

**TOWN OF ROSEPINE - MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING
FEBRUARY 13, 2014- 7:00 P.M.**

Item #1 Mayor Donna Duvall called the meeting to order.

Item #2 Invocation was given by Town Attorney, Dennis Sumpter.

Item #3 The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Item #4 Officials Present: Mayor Donna Duvall, Aldermen Dennis Craft, Jimmy Cryer, Billy Owens, Attorney Dennis Sumpter, and Chief of Police Dennis Parrott.

Alderman Jeff Solinsky came in during Item #5 of the agenda.

Officials Absent: Alderman Judy Green, and Town Clerk Melissa Davis.

Employees Present: Utility Clerk Sydney James.

Guests present: Valarie Craft, Richard Greig, Eric Stracener, Jacobie Cooper, Anthony Eaves, Chris and Anette Dellimagine, and Jim Huggins.

Item #5 Anthony Eaves introduced himself as a candidate for District Judge in Vernon Parish and spoke briefly.

Item #6 Alderman Cryer made a motion to accept the minutes from the January 9, 2014 regular meeting. Seconded by Alderman Craft. All I's.

Item #7 Mayor Duvall welcomed everyone in attendance and updated everyone of what was going on around town. She then informed the board of a special meeting to be held on January 20, 2014 at 5:00 pm to award the construction bid for the LCDBG Street Project.

Alderman Craft made a motion that was seconded by Alderman Solinsky to move item #14 up in the agenda. All I's.

Item #14 Chief Parrott explained to the Board that Warrants Officer Brandon Bartlett resigned and he needed to fill that position along with a reserve position. He explained that he was not creating any new positions and there would be no additional expenses unless the uniforms he had on hand didn't fit them. In that case he would have to purchase them a uniform. Alderman Solinsky made a motion that was seconded by Alderman Owens to authorize Chief Parrott to replace Brandon Bartlett's position of Warrants Officer and also fill the reserve position. All I's. Chief Parrott stated he would get with each Alderman for their approval of who he wanted to hire.

Item #8 Attorney Dennis Sumpter informed the board concerning a request to the

legislature to assess a thirty dollar court cost. He explained that this will help the Chief with his budget and the town as a whole. He stated that it has already been advertised as a local bill in the legislature.

Mr. Sumpter also updated the board concerning the right of way with LSU for the road into the recreational ballpark. He stated that he would be meeting with their attorney next week concerning some concerns that their attorney had.

Furthermore, Mr. Sumpter updated the board concerning the stock pile of gravel located on Mr. Graham's property. He informed them that he had spoken with Mr. Graham and he wants the town to come up with an amount to compensate him for the rock to remain on his property. Mr. Sumpter suggested coming up with a committee of the Mayor and two aldermen and discuss and decide on an amount. A discussion was held. Mayor Duvall stated she would get with the board to see who would like to be on the committee.

A discussion was held concerning whether they could donate us the land for the right of way but they keep the mineral rights.

Item #9 Alderman Craft made a motion that was seconded by Alderman Owens to adopt the Vernon Parish Police Jury Resolution for March 2014. All I's.

Item #10 A motion was made by Alderman Craft to accept the financial reports ending January 31, 2014. Seconded by Alderman Solinsky. All I's.

Item #11 Mayor Duvall opened a public hearing concerning Ordinance #9 of 2013 (An ordinance to annex property owned by Leonard Johnson and Doris Ann Johnson into the town of rosepine). The town attorney stated that all requirements had been met. It was discussed whether the person's property that was located around the property would automatically be annexed also. Mr. Sumpter stated it would not. Mayor Duvall closed the hearing.

Item #12 Ordinance #9 of 2013 was adopted unanimously by a roll call vote.

Item #13 Attorney Sumpter explained the reason for the resolution. Alderman Solinsky made a motion to adopt the resolution requesting the members of the Louisiana Congressional Delegation to co-sponsor and support the Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act. Seconded by Alderman Owens. All I's.

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

Sydney James, Utility Clerk

Donna W. Duvall, Mayor