

**TOWN OF ROSEPINE - MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 12, 2017 - 7:00 P.M.**

Item #1 Mayor Duvall called the meeting to order.

Item #2 Invocation was given by Alderman Solinsky.

Item #3 The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Officials absent: Town Clerk Melissa Davis.

Employees Present: Officer Todd Richardson, Utility Clerk Lisa Book, Traffic Clerk Lisa Reid, Assistant Clerk Eve Duhon, Wastewater Operator Terry Parker, Street Maintenance Jeremy Maddox, Public Works Director Mike Numbers and CPA Randy Brown.

Guests present: Jim Butler, Jacob McKee, Sabrina Salling, Johnny Davis, Don Davis, and Charnel Bailey.

Item #5 Alderman Damon Johnson made a motion to accept the minutes from the September 14, 2017 regular meeting. Seconded by Alderman Bjornberg. All I's.

Item #6 Mayor Duvall thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She then expressed her deepest sympathy for the family of past Alderman Jimmy Cryer and said a few words on his behalf. After which, she updated everyone on what has been happening in the town along with the events that will be taking place around the area.

Police Juror Charnel Bailey spoke and reminded everyone of the election Saturday. He stated that there would be a tax renewal on the ballot for the police jury to help the upkeep of the buildings and he hoped that everyone would vote yes for it.

Item #7 Alderman Solinsky made a motion that was seconded by Alderman Bjornberg to accept financial reports ending September 30, 2017. All I's.

Item #8 A discussion was held concerning whether Waste Connections would pick up limbs in the town. The Public Works Director stated he would get the price from the contractor for picking up limbs in the town. A motion was made by Alderman Damon Johnson and seconded by Alderman Solinsky to adopt Resolution #20 of 2017 (Vernon Parish Police Jury Resolution for November 2017) with no additions. All I's.

Item #9 Alderman Blanchard made a motion that was seconded by Alderman Bjornberg to ratify the motion from the last regular meeting. All I's.

Item #10 Alderman Damon Johnson made a motion to declare the 2000 Chevy Pickup as surplus and put it up for bids and the minimum bid accepted be \$500. Seconded by Alderman Solinsky. All I's.

Item #11 A discussion was opened concerning the Ambler property in which the town has been looking at for the possibility of the expansion of the wastewater treatment plant. A lengthy discussion was held concerning how to approach making an offer on the property. Alderman Blanchard made a motion that was seconded by Alderman Solinsky to authorize the mayor to have Nolan Richardson assist the town to work with the seller's agent to develop a buy sell agreement that the attorney approves and move forward with making an offer contingent upon it not being higher than the state appraised value. No vote was taken and the discussion continued. Alderman Bjornberg made a motion that the mayor work with Meyer's Group and Exit Realty to submit an offer on the property on the town's behalf after the town attorney has approved the offer. Seconded by Alderman Damon Johnson. All I's.

Item #12 Chief of Police Delbert Keel explained that the police department was in need of another police unit. Officer Todd Richardson provided information to the board of prices he had found for used units. A lengthy discussion was held. Alderman Leonard Johnson made a motion to amend the budget to purchase a used police unit not to exceed \$20,000. Seconded by Alderman Damon Johnson. All I's.

Item #13 Attorney Oxenhandler explained the cable franchise agreement to the board. A motion was made by Alderman Solinsky and seconded by Alderman Damon Johnson to present Ordinance #7 of 2017 (An ordinance approving a franchise fee to be paid by those entities providing cable or video service within the Town of Rosepine under a state-granted franchise authority). All I's.

Item #14 Public Works Director Mike Numbers addressed the board and asked them to consider providing health insurance to all the full time employees. He explained that it has been hard maintaining employees due to pay and no health insurance. A discussion was held concerning different options of insurance. The board ultimately decided for Alderman Solinsky, Mayor Duvall, Public Works Director, Town Clerk, and CPA work together to get some options together to bring together before the board.

Item #15 There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. No objections.

Lisa Book, Utility Clerk

Donna W. Duvall, Mayor