

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

June 11, 2024

Visitors: Edgar Babian, Dave Hamric, Karen Pennington, Lorie Rice and Patrick Siano.

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

Mayor Watters called to order the meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen at 6:30 p.m.

Chief Hamric gave the Invocation and 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 Mike Swessel and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters called the public hearing for the following Ordinances:

- Ordinance 2024-008, an Ordinance of the Town of Rossville, Tennessee amending the fiscal year 2023-2024 budget passed by Ordinance 2023-003, no comments were suggested.
- Ordinance 2024-009, an Ordinance 2024-009 an Ordinance increasing the City Court cost by amending Section 3-110 of the Municipal code for the Town of Rossville, no comments were suggested.
- Ordinance 2024-010, an Ordinance of the Town of Rossville, Tennessee adopting the annual budget and tax rate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, no comments were suggested.

Mayor Watters closed the public hearing and the regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen resumed.

Minutes from the May 14, 2024 regular Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting were approved with a motion from Bobby Williams, a second from Sherrie Rinehart and a unanimous vote.

Lorie Rice presented the Town's financial report for month of May, 2024. Mike Swessel made the motion to approve the financials, a second from Bobby Williams and a unanimous vote.

Chief Hamric reported there were 29 calls, 154 citation charges, 32 warnings, 2 crashes, and 8 incident reports for the month of May for the Police Department. He informed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that the new vehicles will be taken to ComServ Services to be retrofitted with the light package and hope to have them in service by the next weekend.

Edgar Babian reported a total of 4 fire calls, 20 medical calls and 3 service calls with a response time of 12:10 minutes for the Rossville Fire Department for the month of May.

Chief Babian informed the Mayor and Board the Police/Fire building sustained hail damage to the roof that during the recent storms.

- An insurance claim was filed with Public Entity Partners and the estimated damage is \$46,386.99 and he has a quote to repair the roof for the insurance estimate.
- He recommended approval for an additional \$300 to upgrade the roof to architectural grade shingles.
- He advised the Board that the venting on the roof needs to be repaired to correct black mold forming in the crawl space. The cost for this repair is \$7,500.

Jeff Wooden made the motion to approve the extra expense to for architectural shingles and to repair the roof venting up to \$8,000; a second from Bobby Williams and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters reported the water loss for the month of May at 12.2%. She informed the Board of Aldermen that during a recent snow event that an unknown person crashed into the lift station on West Street. This incident was filed as an insurance claim. We received \$14,562 that was adjusted for the deductible from Public Entity Partners and have a quote for \$17,050 to complete the repair of the lift station. The Board approved the variance of the insurance claim payment and the quote.

Old Business

- Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen the second reading on Ordinance 2024-008, an Ordinance of the Town of Rossville, Tennessee amending the fiscal year 2023-2024 budget passed by Ordinance 2023-003. Sherrie Rinehart made the motion to approve Ordinance 2024-008, a second from Mike Swessel and a unanimous vote.
- Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen second reading on Ordinance 2024-009, an Ordinance 2024-009 an Ordinance increasing the City Court cost by amending Section 3-110 of the Municipal code for the Town of Rossville. Bobby Williams made the motion to approve Ordinance 2024-009, a second from Mike Swessel and unanimous vote.
- Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen second reading Ordinance 2024-010, an Ordinance of the Town of Rossville, Tennessee adopting the annual budget and tax rate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025. Jeff Wooden made the motion to approve Ordinance 2024-010, a second from Bobby Williams and a unanimous vote.

New Business

Mayor Watters made the Call for Election and advised that three Aldermen positions and the Mayor position will be on the November ballot. She stated the first day for candidates to pull petitions is June 17th and the last is August 15th. The last day to withdraw a petition is August 22nd.

A motion to adjourn was made at 6:55 p.m. with all members in favor of the motion.

Karen Pennington
Town Recorder

Approved: _____
Mayor

TOWN OF ROSSVILLE
SPECIAL CALL MEETING OF THE
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380 Morrison Road
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July 2, 2024

Visitors: Tim Verner, Joseph Howell, Karen Pennington and Steve Chandler.

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

Mayor Watters called to order the special called meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen at 6:00 p.m.

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

Mayor Watters informed the Board of Aldermen that a fire hydrant and light pole were hit at the entrance of Saunders Creek by an unknown driver. The cost for Chickasaw Electric to replace the light will be \$3,327. The hydrant repair and a new extension is estimated at \$1,300. Mayor Watters advised these expenses are unbudgeted and are considered emergency expenditures. Sherrie Rinehart made the motion to approve the expenses to replace the pole light and repair the hydrant, a second from Jeff Wooden and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters informed the Board of Aldermen that during the installation of a residential pool at 405 Cotton Trail Drive, a drainage pipe outside of the recorded easement was discovered. Tim Verner stated that as part of the original easement, a 15-foot drainage pipe recorded incorrectly approximately 20 years ago and will have to be relocated. Repair options are being considered to determine the best solution. He informed the Board that two houses adjacent to the property may be affected if the pipe is moved. Additionally, the easement must be re-recorded and the homeowners will be consulted for their willingness to dedicate a new easement. The best-case scenario is to fill in the existing pipe and place a new pipe in the correct place within the easement. A survey must be completed before proceeding for the optimal solution. Jeff Wooden made the motion to allow Tim Verner to have a survey completed and then inform the Board of the results and recommendations; a second from Bobby Williams and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters introduced the new Police Chief, Steve Chandler to the Board of Aldermen. Mayor Watters stated that Mr. Chandler has over 33 years of experience in law enforcement and will be an asset to our Police Department. She informed the Board of Aldermen that they have a copy of his proposed 5-year contract that has also been reviewed by attorney Tom Minor. Sondra Webb made the motion to allow Mayor Watters to execute the contract for Steve Chandler, a second from Jeff Wooden and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters stated that Mr. Chandler would like to make and offer to a new officer who will be responsible for training and bring innovative practices for our Police Department. She stated this is an open budgeted position and would like to start him at \$25 an hour because of his background and experience in law enforcement. She stated that he would like to start August 1st. Sondra Webb made the motion to hire the new officer, a second from Bobby Williams and a unanimous vote.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:35 p.m. with all members in favor of the motion.

Karen Pennington
Town Recorder

Approved: _____
Mayor