

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

380 Morrison Road
Rossville, TN 38066

October 8, 2024

Visitors: Joseph Howell, Karen Pennington, Tim Verner, Edgar Babian, Stephen Chandler, Betty Mullis, Caroline Rhea, and Ann Aukerman.

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

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

Bobby Williams gave the invocation and pledge of allegiance.

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

Mayor Watters opened the public hearing for Ordinance 2024-012, an Ordinance to change the compensation for the Town of Rossville's Mayor, with no comments from the citizens the public hearing was closed.

Minutes from the September 10, 2024, regular Board meeting was approved with a motion from Jeff Wooden, a second from Matt Fulcher and a unanimous vote.

Loretta Bell presented the financials for September, 2024. Bobby Williams made the motion to approve the financials for September, 2024, a second from Mike Swessel and a unanimous vote. Mayor Watters informed the Board of Aldermen that the 2024 property have been mailed out from the State and everyone should be receiving them soon.

Chief Chandler reported there were 37 police calls, 134 citation charges, 80 warnings, 0 crashes, 3 arrests and 10 incident reports for the month of September for the Police Department.

Edgar Babian reported there was one fire call, 5 medical calls and no service calls with a response time of 13:15 minutes for the Rossville Fire Department for the month of September. Chief Chandler informed the Mayor and Board that the 2 new Durango's have arrived and that Comserv will outfit the both vehicles for right under \$16,000.

Mayor Watters reported the water loss for the month of August was 11.4% and that they completed 5 work orders and 26 locates for the month of September.

Tim Verner updated the Mayor and Board and Aldermen on the land dedication with the Adair Trust, he stated that quit claim deed has been awarded for the 14.45 acres being donated for the water tank and

wells. He informed the Mayor and Board that the one thing the State requested was a clear site certificate and then the Town can then accept Woodall Way.

Mr. Verner stated that the Water well bids will be accepted on 10/24/24 and although most water drillers are backlogged, we have received some interest and have 2 interested bidders reach out already. This project is grant funded and I believe the competition is a good thing because if the bids come under the 3 million, we can avoid having to borrow.

Under old business, Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen second reading on Ordinance 2024-012, an Ordinance to change the compensation for the Town of Rossville's Mayor. Bobby Williams made the motion to approve Ordinance 2024-012 on second reading, a second from Jeff Wooden and a unanimous vote.

Tim Verner updated the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the results of the bid opening for the overlay in Huntington Pointe Subdivision. He stated that we received 3 bids and the low bidder was Hollingsworth Paving with a bid of \$192,214.80. Mayor Watters stated that we have \$150,000 budgeted in the General fund and we can amend the budget to use the extra \$43,214.80 out of the Street Aid Fund. Sondra Webb made the motion to accept the bid from Hollingsworth Paving for \$192,214.80 and amend the budget in the Street Aid Fund by increasing the expense of Street Repairs of \$43,214.80, a second from Matt Fulcher and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters stated that Smokin on the Wolf 2024 was a success despite the rain and all the proceeds that we get from the event will go to the Park and Rec fund. She said that Suzy Gray has always put so much work into the event and she would like to ask the Board of Aldermen to compensate her for all her dedication to the Town. Jeff Wooden made the motion to approve a one-time payment of \$2,000 to Suzy Gray, a second from Bobby Williams and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters informed the audience and the Board of Aldermen:

- Election Day is November, 5th and early voting will be in Piperton October, 17th-19th
- Audit results will be given at the November 12th meeting for the 23/24 fiscal year
- Sky Box Wine and Spirits will have their ribbon cutting on 10/24 at 4:00 p.m.

A motion to adjourn was made at 6:52 p.m. with all members in favor of the motion.

Karen Pennington
Town Recorder

Approved: _____
Mayor