

**TOWN OF ROSEPINE - MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 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.

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

Employees Present: Mike Numbers and Vernon Meyer, Town Engineer.

Guests present: Valarie Craft, Mr. & Mrs. Wade Wingate, Jim Huggins, Rocky Numbers, Steve Fontenot, Johnny Davis, Alex Kunkle, and Don Davis.

Item #5 Alderman Owens made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 9, 2012 meeting. Seconded by Alderwoman Green. All I's.

Item #6 Alderwoman Green made a motion that was seconded by Alderman Craft to accept the financial reports ending August 31, 2012. All I's.

Item #7 Mayor Duvall expressed how difficult the loss of Officer Tipper has been on the town. She further stated that there would be a memorial held with the revealing of a memorial plaque. Chief of Police Dennis Parrott stated he would inform everyone of the date and time for the memorial. She then updated everyone on current projects going on in the town.

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

Item #9 Mayor Duvall introduced and welcomed Boy Scout Troop #170.

Mayor Duvall then moved to item #17.

Item #17 Public Works Director, Mike Numbers gave an update concerning the LCDBG – MIP grant for the generators for well #5 and the wastewater treatment plant. A lengthy discussion was held.

Item #18 Town Engineer, Vernon Meyer, then gave an update on the upgrading of the wastewater plant. He explained all the needs for the wastewater treatment plant which was

constructed in 1974. He provided a copy of a “summary of findings” at the wastewater treatment plant and explained each finding. Mr. Meyer discussed and explained the process of the options of financing the local share of \$550,000 should the town receive a line of credit from the state for the wastewater treatment plant.

Item #19 Vernon Meyer, Town Engineer, then moved on to update the board concerning the asbestos water line that needs to be replaced along Hwy. 171. He stated that the emergency grant for the replacement of the asbestos water line did not get approved. In addition, he informed the board that the state did not consider it to be an emergency. Furthermore, Mr. Meyer stated that if the town wanted to switch the LGAP grant which was intended for the Yankee Ridge project to the Hwy 171 asbestos water line project that the town had to request it be switched.

After the discussion, Alderman Solinsky made a motion that was seconded by Alderman Craft to engage Jay Delafield as bonding attorney and to move forward with getting the town on the agenda for the State Bond Commission for the October 2012 meeting. If it is not possible, then the soonest time possible. Alderman Solinsky also wanted to add to the motion that the bonding attorney also check into refinancing the current bond issue the town has at 5.6%. Seconded by Alderman Craft. All I’s. Mayor Duvall opened the floor to the public for a comment period.

Alderman Owens made a motion that was seconded by Alderwoman Green to adopt a resolution requesting the state to move the 2011 – 2012 LGAP project from Yankee Ridge Road to Highway 171 to replace asbestos water line. All I’s. Mayor Duvall opened the floor to the public for a comment period.

Town Attorney, Dennis Sumpter, stated that the town would not sell any bonds until the town knew they had the state funds to move forward.

Mayor Duvall then moved back to item #10.

Item #10 Melissa Wingate addressed the mayor and board concerning the minimum rates for businesses. She explained that she felt that the rates were too high for businesses that only have restroom facilities for employees only and the town should find other ways to increase revenue. A lengthy discussion was held concerning the business rates for water and wastewater and how the board decided on the rate increase.

Item #11 Mayor Duvall opened up a public hearing concerning 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). No one in attendance spoke and the public hearing was closed.

Item #12 Alderman Craft made a motion to adopt Ordinance #5 of 2012. Seconded by Alderman Owens. All I’s by roll call vote.

Item #13 Mayor Duvall opened up a public hearing concerning Ordinance #6 of 2012 (AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SERVICE FEES AND RATES FOR WATER SERVICE

IN THE TOWN OF ROSEPINE, LOUISIANA.) No one in attendance spoke and the public hearing was closed.

Item #14 Alderman Owens made a motion to adopt Ordinance #6 of 2012. Seconded by Alderwoman Green. All I's by roll call vote.

Item #15 Mayor Duvall opened up a public hearing concerning Ordinance #7 of 2012(AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FEES FOR SEWAGE DISPOSAL SERVICE IN THE TOWN OF ROSEPINE, LOUISIANA). No one in attendance spoke and the public hearing was closed.

Item #16 Alderwoman Green made a motion to adopt Ordinance #7 of 2012. Seconded by Alderman Craft. All I's by roll call vote.

Item #20 There being no further business Alderman Craft made a motion to adjourn. No objections.

Melissa A. Davis, Town Clerk

Donna W. Duvall, Mayor