

**MINUTES
TOWN OF ROSEPINE
PUBLIC HEARINGS & REGULAR MEETING
HELD AT TOWN HALL
18846 JOHNNY B. HALL MEMORIAL HWY
ROSEPINE, LA 70659
JUNE 20, 2023 – 6:30 PM**

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

Item #2 Invocation was given by Cole Weeks.

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.

Alderman Jeff Solinsky made a motion to amend the agenda to add “Representative Owens” as item #8 in the place of the current item of “Chief of Police Comments”. Seconded by Alderman BJ Bjornberg. All I’s.

Item #5 Mayor Duvall opened the public hearing concerning the reconstruction of Main Street. Andrew Mattingly, engineer for the town, explained what improvements the town would like to see done to Main Street stating that the town was just in preliminary discussions right now. Guests in attendance spoke of concerns and asked questions. Mr. Mattingly answered questions to the best of his ability. After everyone in attendance was given a chance to speak Mayor Duvall closed the public hearing.

Item #8 Representative Charles Owens spoke and explained what happened during the legislative session that caused the town not to receive the Capital Outlay funding for Main Street.

Item #6 Alderman Damon Johnson made a motion to accept the minutes from the May 16, 2023 regular meeting as presented. Seconded by Alderman Jeff Solinsky. All I’s.

Item #7 Mayor Duvall stated that she was going to put the digital sign on the next agenda. She then congratulated Alyx Shell Jarrell for winning the title of Mrs. Louisiana and wished everyone a happy 4th of July.

Item #9 Alderman Leonard Johnson made a motion to accept the financial reports ending May 31, 2023 as presented. Seconded by Alderman Damon Johnson. All I’s.

Item #10 A motion was made by Alderman Jeff Solinsky that was seconded by Alderman BJ Bjornberg to adopt Resolution #10 of 2023 (Vernon Parish Police Jury Resolution for the month of July 2023). All I’s.

Item #11 Mayor Duvall opened a public hearing concerning setting the 2023 Advalorem Tax Millage. She informed everyone that the millage will be the same as last year. No one in attendance commented and the public hearing was closed.

Item #12 Alderman Jeff Solinsky made a motion that was seconded by Alderman Leonard Johnson to adopt Resolution #11 of 2023 (Setting the advalorem tax millage rate for 2023 at 3.930 MILLS). All I's.

Item #13 Mayor Duvall opened a public hearing concerning Ordinance #1 of 2023 (2023 – 2024 Budgets). Chief of Police, Delbert Keel, stated that the budgeted amount for fines and forfeitures was incorrect and stated it should be amended to state \$295,000.00. No one else in attendance commented and the public hearing was closed.

Item #14 Alderman Jeff Solinsky made a motion to adopt Ordinance #1 of 2023 with the changes recommended by Chief of Police Delbert Keel. Seconded by Alderman Ray Blanchard. All I's by roll call vote.

Item #15 Alderman Ray Blanchard made a motion to appoint Windham & Reed C.P.A. as the auditor for the FY 2022 – 2023 audit. Seconded by Alderman Jeff Solinsky. All I's.

Item #16 A motion was made by Alderman Jeff Solinsky that was seconded by Alderman Leonard Johnson to appoint the Leesville Leader as the official journal for FY 2023 – 2024. All I's.

Item #17 Alderman Blanchard stated his concerns about a blind spot on the corner of Louisiana Avenue and Sunny Lane. He told the board that there was a stump on the property at 1717 Louisiana Avenue that was overgrown with brush that needs to be removed for safety reasons. Alderman Blanchard informed the board that he had spoke with the property owner and informed him that he wanted it removed. Mayor Duvall stated that the property owner had been notified by letter and she must allow him the allotted time to remove it. Furthermore, Mayor Duvall stated that if it was not cleaned up in the proper amount of time she would place it back on the next agenda.

Item #18 Alderman Damon Johnson made a motion to adjourn. No objections.

Melissa Davis, Town Clerk

Donna W. Duvall, Mayor