractor is used to cut the lagoon and sides of the highway. Sherrie Rinehart made the motion to approve the cost of the Booster station repair and the tractor repair, a second from Mike Swessel and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters informed the Board of Aldermen that the damage to the fence at the water tower during the storms will be \$2,550. The insurance company paid \$3000. Jeff Wooden made the motion to approve the quote to repair the fence around the tower, a second from Mike Swessel and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters recommended that the Town maximize the interest rates paid on all accounts. Sondra Webb made the motion to maximize the rates, a second from Jeff Wooden and unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters stated that she would like to have a work session to discuss developing a IDB Board and October 2nd was agreed upon by all members. She informed everyone that the Smokin on the Wolf BBQ cooking contest will be September 28th through the 30th and the Urban Growth Plan meeting with the County on October 4th.

Motion to adjourn was made; all in favor.

Karen Pennington, Town Recorder

Motion: _____
October 10, 2023

Second: _____
October 10, 2023

Approved: _____
Mayor