

TOWN OF ROSSVILLE
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE
MAYOR OF BOARD AND ALDERMEN AND BEER BOARD
380 Morrison Road
Rossville, TN 38066

April 16, 2024

Visitors: Edgar Babian, Dave Hamric, Karen Pennington, David Baker, Tim Verner, Joseph Howell, Betty Mullis, Tom Minor, Brock Connor, Doug Swink, Patrick Siano and Carolyn Rhea.

The board members attending the meeting were Judy Watters, Sondra Webb, Mike Swessel, Matthew Fulcher and Jeff Wooden. Sherrie Rhinehart and Bobby Williams were absent.

Mayor Watters called the Beer Board to order at 6:15 p.m., Chief Hamric informed the board that Noble Ventures Group requested a new beer license for the BP convenience store located at 5245 Hwy 57. Chief Hamric ran a background report on the applicant, Karim Gilani of Collierville, Tennessee. He also completed background report with COPE investigators and no provisions were found. Chief Hamric recommended that the Board approve the off-premise beer permit based on the results of the report from COPE. Sondra Webb made the motion to approve the off-premise beer permit for Noble Ventures Group, Inc., a second from Mike Swessel and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters closed the meeting of the Beer Board. The Rossville Planning and Zoning Commission met prior to the Special Called meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

Mayor Watters called to order the special called meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen at 6:50 p.m.

Chief Hamric gave the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Watters asked for citizen comments regarding agenda items only. None were suggested. Jeff Wooden made the motion to approve the agenda, a second from Mike Swessel and a unanimous vote.

Minutes from the March 12, 2024 regular Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting were approved with a motion from Mike Swessel, a second from Matthew Fulcher and a unanimous vote.

Karen Pennington presented the Town's financial report for month of March, 2024. Sondra Webb made the motion to approve the financials, a second from Matthew Fulcher and a unanimous vote.

Chief Hamric reported there were 33 calls, 117 citation charges, 53 warnings, 0 crashes, and 5 incident reports for the month of March for the Police Department.

Edgar Babian reported a total of 5 fire calls, 17 medical calls and 2 service calls with a response time of 7:17 minutes for the Rossville Fire Department for the month of March.

Joseph Howell provided the board with his monthly report:

- Water loss for the month of March was 11.2%.
- Two new meters were installed and 24 work orders were completed.

- He informed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that during the storm on April 8th the water plant ran on a generator for 3 days while the power was out. The Public Utility employees assisted Chickasaw with the clean-up on Hwy. 57 and tree removal.
- The Mayor and Board were told that they received the invoice from Tennessee Tractor totaling \$11,732.77 for the repair of the John Deere tractor. The Board previously approved \$10,000 for the repair and the Board was asked to approve the additional expense. Sondra Webb made the motion to approve the invoice to Tennessee Tractor for \$11,732.77, a second from Matthew Fulcher and a unanimous vote.

Tim Verner provided the engineering update:

- Work is continuing on the water plant design and the elevated tanks. The project is awaiting comments from TDEC and hopefully their comments will be received by the first of May so that work on the specs for the water tank plans can begin.
- Three quotes were received on the affluent pumps for the lagoon that ranged from \$297,000 to \$324,000. The Town will use ARP funds on this project. ARP funds totaled approximately \$280,000 and the Town earned interest of \$20,000 which will cover the \$297,000 bid. Jeff Wooden made the motion to accept the bid of \$297,000 to replace the affluent pumps, a second from Sondra Webb and a unanimous vote.

Under old business, Mayor Watters stated that as we discussed with James Lewellen in Executive Session the Town of Rossville industrial Development Board has to accept bylaws for this Board as prescribed by law. Matt Fulcher made the motion to accept the bylaws, a second from Jeff Wooden and a unanimous vote.

Under new business, James Lewellen gave the Board of Mayor and Aldermen several legislative updates from the Tennessee Municipal League and how their effect on local municipalities. He addressed one bill designed to rebate the state shared taxes which limits taxes received from the State. This Bill has not passed. He also addressed a proposed bill that would affect property and public utility taxes but it has not passed. He stated that approximately 512 bills were considered in the current legislative session.

Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Mayor and Aldermen Resolution 2024-007, a Resolution establishing a threshold for capitalization in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Boards. Sondra Webb made the motion to approve Resolution 2024-007, a second from Mike Swessel and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters informed the Board of Aldermen that Dave Hamric was retiring the first of July. She stated that he has been a blessing to Rossville and it's going to be impossible to replace him, but we are going to have to start looking for candidates. Matthew Fulcher made the motion to allow the Mayor to start the process to hire a new Police Chief, a second from Jeff Wooden and a unanimous vote.

Motion to adjourn 7:35 p.m., all in favor. Mayor and Board went into executive session.

Karen Pennington
Town Recorder

Motion: _____
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Second: _____

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Approved:

Mayor