

**TOWN OF ROSEPINE - MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING
AUGUST 10, 2017 - 7:00 P.M.**

Item #1 Mayor Duvall called the meeting to order.

Item #2 Invocation was given by Mayor Duvall.

Item #3 The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Item #4 Officials Present: Mayor Donna Duvall, Aldermen BJ Bjornberg, Ray Blanchard, Damon Johnson, Jeff Solinsky, Leonard Johnson, Town Clerk Melissa Davis, Chief of Police Delbert Keel, and Town Attorney Steven Oxenhandler.

Employees Present: Public Works Director Mike Numbers and CPA Randy Brown.

Guests present: Attorney Martha Crenshaw, Jim Butler, Johnny Davis, Don Davis, Jim Huggins, and Rocky Numbers.

Item #5 Alderman Damon Johnson made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 13, 2017 regular meeting. Seconded by Alderman Leonard Johnson. All I's.

Item #6 Mayor Duvall thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She then updated everyone on what has been happening in the town along with the events that will be taking place around the area.

The floor was then given to the Public Works Director, Mike Numbers, who updated the board on all the problems at the wastewater treatment plant and his concerns of not being able to meet the requirements of DEQ. A discussion was held resulting in a decision for our engineers to get in contact with Bonding Attorney Jay Delafield.

Item #7 Roy L. McCray, a resident of Rosepine, questioned if a dangerous situation happen in the town does it have a system in place to where the cities of DeRidder and Leesville would come together and assist us. Chief Keel stated there was nothing on paper but that his department does and will continue to work close with the Vernon and Beauregard Sheriff's Departments. Alderman Leonard Johnson recommended that the attorney check with Homeland Security concerning a plan of action.

Item #8 A motion was made by Alderman Solinsky to accept the financial reports for the month ending July 31, 2017 as presented. Seconded by Alderman Bjornberg. All I's.

Item #9 Aldermen Jeff Solinsky and Damon Johnson mentioned getting in contact with Sheriff Craft and getting inmates to pick up limbs and trash on a monthly basis along town streets. Chief Keel stated he would check into it. Mayor Duvall stated that she had been in contact with a company to come by and pick up limbs sometime around the fifth of September. She wanted to see how it went and possibly do it more often. Alderman Solinsky made a motion

that was seconded by Alderman Blanchard to adopt Resolution #17 of 2017 (Vernon Parish Police Jury Resolution for the month of September 2017). All I's.

Item #10 Mayor Duvall opened a public hearing concerning Ordinance #6 of 2017 (An Ordinance to adopt an amended operating budget of revenue and expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017). No one commented and the public hearing was closed.

Item #11 Alderman Solinsky made a motion that was seconded by Alderman Damon Johnson to adopt Ordinance #6 of 2017. All I's by roll call vote.

Item #12 A lengthy discussion was held by the board of aldermen concerning the annual utility rates review. After reviewing the past two years profit and loss statements Alderman Solinsky made a motion to raise the rates 2.8% which was a combination of the amount of the inflation increase last year of .7% when the rates were not increased and the inflation rate increase of 2.1% for this year also. His motion was seconded by Alderman Blanchard. A roll call vote was taken which resulted in all I's except Alderman Leonard Johnson who voted against the increase.

(Added Item) Alderman Solinsky made a motion that was seconded by Alderman Blanchard to amend the agenda to add Resolution #18 (Increasing water and wastewater rates). All I's.

(Added Item) Alderman Solinsky made a motion to adopt Resolution #18 (Increasing water and wastewater rates) . Seconded by Alderman Blanchard. All I's by roll call vote except Alderman Leonard Johnson who voted Nay.

Item #13 Attorney Oxenhandler introduced Martha Crenshaw to the board as a law partner and stated that she also may at times represent the town. He also informed the board the contract was completed with Cleco, the franchise agreement with gas company was completed, and the last one is going to be the Suddenlink Franchise. He stated he will have something concerning the Suddenlink Franchise Agreement to the board in a month or two.

Item #14 There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. No objections.

Melissa Davis, Town Clerk

Donna W. Duvall, Mayor