

**TOWN OF ROSEPINE - MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 2013- 7:00 P.M.**

Item #1 Mayor Duvall called the meeting to order.

Item #2 Invocation was given by Mayor Duvall.

Item #3 The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Employees Present: Mike Numbers.

Guests present: Bill Loftin, Mike Brenski, Melissa Wingate, Richard Treadwell, Cara McDaniel, Bonnie Thompson, Damon and Lynell Johnson, Milton Wisby, William Pelt, Earl Myers, Rocky Numbers, Valarie Craft, Jim Huggins, and Don Davis.

Item #5 Alderman Owens made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 8, 2013 regular meeting. Seconded by Alderman Craft. All I's.

Item #6 Mayor Duvall welcomed everyone in attendance. She updated the board concerning the air conditioning at the town hall and the new Dollar General Store coming to town. She informed the board that the agenda needed to be amended and to add "the abandonment of an alleyway". Alderman Cryer then made the motion to add the item to the agenda. Seconded by Alderman Solinsky. All I's.

A discussion was then held concerning the abandonment. Dennis Sumpter, Town Attorney, explained that the abandonment would be for an alleyway and extension of North Street which hasn't been being used by the public. The board also discussed concerns of where the water and sewer lines are located on the property where the Dollar General Store is going to be built. After a lengthy discussion, on motion made by Alderman Green, seconded by Alderman Owens, and the board voting unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, a proposed twenty foot (20') alleyway (hereafter referred to as "Alley") was apparently previously set aside and/or dedicated to the Public to be located between Lots 1, 2 and 3 of Block 1 and Lots 4, 5, and 6 of Block 1, as well as Lots 1-10 Block 2 and Lots 11-15 Block 2 of the Town of Rosepine, Vernon Parish, State of Louisiana, as shown on the attached reference map but has never been formally dedicated or put into use; and

WHEREAS, the eastern extension of North Street (hereafter "Street") additionally runs in between Block 1 and Block 2 of the Town of Rosepine, Vernon Parish, State of Louisiana, as shown on the attached reference map but likewise has never been formally dedicated or put into use; and

WHEREAS, neither the Alley nor the Street have ever been used by the general public, “except for water and sewer lines”, maintained by the Vernon Parish Police Jury, nor formerly dedicated as property belonging to the Town of Rosepine, and there are, in fact, structures constructed over portions of said Alley and Street that have been in existence for more than ten (10) years; and

WHEREAS, there are other street dedications and servitudes in existence which satisfy the present need and the future needs for the Town of Rosepine for use by its citizens and in anticipation of future development in the area and out of an abundance of caution so as to clear any existing or potentially existing title issues that may arise from the subject properties referenced above;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Rosepine does hereby abandon that certain twenty foot (20’) Alley located between Lots 1, 2 and 3 of Block 1 and Lots 4, 5, and 6 of Block 1, as well as Lots 1-10 Block 2 and Lots 11-15 Block 2 of the Town of Rosepine, Vernon Parish, State of Louisiana highlighted on the attached reference plat and additionally abandoned the eastern extension of North Street in between Block 1 and Block 2 of the Town of Rosepine, Vernon Parish, State of Louisiana as shown on the attached reference map.

However, the Town of Rosepine hereby reserves a right of way to use, maintain, and repair or replace any water or sewer lines running through the said abandoned alley and street. The Town of Rosepine will agree to abandon any water or sewer lines within the said alleyway or street upon the rerouting of the said water and or sewer lines at the expense of the property owner.

Item #7 Dennis Sumpter, Town Attorney, updated the board concerning the air conditioning. The company doing the study informed him that they had done a balance study that determined that there was problem with the balancing. He informed the board that that the architect for the town hall, Barry King, told him he will take care of the problem.

Mr. Sumpter also informed the board that LSU had approved the agreement he drew up to give the town the land for a right of way all the way to the ballpark. The agreement should go before the board of supervisors at the October meeting. Once they adopt it the town should be able to adopt it at its next meeting and be able to get started.

