

**TOWN OF ROSEPINE - MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING & PUBLIC HEARINGS
JULY 12, 2012 - 7:00 P.M.**

Item #1 Mayor Duvall called the meeting to order.

Item #2 Mayor Duvall gave the invocation.

Item #3 The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Item #4 Officials Present: Mayor Donna Duvall, Aldermen Jeff Solinsky, Billy Owens, Judy Green, Jimmy Cryer, Dennis Craft, Town Clerk Melissa Davis, Chief of Police Dennis Parrott and Town Attorney Dennis Sumpter.

Employees Present: Vernon Meyer, Mike Numbers, Liz Gregoire, Thomas Heptinstall, Lisa Reid, James Tipper, and Clay Williams.

Guests present: Chris Soileau, Rocky Numbers, William Pelt, Johnny Davis, Don Davis, Valerie Craft, Randy Kay, Mack Thibodeau, Karen Thibodeau, and Tony Bennett.

Item #5 Alderman Owens made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 14, 2012 meeting. Seconded by Alderwoman Green. All I's.

Item #6 Alderman Solinsky made a motion that was seconded by Alderman Craft to accept the financial reports ending June 30, 2012. All I's.

Item #7 Mayor Duvall stated she wanted to keep everyone updated on the water and wastewater rate increases. She explained the reasons for the increases.

Item #8 Mayor Duvall thanked Police Juror Charnel Bailey and his crew for the work that has been done around the town. Alderman Cryer then made a motion that was seconded by Alderwoman Green to add Cecil Hawks ditch to the Vernon Parish Police Jury Resolution then adopt it for the month of August 2012. All I's.

Item #9 Clay Williams explained to the board that he could no longer be the prosecuting attorney for mayor's court but could be the magistrate. A discussion was held. After which, Alderman Solinsky made a motion to appoint Clay Williams as magistrate for the Town of Rosepine Mayor's Court. Seconded by Alderman Cryer. All I's.

Item #10 Mayor Duvall opened a public hearing concerning Ordinance #3 of 2012 (AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SERVICE FEES AND RATES FOR WATER SERVICE IN THE TOWN OF ROSEPINE, LOUISIANA.) Guests commented and asked questions pertaining to the ordinance. Mayor Duvall then closed the public hearing.

Item #11 Alderwoman Green made a motion that was seconded by Alderman Solinsky to

adopt Ordinance #3 of 2012. All I's by roll call vote.

Item #12 Mayor Duvall opened a public hearing concerning Ordinance #4 of 2012 (AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FEES FOR SEWAGE DISPOSAL SERVICE IN THE TOWN OF ROSEPINE, LOUISIANA). There were no comments and the public hearing was closed.

Item #13 Alderwoman Green made a motion that was seconded by Alderman Cryer to adopt Ordinance #4 of 2012. All I's by roll call vote.

Item #14 Alderman Solinsky made a motion that was seconded by Alderwoman Green to postpone Item #14 (Introduce Ordinance #5 of 2012 (AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT AN AMENDED OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2011 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2012) until next month's meeting. All I's.

Item #15 Mayor Duvall explained that the engineers had some unexpected expenses therefore the project was going to cost the town more than expected. A discussion was held. Alderman Solinsky then made a motion to postpone the of a resolution authorizing the mayor to sign a supplemental agreement with the Department of Transportation and Development concerning the sidewalk project on Louisiana Avenue to allow for the town attorney to check into it. Seconded by Alderwoman Green. All I's.

Item #16 Public Works Director, Mike Numbers, explained that due to a leak on Calhoun Dairy Drive they had to remove a fire hydrant to repair the leak. Because it was not in the budget they did not replace the hydrant. A discussion was held and the board ultimately decided to have the town attorney research if it would be a liability if the town does not replace the fire hydrant.

Item #17 A discussion was held concerning the costs of sludge removal at the wastewater treatment plant. Alderman Solinsky made a motion that was seconded by Alderwoman Green to authorize the mayor to enter into an agreement with Waste Management for sludge removal. All I's. Alderman Cryer was not present when vote was taken.

A motion was made by Alderman Solinsky and seconded by Alderwoman Green to add to the agenda "discuss and introduce and ordinance amending rates for the school systems and non-profit organizations". Mayor Duvall asked if there were any public comments concerning the amendment to the agenda. No one commented. Mayor Duvall then took a vote which was all I's.

Alderman Solinsky made a motion that was seconded by Alderman Owens to add "discussion of the lace program" to the agenda. All I's.

A discussion was then held concerning the water rates for the school system and non-profit organizations. Alderman Solinsky made a motion that was seconded by Alderman Owens to increase the water rates for the school systems to \$125.00 for the first 20,000 gallons then \$5.83 per thousand thereafter. Inflation increase will apply to the school systems also. All I's.

The board then began discussing the sewer charges for the schools. They felt they did not have enough information to make a decision on the sewer rates and decided that they would wait until the next meeting to make a decision.

A discussion began concerning the non-profit organizations. Alderman Solinsky made a motion to suspend the implementation of Ordinance #3 of 2012 and Ordinance #4 of 2012 as they pertain to non-profit organizations for no more than two months with the intent to address the issue next month. Seconded by Alderwoman Green. All I's.

The next item discussed was the "Lace Program". Chief of Police Dennis Parrott and Officer Tipper explained how the program works. Alderman Solinsky made a motion to implement the Lace Program on a trial bases beginning August 1, 2012 for six months ending February 1, 2013. During which time the board must receive a report of activity and revenue each month. Seconded by Alderman Owens. All I's.

Item #18 There being no further business Mayor Duvall adjourned the meeting. No objections.

Melissa A. Davis, Town Clerk

Donna W. Duvall, Mayor