

**MINUTES
TOWN OF ROSEPINE
REGULAR MEETING
HELD AT TOWN HALL
18846 JOHNNY B. HALL MEMORIAL HWY
ROSEPINE, LA 70659
JULY 18, 2023 – 6:30 PM**

Item #1 Mayor Donna Duvall called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Item #2 Invocation was given by Alderman Jeff Solinsky.

Item #3 The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Item #5 Alderman Damon Johnson made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 20, 2023 regular meeting and June 29, 2023 special meeting. Seconded by Alderman Leonard Johnson. All I's.

Item #6 Mayor Duvall welcomed Chuck Cannon with the Fort Johnson Public Affairs Office. Mr. Cannon spoke briefly and stated that he was available and for the mayor and board to contact him if they needed anything. Mayor Duvall then stated that there were plans at the upcoming meetings to honor outstanding citizens.

Item #7 Alderman BJ Bjornberg made a motion to accept the financial reports ending June 30, 2023 as presented. Seconded by Alderman Jeff Solinsky. All I's.

Item #8 A motion was made by Alderman Jeff Solinsky that was seconded by Alderman Damon Johnson to adopt Resolution #14 of 2023 (Vernon Parish Police Jury Resolution for the month of August 2023) with the addition of requesting they side arm mow on Main Street and historical society park road along with assisting with installing culverts on Main Street. All I's.

Item #9 Alderman Jeff Solinsky made a motion that was seconded by Alderman Leonard Johnson to present Ordinance #2 of 2023 (An ordinance to adopt an amended operating budget of revenue and expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023). All I's.

Item #10 A discussion was held concerning the striping of Herrington Street. Alderman Jeff Solinsky made a motion to amend the agenda to change the agenda item from "Discuss striping of Herrington Street" to state "Discuss and authorize the striping of Herrington Street". Seconded by Alderman Leonard Johnson. All I's.

Alderman Jeff Solinsky then made a motion to authorize the striping of Herrington but to change the scope of work from two solid stripes in the middle to one yellow stripe down the middle and one white stripe on each side of the street as long as the quoted price does not increase over \$300. Seconded by Alderman Leonard Johnson. All I's.

Item #11 The board lengthily discussed the utility rates and whether to increase them according to the inflation rate.

Mayor Duvall called for a recess at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Duvall called the meeting back to order at 7:10 p.m.

Alderman Damon Johnson made a motion to table the item until the next meeting. The motion died for lack of a second.

Alderman Leonard Johnson made a motion not to raise the utility rates at this time. Alderman Damon Johnson seconded his motion. All I's except Alderman Jeff Solinsky and Alderman BJ Bjornberg who voted nay.

Item #12 Alderman Leonard Johnson made a motion to authorize the ordering of the digital sign for town hall and also the championship signs. Seconded by Damon Johnson. All I's except Alderman Blanchard that voted nay.

Item #13 A discussion was held concerning the reconstruction of Main Street and what the next step needed to be to move forward. The discussion was lengthy and in depth. Alderman Jeff Solinsky made a motion that Mayor Duvall proceed with engaging the engineer to find out in writing what the town will need for a right of way to widen Main Street along with the attorney creating a letter to the property owners requesting the minimum amount. Seconded by Alderman Damon Johnson. All I's.

Item #14 Alderman Damon Johnson made a motion to adjourn. No objections.

Melissa Davis, Town Clerk

Donna W. Duvall, Mayor