

**MINUTES
TOWN OF ROSEPINE
REGULAR MEETING
HELD AT TOWN HALL
18846 JOHNNY B. HALL MEMORIAL HWY
ROSEPINE, LA 70659
JANUARY 9, 2023 – 6:00 PM**

Item #1 Mayor Donna Duvall called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Item #2 Invocation was given by Alderman Damon Johnson.

Item #3 The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Item #4 Officials present: Mayor Donna Duvall, Aldermen BJ Bjornberg, Damon Johnson, Leonard Johnson, Ray Blanchard, Town Clerk Melissa Davis, and Chief of Police Delbert Keel.

Officials absent: Alderman Jeff Solinsky.

Employees present: Public Works Director Mike Numbers, Officers Andre Westlake, Robert Green, William Booth, Frank Booth, Brett Bennett, and Cody Kolb.

Guests present: Randy Brown CPA, Leeland Vallery, Josh Zeranger, Anthony Schlicher, Justin Kanada, Virginia Johnson, Dr. Christina Lord, Doris Johnson, Hayley Johnson, Hunter and Erin Johnson, Candi Booth, Julie Bennett, Nelda Blanchard, and Catherine Keel.

Mayor Duvall gave Dr. Christina Lord the floor. Dr. Christina Lord spoke concerning the Vernon Parish Chamber of Commerce and invited everyone to the Instillation Banquet for the Chamber.

Item #5 Alderman Solinsky made a motion to accept the minutes from the November 14, 2022 regular scheduled meeting as presented. Seconded by Alderman Leonard Johnson. All I's.

Item #6 Mayor Duvall stated she was thankful for everyone there.

Item #7 Alderman BJ Bjornberg made a motion to accept the financial reports ending December 31, 2022 as presented. Seconded by Alderman Leonard Johnson. All I's.

Item #8 A motion was made by Alderman BJ Bjornberg that was seconded by Alderman Leonard Johnson to adopt Resolution #1 of 2023 (Vernon Parish Police Jury Resolution for the month of February 2023). In addition the Board of Aldermen request help in repairing the corner of Bailey Road by 5836 Bailey Road, and the the corner of North Street and Louisiana Avenue. The Board of Aldermen further request that the Vernon Parish Police Jury assist with the reconstruction of Main Street. All I's

Item #9 Alderman Damon Johnson made a motion to adopt Resolution #2 of 2023 (Setting the date, time, and place of regular meetings in the year 2023) with the amendment to change the regular monthly meeting to the second Tuesday at 6:00 pm. Seconded by Alderman Ray Blanchard. All I's.


Item #10 Chief of Police, Delbert Keel, expressed that he was in need of two full time officers. He informed them that he had recently had two officers resign and the Vernon Parish Sheriff's Office was assisting them with with a deputy until they hired another officer. Alderman Leonard Johnson made a motion that was seconded by Alderman Damon Johnson to authorize the Chief to hire two full time officers. All I's.

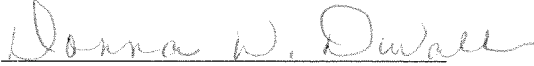
Item #11 The Public Works Director, Mike Numbers, explained that he had checked into several companies and felt that Ferguson Waterworks was the right one for the installation of smart metering in the town. Justin, with Ferguson Waterworks, spoke and introduced the other representatives of the company that were present. He explained how the smart meters work along with all of the benefits to the town along with the customers. A lengthy discussion was held concerning the cost. Mayor Duvall stated that the American Rescue Plan Act money had already been reserved for the instillation of the smart meters by the board at a previous meeting. Alderman BJ Bjornberg made a motion to for the town to proceed with Ferguson Waterworks with the installation of smart meters. Seconded by Alderman Ray Blanchard. All I's.

Item #12 Alderman Damon Johnson made a motion that was seconded by Alderman Leonard Johnson to appoint Melissa Davis as Town Clerk and Tax Collector, Mike Numbers as Public Works Director, Clay Williams as Magistrate, Morgan Briggs as Town Attorney, and BJ Bjornberg as Mayor Pro Tem. All I's.

Item #13 A discussion was held concerning the reconstruction of Main Street. Mayor Duvall informed the board that someone will be get with Meyers and Associates Engineering concerning the right of way process. Guest Wayne Vallery spoke of his concerns of the conditions of Main Street stating it is in need of mayor repairs.

Item #14 There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.


Melissa Davis, Town Clerk


Donna W. Duvall, Mayor