

**TOWN OF ROSEPINE - MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 12, 2015- 7:00 P.M.**

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

Item #2 Invocation was given by Alderman Blanchard.

Item #3 The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Item #4 Officials Present: Mayor Donna Duvall, Aldermen Ray Blanchard, Jeff Solinsky, Leonard Johnson, BJ Bjornberg, Billy Owens, Town Clerk Melissa Davis, Attorney Dennis Sumpter, and Chief of Police Dennis Parrott.

Employees Present: Public Works Director Mike Numbers and Officer James Byrd.

Guests present: Scott Stearns, Don Davis, Johnny Davis, James D. Jones, Doris Johnson, Amy Allen, William Pelt, Rusty and Brandy Sanders, and Steve Fontenot.

Item #5 Michael Bealer, Candidate for Vernon Parish Assessor, was unable to attend.

Item #6 Alderman Owens made a motion to accept the minutes from the February 12, 2015 regular meeting. Seconded by Alderman Johnson. All I's.

Item #7 Mayor Donna Duvall welcomed everyone in attendance. Mayor Duvall informed the board that she had spoke with DOTD concerning the turning lane on Hwy. 171 in front of the Dollar General Store. The DOTD told her they did not see a problem that they felt it was a traffic enforcement issue.

Mayor Duvall also informed the board that there was a meeting held concerning the sidewalk projects on Louisiana Avenue and High school Drive. That we were still working on the right of way acquisition.

Scott Stearns with the Garrison Command spoke concerning Ft. Polk.

The Public Works Director provided the board with prices and financing option to purchase a truck for the utility department.

The board looked over the options and discussed them. Alderman Blanchard made a motion that was seconded by Alderman Solinsky to authorize the purchase of the Ford Pick Up and financing it thirty-six months at a 6.2% interest rate. All I's.

Alderman Solinsky made a motion to amend the agenda to add "The transite waterline replacement on the Charleston Pelt property" to the agenda. Seconded by Alderman Johnson. All I's.

Item #8 Alderman Johnson made a motion to adopt the Vernon Parish Police Jury Resolution for the month of April 2015. Seconded by Alderman Blanchard. All I's.

Item #9 A motion was made by Alderman Solinsky and seconded by Alderman Blanchard to accept the financial reports for the month ending February 28, 2015. All I's.

Item #10 Alderman Solinsky made a motion to appoint Dennis Sumpter as town attorney and his pay remain unchanged. Seconded by Alderman Blanchard. All I's.

Item #11 The Chief of Police provided a report to the Board of Alderman which stated his plan of action pertaining to the 2014 -2015 budget. He also explained that the warrants officer had brought in more income for fine revenue than what his salary was costing the town. A discussion was held concerning doing away with the warrants officer's position. The board asked Chief Parrott where he thinks he could make cuts on his budget. Chief Parrott stated he didn't see anywhere where cuts could be made. He stated he would get with the CPA to see if he knew where cuts could be made in his expenses. The board decided to keep the warrants officer and in three months review it again.

Item #12 Alderman Solinsky made a motion that was seconded by Alderman Owens to adopt a resolution informing the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality of the actions that will be taken by the Town of Rosepine concerning the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Environmental Audit Report. All I's.

Item #13 The board discussed damage that was done during the water line replacement project to the concrete in the Charleston Square parking lot. The board recommended not paying the final payment to the contractors until the repairs are made.

Item #14 Alderman Johnson made a motion that was seconded by Alderman Solinsky to enter into executive session to discuss legal strategies regarding a potential law suit on Deerwood Forest Subdivision. All I's by roll call vote.

Alderman Solinsky made a motion to end the executive session. Seconded by Alderman Bjornberg. All I's.

Item#15 There being no further business Alderman Solinsky made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Alderman Bjornberg. All I's.

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Melissa A. Davis, Town Clerk

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Donna W. Duvall, Mayor