Item #8 Mayor Duvall thanked Police Juror, Charnel Bailey and his crew for their help around town and also Sam Craft and the VPSO for their help cleaning up around the town. She then asked the board if they had anything to add to the police jury resolution. Public Works Director, Mike Numbers, requested they add help repair or replace the culverts on Hall Street. Alderman Owens made a motion to adopt the Vernon Parish Police Jury Resolution with the requested addition of Hall Street. Seconded by Alderman Cryer. All I’s.

Item #9 Alderman Green made a motion that was seconded by Alderman Craft to accept the financial reports ending August 31, 2013. All I’s.

Item #10 Town Attorney, Dennis Sumpter, explained that he had contacted the town engineer and told him that he had negotiated the bill from Pan American Engineering down to ten thousand dollars. Vernon Meyer, the town engineer, stated that was a good price for the work that Pan American Engineers had done on the preliminary report for the wastewater plant.

He therefore recommended the town pay it. Alderman Cryer then made a motion that was seconded by Alderman Craft to go ahead and pay Pan American Engineering the ten thousand dollars for work done on a preliminary report for improvement to the wastewater plant. All I's.

Item #11 Mayor Duvall opened a public hearing concerning Ordinance #6 of 2013 (AN ORDINANCE TO ADJUST THE MONTHLY SALARY OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE). Several people in attendance commented. After which the public hearing was closed.

Item #12 Alderman Owens made a motion that was seconded by Alderman Solinsky to adopt Ordinance #6 of 2013. All I's by roll call vote.

Item #13 A motion was made by Alderman Solinsky and seconded by Alderman Owens to adopt the Purchasing Policies & Procedures as presented. All I's.

Item #14 Alderman Green made a motion that was seconded by Alderman Solinsky to adopt a resolution to submit an LGAP application for wastewater collections. All I's.

Item #15 A discussion was held concerning the health insurance for Chief of Police Dennis Parrott. CPA, Randy Brown, explained to the board that the Chief of Police is the only person with the town that the town pays half his insurance. His recommendation is that the town increase his pay the same amount of the portion that the town pays of his health insurance. That way the town can get out of paying any portion of health insurance to anyone with the town. The board discussed and decided by a motion from Alderman Solinsky and seconded by Alderman Green to introduce an ordinance to change the way the Chief of Police's health insurance is handled by the town. Instead of the town paying half of the premium to the insurance company we add half of the premium to his pay and that the town supplement the estimated amount of extra income tax he would have to pay. Also, if the premiums have been being paid on pre-tax basis that it ceases. Attorney Dennis Sumpter recommended that they put the actual amount in the ordinance. Jeff Solinsky asked that the CPA calculate the estimated amount. All I's.

Item #16 Mr. Bill Loftin, with the historical society, addressed the board concerning the town bearing the cost to run a water line to phase 1 of the walking park. He explained that once the park is completed it will be donated to the town as the town park. He further explained the future plans for the park. A discussion was held concerning what would actually need to be done. The attorney explained that we could not legally give them the water line. But that a joint services agreement could be done. Alderman Solinsky made a motion to allow the town attorney to draw up a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Rosepine Historical Society to state the Town of Rosepine will provide the water and once the park is complete they will donate it to the town. Seconded by Alderman Craft. All I's.

Item #17 Chief Parrot explained that the Vernon Parish Sheriff's Department is going to a type of radios that will not work with the Rosepine Police Department's radios and they will no longer be able to communicate with any other departments. Alderman Solinsky made a motion that was seconded by Alderman Owens to proceed with purchasing the four radios excepting the donation of one radio that was offered and enter a sixty month lease purchase agreement with a

2.6% interest rate with a one dollar buy out. Also to authorize the two thousand dollar repair or upgrade of the portable radios. All I's.

Item #18 The town attorney informed the board he had received the petition for annexation for Leonard Johnson and everything seemed to be in order. The next step is to get with the Registrar of Voters and the Vernon Parish Tax Assessor.

Item #19 Randy Brown, CPA, explained the revisions made to the FY 2012 – 2013 budgets. After which Alderman Solinsky made a motion to introduce Ordinance #7 of 2013. Seconded by Alderman Owens. All I's.

Item #20 There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. No objections.

Melissa A. Davis, Town Clerk

Donna W. Duvall, Mayor