

**MINUTES  
TOWN OF ROSEPINE  
REGULAR MEETING  
HELD AT TOWN HALL  
18846 JOHNNY B. HALL MEMORIAL HWY  
ROSEPINE, LA 70659  
SEPTEMBER 19, 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 Leonard Johnson.

Item #3 The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Item #4 Officials present: Mayor Donna Duvall, Aldermen Jeff Solinsky, BJ Bjornberg, Leonard Johnson, Damon Johnson, Ray Blanchard, and Town Clerk Melissa Numbers.

Item #5 Alderman Damon Johnson made a motion that was seconded by Alderman BJ Bjornberg to accept the minutes from the August 15, 2023 regular meeting, August 21, 2023 special meeting, and August 28, 2023 special meeting. All I's.

Item #6 Mayor Duvall informed the attendants that she would be making a statement soon concerning what had been happening in town. She further stated that she has been trying to make things better within the town.

Item #7 Alderman Jeff Solinsky made a motion to accept the financial reports ending August 31, 2023 as presented. Seconded by Alderman Damon Johnson. All I's.

Item #8 A motion was made by Alderman Bjornberg that was seconded by Alderman Solinsky to adopt Resolution #18 of 2023 (Vernon Parish Police Jury Resolution for the month of October 2023). All I's.

Item #9 Alderman Solinsky made a motion to adopt Resolution #19 of 2023 (Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for the FY 2022 - 2023 Audit). Seconded by Alderman Bjornberg. All I's.

Item #10 A motion was made by Alderman Damon Johnson to adopt Resolution #20 of 2023 (Adopting a Workplace Incident Reporting Policy and Procedure). Seconded by Alderman Leonard Johnson. All I's.

Item #11 Mayor Duvall stated the town would be applying for funding through capital outlay again for the reconstruction of Main Street. Alderman Bjornberg stated that he had gotten in touch with John Blankenbaker with the tax assessor's office and John had been doing some research to assist the town and he found some old records of the original tracts for Main Street. In his research he found that of the first one thousand thirty-five feet of Main Street, the town had a fifty-foot right

of way. John informed him that he is going to continue his research on Main Street for the town and he would let Alderman Bjornberg know if he came across anything. The board then discussed the letter, written by Attorney Briggs, that had been mailed out to the property owners along Main Street. Alderman Solinsky wanted Attorney Briggs to clarify that when the town is asking for a donation of a right of way from the property owners along Main Street, that the town is not asking for a donation of ownership, just access to get on the property to do construction and that the ownership is retained by the property owner. Attorney Briggs confirmed what Alderman Solinsky stated and stated he would modify the letter to clarify this to the property owners.

Alderman Bjornberg made a motion to amend the agenda and add “Christina Pearce – Discuss mobile home and take action”. Seconded by Alderman Solinsky. All I’s.

Item #12 A lengthy discussion was held concerning the annual utility rate review. The board discussed whether or not to increase the rates. Alderman Solinsky made a motion to introduce an ordinance at the next meeting to increase the utility rates by three percent. Seconded by Alderman Bjornberg. All I’s except Alderman Blanchard who voted nay.

Item #13 Terry Parker, a resident on Weeks Road, expressed his concerns with speeders on Weeks Road. He suggested that the town reduce the speed limit and place speed bumps on the road. The board discussed ways to ensure the safety on the road. During the discussion Alderman Leonard Johnson stated that he would like to see speed bumps on Memorial Road also. Alderman Solinsky made a motion to approve reducing the speed limit on Weeks Road to fifteen (15) miles per hour, request more police patrolling, get the public works director to get together the costs of placing speed bumps on Weeks Road. Also, in the motion Alderman Solinsky stated that he wanted to confirm if Memorial Road was a town or parish road, and make sure there were no town or parish ordinances pertaining to speed bumps. The motion was seconded by Alderman Leonard Johnson. All I’s.

Item #14 Mayor Duvall explained that Christina Pearce was requesting an exception to Ordinance #1 of 2022 (Relating to the placement of mobile homes) so she could place a mobile home on her property. The board discussed what exceptions they would need to make to the ordinance to allow for her to allow her to. Alderman Solinsky made a motion to grant an exception of mobile home age for Christina Pearce based the appearance of pictures they had received from the property owner. In his motion he wanted to state she must abide by all other regulations meaning that it must be placed behind the existing home and the septic system must be in compliance with the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals. Furthermore, his motion is based on the assumption they will maintain the mobile home. Seconded by Alderman Bjornberg. All I’s.

Item #15 Alderman Solinsky made a motion to adjourn. No objections.

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Melissa Numbers, Town Clerk

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Donna W. Duvall, Mayor