

**MINUTES  
TOWN OF ROSEPINE  
REGULAR MEETING  
HELD AT TOWN HALL  
18846 JOHNNY B. HALL MEMORIAL HWY  
ROSEPINE, LA 70659  
OCTOBER 17, 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, Town Clerk Melissa Numbers, and Chief of Police Delbert Keel.

Item #5 Alderman Damon Johnson made a motion that was seconded by Alderman Jeff Solinsky to accept the minutes from the September 12, 2023 special meeting and the September 19, 2023 regular meeting. All I's.

Item #6 Mayor Duvall informed everyone that Garrison Command Colonel Lopez and Sergeant Major Nielson should be at the next meeting. She was also hoping that Senator Reese would be able to attend.

During "Mayor's comments", Mayor Duvall mentioned that the next scheduled meeting will fall on the week of Thanksgiving and she knew some of the aldermen would be out of town. The board discussed it and Alderman Ray Blanchard made a motion to reschedule it to November 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. Seconded by Alderman Solinsky. All I's.

Chief of Police Delbert Keel introduced Police Officer Devon Vargas.

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

Item #8 A motion was made by Alderman Ray Blanchard that was seconded by Alderman Solinsky to adopt Resolution #21 of 2023 (Vernon Parish Police Jury Resolution for the month of November 2023). All I's.

Item #9 Chief Keel explained that not all of the equipment would transfer from the old police units to the new units. He stated that he would not be able to transfer the cages and bumpers and he would need to purchase another radar. He estimated the cost to be around \$13,000 to \$14,000. Alderman Leonard Johnson made a motion to authorize the Chief of Police to purchase

the equipment needed for the (2) new 2023 Ford Explorer police units up to the amount of \$14,000.00. Seconded by Alderman Jeff Solinsky. All I's.

Item #10 Alderman Jeff Solinsky made a motion that was seconded by Alderman Damon Johnson to authorize the advertisement of bids for the Water Sector Program – Sewer Project. All I's.

Item #11 A discussion was held concerning Ordinance #4 of 2023. Alderman Damon Johnson then made a motion to introduce Ordinance #4 of 2023 (An ordinance amending Appendix B - Utility fees schedule of the Town of Rosepine's Code of Ordinances). The public hearing will be held at the next monthly meeting. Seconded by Alderman Solinsky. All I's.

Item #12 A discussion was held concerning the quoted price and placement of six speed bumps on Weeks Road. Also discussed was placing speed bumps on Memorial Road. Police Juror Charnel Bailed stated that the Vernon Parish Police Jury owned part of Memorial Road and it was their policy to not place speed bumps on their roads. Alderman Leonard Johnson wanted the discussion of speed bumps on Memorial Road put on the agenda for next month. Alderman Solinsky made a motion that was seconded by Alderman Blanchard to approve the purchase and placement of speed bumps to be place on Weeks Road. All I's.

Item #13 A discussion was held concerning the reconstruction of Main Street. A decision was made for the town attorney to correspond with John Blankenbaker with the Vernon Parish Tax Assessor to determine what right of way the town already has on Main Street.

Item #14 Alderman Damon Johnson made a motion that was seconded by Alderman Solinsky to adjourn. No objections.

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Melissa Numbers, Town Clerk

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Donna W. Duvall, Mayor