

**TOWN OF ROSEPINE - MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING
DECEMBER 14, 2017 - 7:00 P.M.**

Item #1 Mayor Duvall called the meeting to order.

Item #2 Invocation was given by Alderman Leonard Johnson.

Item #3 The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Officials absent: Alderman Jeff Solinsky.

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

Guests: Bro Greg Crawford, Nicole Crawford, Charnel Bailey, Tony Arnold, Bro. Gary Bankson, Tammy Bankson, Doris Johnson, Rocky Numbers, Scott Stearns, Keith Houin, Jim Butler, Don Davis, Johnny Davis, Jim Huggins, and Hoy Duhon.

Item #5 Mayor Duvall honored the Rosepine Volunteer Fire Department, Vernon Parish Police Jury, Rosepine United Pentecostal Church, and The Church of Rosepine, individually by presenting them plaques for contributing in many ways during hurricane Harvey.

Item #6 Alderman Damon Johnson made a motion to accept the minutes from the November 9, 2017 regular meeting and December 5, 2017 special meeting. Seconded by Alderman Ray Blanchard. All I's.

Item #7 Mayor Duvall thanked everyone for attending the meeting and updated everyone on what has been happening in the town along with the events that will be taking place around the area.

Item #8 Alderman Damon Johnson made a motion that was seconded by Alderman Bjornberg to accept the financial reports ending November 30, 2017. All I's.

Item #9 A motion was made by Alderman Bjornberg and seconded by Alderman Blanchard to adopt Resolution #24 of 2017 (Vernon Parish Police Jury Resolution for January 2018) with the addition of "install culverts and build up access to Rosepine Historical Park". All I's.

Item #10 Alderman Damon Johnson made a motion to adopt Resolution #25 (Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for 2016 – 2017 audit). Seconded by Leonard Johnson. All I's.

Chief Keel informed the board that he had lost two part time officers. He also informed them he

is holding off for a while on purchasing another vehicle since his warrant's officer Dillon Bergeron had went to his old department and gotten a vehicle donated to the town. He further stated in the coming year he would like to put Officer Bergeron on as a full time officer in the place of the two part time officers. He asked for the board to be thinking it over.

Item #11 Mayor Donna Duvall opened the only sealed bid received on the 2000 Chevy pickup and read it out loud. The bid was in the amount of \$311.00 given by Carl Self. Alderman Damon Johnson made a motion to award the bid to Carl Self in the amount of \$311.00. Seconded by Alderman Leonard Johnson. All I's.

Item #12 A brief discussion was held concerning the purchasing of land for the wastewater treatment plant. No action was taken.

Item #13 Mayor Duvall opened a public hearing concerning Ordinance #8 of 2017 (An ordinance to adopt an amended operating budget of revenue and expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018). No one in attendance commented and the public hearing was closed.

Item #14 Alderman Damon Johnson made a motion that was seconded by Alderman Bjornberg to adopt Ordinance #8 of 2017. All I's by roll call vote.

Alderman Damon Johnson made a motion to add "entrance and exit to Rosepine Volunteer Fire Department" to the agenda and make it item #15. Seconded by Alderman Leonard Johnson. All I's.

Item #15 A discussion was held concerning an alternate exit off of Fagan Circle on to Duett Street for the Rosepine Volunteer Fire Department when a train is blocking the Hwy. 171 exit. A discussion was held. During the discussion it was mentioned that Attorney Max Anthony had worked on the issue of right of way in this area and Attorney Oxenhandler stated he would check into what Mr. Anthony had found out.

Item #16 There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. No objections.

Melissa Davis, Town Clerk

Donna W. Duvall, Mayor