

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

380 Morrison Road  
Rossville, TN 38066

March 12, 2024

Visitors: Edgar Babian, Dave Hamric, Karen Pennington, Joseph Howell, Lorie Rice, Tim Verner and Betty Ann Mullis.

The present members were Judy Watters, Mike Swessel, Sherrie Rinehart, and Jeff Wooden. Matt Fulcher, Sondra Webb and Bobby Williams were absent.

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

Chief Hamric gave the Invocation and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes from the February 13, 2024, regular Board meeting was approved with a motion from Jeff Wooden, a second from Mike Swessel and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters opened the public the hearing for Ordinance 2024-003, an Ordinance amending fiscal year 2023-2024 budget passed by Ordinance 2023-003. There were no citizens comments and the public hearing was closed.

Mayor Watters opened the public the hearing for Ordinance 2024-005, an Ordinance amending Ordinance 2021-004, Schedule 3, Section 3, Section A-Water System fees. There were no citizens comments and the public hearing was closed.

Lorie Rice presented the financials for February 2024. Sherrie Rinehart made the motion to approve the financials for February 2024, a second from Jeff Wooden and a unanimous vote.

Chief Hamric reported there were 41 calls, 111 citation charges, 41 warnings, 2 crashes, and 4 incident reports for the month of February for the Police Department.

Edgar Babian reported a total of 6 fire calls, 30 medical calls and 2 service calls with a response time of 9:58 minutes for Rossville for the month of February.

Joseph Howell informed the Mayor and Board that the water loss for February 2024 was 13.2%. Mr. Howell advised the Board that the installation of the Automatic Read Meters is complete. This resulted in productivity improvement by reducing the time to perform monthly meter readings from 2 days to an hour. The Water Department repaired several small leaks and completed 17 work orders in February.

Tim Verner advised the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that the plans for the water tower are approximately 66% complete and should be ready to go out for bid in the next 60 days. He stated that the State will have to review the design first and then complete a topography survey. Mr. Verner told the Board that the water covering the walking trail around the lake is coming from the east side. A possible solution might be the installation of an elevated walking trail. The challenge is that the beavers keep damming the culverts and this might be the only viable solution.

Mayor Watters updated the Board and Alderman on the Planning and Zoning meeting for the month of February. She stated that they reviewed a sign for Rossville Christian Academy that will be constructed on the front of the gym. This was approved.

Under old business, Chief Babian updated the Mayor and Board on the interlocal agreement with the county for Medical and Fire Services. He stated that he received an email where they would like to meet and discuss the agreement. Chief Babian said he does not believe the County will make any concessions or compromises. The Town receives \$18,000 annually for fire calls but this does not cover the cost to maintain the vehicles used to respond to these calls. He stated the Town must give a 90 days notice to the County to inform them of our intent to cancel. Chief Babian said he believes this is necessary. The Mayor and Board members agreed with Chief Babian.

Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen second reading on Ordinance 2024-003, an Ordinance amending fiscal year 2023-2024 budget passed by Ordinance 2023-003. Jeff Wooden made the motion to approve second reading on Ordinance 2024-003, a second from Mike Swessel and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen second reading on Ordinance 2024-005, an Ordinance amending Ordinance 2021-004, Schedule 3, Section 3, Section A-Water System fees. Sherrie Rinehart made the motion to approve second reading on Ordinance 2024-005, a second from Mike Swessel and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters gave an update on the Industrial Development Board. She stated a meeting was held with the new board and the action items are completed. She stated that the IDB's bylaws are being finalized and will be presented to the Board in April.

The Mayor updated the Board on Project Poppi, which is a joint venture electric battery plant planned in Marshall County, MS. The plant is approximately 2.5 miles from the Rossville city limits and is scheduled for construction to begin in mid-April. The potential impact on Rossville will become more evident as plans develop.

Motion to adjourn 7:13 p.m.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Judy B. Watters, Mayor