

**TOWN OF ROSSVILLE  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE**

**MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
380 Morrison Road  
Rossville, TN 38066**

**January 13, 2026**

Visitors Present: Karen Pennington, Loretta Bell, Edgar Babian, Steve Chandler, Joseph Howell, Tim Verner, Ann Aukerman, and Betty Mullis.

Board Members Present: Judy Watters, Jeff Wooden, Mike Swessel, Sondra Harris, Matt Fulcher, and Bobby Williams. Absent: Gary York.

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

Mayor Watters amended the agenda by adding two items - the 2025 Business impact award and the 2025 CPI used to set FY27 Water/Waste Water rates. Mayor Watters invited citizen comments limited to agenda items; none were offered. Sondra Harris made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, which was seconded by Mike Swessel. The motion carried unanimously.

The minutes of the December 2025 Regular Board Meeting were approved with amendments following a motion by Jeff Wooden, a second by Bobby Williams, and a unanimous vote.

**Department and Staff Reports**

- **Finance:** Loretta Bell presented the financial statements for December 2025. A motion to approve the December 2025 financials was made by Bobby Williams, seconded by Jeff Wooden, and approved unanimously.
- **Police Department:** Chief Chandler reported 24 police calls, 142 citation charges, 51 warnings, one arrests, and three incident reports for the month of December.
- **Fire Department:** Chief Babian reported four fire calls, zero service calls, and 16 medical calls, with an average response time of 8 minutes and 10 seconds for December.
- **Water Department:** Joseph Howell reported a water loss rate of 10.7% for December. The Water Department completed 4 work orders and 15 locate requests during the month.
- **Engineering:** Tim Verner updated the Mayor and Board on the Norfolk Southern Way acceptance. He stated that road is heavily traveled and although corrective work has been done to the road pavement, other issues have developed. He met with the developers and recommendations to repair the road have been made prior to the Town accepting Norfolk Southern Way. He informed the Board the PILOT for Tire and Battery expires in 2027 and the Town will receive the property tax revenue that can be dedicated to future road repair.

**New Business**

- Mayor Watters informed the Board a culvert under West Street is failing and need emergency replacement. A temporary plate has been placed over the area to prevent collapse but the road is deteriorating rapidly. He stated that the culvert is close to a gas line and the repair will require removing the existing culvert, reinforce it with a concrete pipe and close the gaps. This is considered an emergency repair and the quotes range from \$76,741 to \$83,395. Mr. Verner advised he received 2 quotes and recommended awarding Enscor the job for \$76,471. Jeff Wooden made the motion to accept the quote from Enscor and repair the culvert on West Street, a second from Sondra Harris and a unanimous vote.
- Mayor Watters stated that the Greater Memphis Chamber of Commerce awarded Rossville and Fayette County the 2025 Business Facilities Impact Award. This award recognizes the impact that Silver Hills Bakery will have on Rossville and the region. She stated that there will be an ad purchased for the winners and the Town's portion of

the \$4,500 cost will be \$1500. Fayette County Government and Silver Hills Bakery will share in the expense. Sondra Harris made the motion to approve the \$1500 expense, a second from Matt Fulcher and a unanimous vote.

- Mayor Watters informed the Board of Aldermen that the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for 2025 was 2.7%. This is the rate that will be used to set the water and waste water rate increase for the FY27 budget year. The effect date will be July 1, 2026.
- Mayor Watters stated there will be no Planning meeting for February.
- Mayor Watters advised that a utility rate study is being conducted. Additionally, the Board will be updated in February on the water tower/plant projects progress and cash flows projections.
- Mayor Watters advised that the need to purchase expellers for the lift stations will be discussed at the February meeting.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made at 7:04 p.m. All members voted in favor.

Karen Pennington, Town Recorder

Approved:

Judy B. Watters, Mayor