

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

June 10, 2025

Visitors: Karen Pennington, Loretta Bell, Edgar Babian, Steve Chandler, Joseph Howell, Jimmy Thomas, and Carolyn Rhea.

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

Mayor Watters called the regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to order at 6:30 p.m. Bobby Williams gave the invocation and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Watters asked for citizen comments regarding agenda items only. Mayor Watters amended the agenda by removing the raw well deductive change order. Matt Fulcher made the motion to approve agenda with the amendment, a second from Sherrie Rinehart and a unanimous vote.

Mayor Watters opened the public hearing for Ordinance 2025-006, an Ordinance of the Town of Rossville, Tennessee amending the fiscal year 2024-2025 budget passed by ordinance 2024-010. There were no comments from citizens and the public hearing was closed.

Mayor Watters opened the public hearing for Ordinance 2025-007, an Ordinance of the Town of Rossville, Tennessee adopting the annual budget and tax rate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.. There were no comments from citizens and the public hearing was closed.

The minutes from the May 13, 2025, Regular Board meeting were approved with an amendment to show Alderwoman Sherrie Rinehart as present and Sondra Webb as absent. A motion was made from Mike Swessel to approve the minutes as amended, a second from Jeff Wooden and a unanimous vote.

Department and Staff Reports:

- Loretta Bell presented the financials for May, 2025. Jeff Wooden made the motion to approve the financials for May, 2025, a second from Mike Swessel and a unanimous vote.
- Chief Chandler reported there were 33 police calls, 202 citation charges, 119 warnings, 1 crash, 2 arrests and 6 incident reports during the month of May. Chief Chandler reported that all inoperable cars have been prepared for auction. He requested that the Town keep the Crown Victoria as a spare because it has low miles and in good condition.
- Mayor Watters regonized Chief Edgar Babian for 10 years of service to the Town of Rossville. Chief Babian reported there were 2 fire calls and 14 medical calls with a response time of 4:54 minutes for the Rossville Fire Department for the month of May.
- Joseph Howell reported the water loss rate for May was 13.0%. The Water Department completed 8 work orders and 39 locates during the same period. Mr. Howell stated that CSI Networking was engaged to assist with a problem at the water plant that was causing the network to run slowly. A potential cyber attack was identified as an issue; however, the firewall blocked the attack. He also reported that Leery Construction will perform work on the water tower downspout.
- David Baker updated the Mayor and Board on the Planning and Zoning and Design Review Committee meetings. The site plan that included changes to the façade and removal of two gas pumps for the gas station located at 5245 Hwy 57 was approved with some conditons. The conditions must be addressed prior to work beginning.

Old Business:

- The second reading of Ordinance 2025-006, an Ordinance of the Town of Rossville, Tennessee amending the fiscal year 2024-2025 budget passed by Ordinance 2024-010. Sherrie Rinehart made the motion to approve Ordinance 2025-006 on second reading, a second from Mike Swessel and a unanimous vote.
- The second reading of Ordinance 2025-007, an Ordinance of the Town of Rossville, Tennessee adopting the annual budget and tax rate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026. Jeff Wooden made the motion to approve Ordinance 2025-007 on second reading, a second from Mike Swessel and a unanimous vote.
- Mayor Watters informed the Board that we received a reimbursement from Public Entity Partners for the air conditioner repair at City Hall in the amount of \$5,794.

New Business:

- Tim Verner reported that the Town received two bids on the Cotton Trail drainage project. The two bidders were Ensco for \$76,400 and Argo Construction for \$110,795. Both bids exceeded the project's budget. The Board agreed to contact the low bidder to determine if modifying the specs can reduce the cost. The contractor believes the cost can be reduced to \$60,000. Jeff Wooden made the motion to approve the bid from Ensco contingent upon negotiating a maximum revised contract amount not to exceed \$60,000, a second from Sherrie Rinehart and unanimous vote.

Being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made at 7:16 p.m. with all members in favor of the motion.

Karen Pennington, Town Recorder

Approved:

Judy B. Watters, Mayor