

**MINUTES
TOWN OF ROSEPINE
PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING
HELD AT TOWN HALL
18846 JOHNNY B. HALL MEMORIAL HWY
ROSEPINE, LA 70659
JULY 16, 2024 – 6:30 PM**

Item #1 Mayor Donna Duvall called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

Item #2 Invocation was given by Alderman Solinsky.

Item #3 The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Item #4 Present were Mayor Donna Duvall, Aldermen BJ Bjornberg, Leonard Johnson, Jeff Solinsky, Damon Johnson, Ray Blanchard, and Assistant Clerk Hannah Perrill.

Absent: Town Clerk Melissa Numbers and Chief of Police Delbert Keel.

Item #5 Alderman Damon Johnson made a motion that Alderman Leonard Johnson seconded to accept the minutes from the regular meeting on June 18, 2024, as presented. All I's.

Item #6 Mayor Duvall welcomed everyone in attendance and expressed her gratitude for the IGSA with Ft. Johnson.

Item #7 Garrison Commander Colonel Lopez introduced Laurel Stone, Director of Public Affairs for the Garrison, and Chuck Cannon, with the Public Affairs Office. He then discussed the Army Reconstruction Initiative and its effects on Ft. Johnson and surrounding communities.

Item #8 Alderman Blanchard moved to accept the financial reports ending June 30, 2024, as presented and seconded by Alderman Solinsky. All I's.

Item #9 Mayor Duvall requested help from the Vernon Parish Police Jury with Bailey Road. Police Juror, Charnel Bailey, stated that he was anticipating funding from the state to cover all of Bailey Road. A motion was made by Alderman Solinsky that Alderman Leonard Johnson seconded to adopt Resolution #15 of 2024 (Vernon Parish Police Jury Resolution for August 2024) with the addition of patching the edges that are breaking off on Main Street. All I's.

Item #10 Alderman Solinsky motioned to present Ordinance #2 of 2024 (An ordinance to adopt an amended operating budget of revenue and expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024). Seconded by Alderman Leonard Johnson. All I's.

Item #11 Mayor Duvall stated that they would wait on the annual utility rate review until the rate study was completed, which should take around three months. Once completed, they will present the town with the findings and recommendations.

Item #12 A discussion was opened concerning the Benoit Motors sewer situation. Mayor Duvall reviewed emails between the town engineers and the public works director that presented the potential cost to the town to install a new lift station or replace the pumps, piping, and electrical on the existing one. During the discussion, Alderman Blanchard Called the Question. Alderman Leonard Johnson then recommended trying to get some help from DEQ. Alderman Solinsky moved to table the discussion and requested that the town engineers get with DEQ to see about grant possibilities.

Item #13 With no further business, Alderman Damon Johnson motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Alderman Blanchard. No objections.

Hannah Perrill, Asst. Town Clerk

Donna W. Duvall, Mayor