

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

**September 9, 2025**

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

The Board Members attending the meeting were Judy Watters, Jeff Wooden, Mike Swessel, Sondra Harris, Matt Fulcher, Gary York and Bobby Williams.

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

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

Mayor Watters called the public to order for Ordinance 2025-008, an Ordinance to rezone 1.44 acres, Parcel NO. 165.023.04, certain property as shown on Fayette County tax map NO. 165, within the Town limits of Rossville, TN, with no comments the public hearing was closed.

The minutes from the August, 2025, Regular Board meeting were approved with a motion from Sondra Webb , a second from Mike Swessel and a unanimous vote.

**Department and Staff Reports:**

- Loretta Bell presented the financials for August, 2025. Jeff Wooden made the motion to approve the financials for August 2025, a second from Gary York and a unanimous vote.
- Chief Chandler reported there were 17 police calls, 210 citation charges, 44 warnings, 2 crashes, 0 arrest and 6 incident reports during the month of August.
- Chief Babian reported there were 3 fire calls, 2 service calls and 13 medical calls with a response time of 8:15 minutes for the Rossville Fire Department for the month of August.
- Joseph Howell reported the water loss rate for August was 11.1%. The Water Department completed 20 work orders and 29 locates during the month of August.
- David Baker informed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that the Planning and Zoning Board met to review a site plan for new signage for Tire and Battery Corporation. The new sign will add the name and logo of National Tire Wholesale(NTW). The application was approved.
- The bids for repaving Neville Road were opened on 9/8/25. Fowler Paving presented the low bid of \$122,450.
- David Baker stated that the contract for the Cotton Trail drainage relocation is ready to be signed and will be executed by the Mayor this week.

**Old Business:**

- Mayor Watters brought before the Board of Aldermen second reading on Ordinance 2025-008, an Ordinance to rezone 1.44 acres, Parcel NO. 165.023.04, certain property as shown on Fayette County tax map NO. 165, within the Town limits of Rossville, TN. Matt Fulcher made the motion to approve Ordinance 2025-008 on second reading, a second from Mike Swessel and a unanimous vote.

**New Business:**

- Mayor Watters presented the Board of Aldermen a request to award the repavement job on Neville Road to Fowler Paving for \$122,450.00. Jeff Wooden made the motion to accept the bid from Fowler Paving for \$122,450.00, a second from Sondra Webb and a unanimous vote.

- Mayor Watters discussed the Special Events Exception for the Smokin on the Wolf BBQ event on October 2-4<sup>th</sup>. This is an annual process which exempts the consumption of beer and alcohol on public property. Sondra Harris made the motion to approve the Special Events Exception, a second from Gary York and a unanimous vote.
- Mayor Watters discussed Resolution 2025-009, a Resolution of the Town of Rossville to increase Solid Waste collection fees. Mayor Watters stated that our current rates for trash carts are \$22.75 for a single cart and \$9.25 for an additional cart. Mayor Watters stated that due to an annual 3% increase with Waste Connections the rates will increase to \$23.45 for a single cart and \$9.55 for an additional cart. Jeff Wooden made the motion to accept Resolution 2025-009, a second from Sondra Webb and a unanimous vote.
- Mayor Watters introduced the first reading of Ordinance 2025-010, an Ordinance amending current rates for the installation of residential irrigation meters. Public Works Director explained that right now we charge \$500 to install an irrigation meter, but that does not cover the cost of the actual meter or the labor it takes to install it. Mayor Watters stated that we are currently taking a loss on this service. The Town has received several requests from residents who water their yards frequently. Matt Fulcher made the motion to accept Ordinance 2025-010 on first reading, a second from Gary York and a unanimous vote.
- Mayor Watters requested consideration of Resolution 2025-011, a Resolution renaming Kellogg Boulevard to Silver Hills Boulevard. Gary York made the motion to approve Resolution 2025-011, a second from Mike Swessel and a unanimous vote.
- Mayor Watters informed the Board of Aldermen that the Town is making progress payments on the water storage tank from the funds received from Governor Lee. The tower is expected to be completed not later than May 2026. She advised that when construction for the water plant begins, the Town will research options to borrow money for the project.
- Mayor Watters announced that the Midsouth Balloon Festival will be held here in Rossville on September 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> and that the Smokin' on the Wolf BBQ is set for October 2<sup>nd</sup> through the 4<sup>th</sup>.

Being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made at 6:56 p.m. with all members in favor of the motion.

Karen Pennington, Town Recorder

Approved:

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Judy B. Watters, Mayor