

**MINUTES
TOWN OF ROSEPINE
REGULAR MEETING
HELD AT TOWN HALL
18846 JOHNNY B. HALL MEMORIAL HWY
ROSEPINE, LA 70659
FEBRUARY 20, 2024 – 6:30 PM**

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

Item #2 Invocation was given by Alderman Blanchard.

Item #3 The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Absent: Aldermen Jeff Solinsky and BJ Bjornberg.

Item #5 Alderman Damon Johnson made a motion, which Alderman Ray Blanchard seconded, to accept the minutes from the regular meeting on January 16, 2024. All I's.

Item #6 Mayor Duvall informed everyone of upcoming events in the town and thanked everyone who assisted in the Memorial Ceremony held last Saturday. She further stated that Officer Westlake was retiring and wanted to thank him for his service to the town. Mayor Duvall then gave the floor to Chuck Cannon with the public affairs office at Ft. Johnson.

Mr. Cannon stated that he was the contact person if anyone needed anything from Ft. Johnson, for example, the color guard for the upcoming Rose Festival. Furthermore, to please make sure to provide him with a minimum of six weeks notice.

Item #7 Alderman Damon Johnson moved to accept the financial reports ending January 31, 2024, as presented. Alderman Leonard Johnson seconded. All I's.

Item #8 Marty Reed CPA presented and read through the main parts of the FY 2022 – 2023 Audit Report to the mayor and board of aldermen. He stated it was a clean audit with no comments.

Item #9 A motion was made by Alderman Damon Johnson that Alderman Leonard Johnson seconded to adopt Resolution #5 of 2024 (Vernon Parish Police Jury Resolution for March 2024). All I's.

Item #10 Chief of Police Delbert Keel informed the board that Assistant Chief Andre Westlake will be retiring, and his last day at work will be February 28th. He explained that Officer Robert Green would be taking the position of Assistant Chief, but it would leave a vacant position on the night shift. Officer Green then stated that there was someone they had in mind they wanted

to hire to fill the vacant position. Alderman Ray Blanchard motioned to authorize Chief Keel to hire someone to fill the vacant position. Seconded by Alderman Leonard Johnson. All I's.

Item #11 Mayor Duvall stated that the town had already applied for capital outlay funding for the reconstruction of Main Street and that we would have to wait to see if we got the funding. Alderman Leonard Johnson requested that a letter be written to the senator, representatives, and police jury requesting assistance in funding and that the mayor and board of aldermen sign it.

Item #12 The mayor and board discussed the quotes the town had received for improvements to Sunny Lane and Ernestine Street. Alderman Ray Blanchard made a motion to accept the quote from RC Paving and improve the streets, seconded by Alderman Leonard Johnson. All I's.

Item #13 Mayor Duvall explained the proposed settlement agreement received from the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System (MPERS). Alderman Damon Johnson made a motion, which Alderman Leonard Johnson seconded, to authorize Mayor Duvall to sign the agreement with MPERS. All I's.

Item #14 There being no further business, Alderman Damon Johnson made a motion to adjourn. No objections.

Melissa Numbers, Town Clerk

Donna W. Duvall, Mayor