Town of Rossville Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen

380 Morrison Road
Rossville, Tennessee 38066
October 13, 2026

Visitors Present: David Baker, Jason Stuart, Joseph Howell, Karen Pennington, Loretta Bell, Jimmy Thomas, Delphine Rose, Jeanine Watts, and Betty Ann Mullis.

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

Mayor Watters called the regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to order. Loretta Bell delivered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearings

- A public hearing was held on Ordinance 2026-012, an Ordinance establishing regulations for mobile food units within the corporate limits of Rossville. No comments were offered in favor of or opposition to the ordinance, and the public hearing was closed.

Mayor Watters invited citizen comments limited to agenda items. No comments were offered. The amended agenda was approved upon a motion by Sondra Harris, a second from Mike Swessel and a unanimous vote.

Minutes

The minutes of September 8, 2026, Regular Board Meeting were approved upon a motion by Sondra Harris a second from Mike Swessel and a unanimous vote.

Department and Staff Reports

- **Finance:** Loretta Bell presented the financial statements for September 2026. The September financial statements were approved upon a motion by Gary York a second from Bobby Williams and a unanimous vote.
- **Police Department:** The Police Department reported 4 arrests, 152 citations, 53 warnings, and 7 incident reports for September.
- **Fire Department:** Chief Stuart reported 39 calls for September, including 18 calls within the Town and 21 calls in the County. The department had 15 personnel following two volunteer departures and two resignations.

- **Public Utilities:** Joseph Howell reported the water loss for September was 10.4% and 10.8% for August.
- **Engineering**
    - David Baker reported that the Tennessee Department of Commerce has required a double well test for the new water production facility plant to confirm capacity and determine whether operation of one well affects the other. The Contractors cost is $8,995. Alderwoman made the motion authorizing to approve the change order to $8,995, a second from Mike Swessell. All in Favor.
    - The redesign of the water plant is nearing completion and the final plans are expected to be finalized by the end of the month. Bid opening will be in December and potential award in January.
    - No Planning meeting in October.
    - Plans for the walking trail repairs are complete and the required permits from TDEC are under review.
    - TDEC grant closeout information was also being finalized.

Old Business

- Second reading on Ordinance 2026-011, an Ordinance establishing regulations for mobile food units and food trucks within the corporate limits of Rossville. A motion was made by Gary York, a second from Mike Swessel. All in favor.

New Business

- **Holiday Lighting:** Mayor Watters discussed the holiday tree lighting display in the park is estimated to cost $2,000, this will come from the Park and Recreation Fund.

Upcoming Events

- **Veteran Celebration:** November 1st on Main Street to honor all the Veterans in Rossville

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made at 6:18PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Karen Pennington, Town Recorder

Approved: Judy Watters, Mayor

This concludes the meeting minutes.