

**MINUTES
TOWN OF ROSEPINE
PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING
HELD AT TOWN HALL
18846 JOHNNY B. HALL MEMORIAL HWY
ROSEPINE, LA 70659
JUNE 18, 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 Solinsky.

Item #3 The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Item #4 Present were Mayor Donna Duvall, Aldermen Leonard Johnson, Jeff Solinsky, Damon Johnson, Ray Blanchard, Town Clerk Melissa Numbers, and Chief of Police Delbert Keel.

Absent: Alderman BJ Bjornberg.

Item #5 Alderman Damon Johnson made a motion that Alderman Leonard Johnson seconded to accept the minutes from the regular meeting on May 21, 2024, as presented. All I's.

Item #6 Mayor Duvall requested prayer for the Traffic Clerk Lisa Reid's husband. She further explained that the town was contacted concerning beginning the rate study for the town.

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

Item #8 A motion was made by Alderman Leonard Johnson that Alderman Damon Johnson seconded to adopt Resolution #14 of 2024 (Vernon Parish Police Jury Resolution for July 2024). All I's.

Item #9 Mayor Duvall opened the public hearing concerning Ordinance #1 of 2024 (An ordinance to adopt an operating budget of revenue and expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025). No one commented. Mayor Duvall closed the public hearing.

Item #10 Alderman Damon Johnson motioned to adopt Ordinance #1 of 2024. Seconded by Alderman Leonard Johnson. All I's by roll call vote.

Item #11 A motion was made by Alderman Solinsky and seconded by Alderman Damon Johnson to appoint Windham & Reed, LLC as the auditors for the FY 2023 – 2024 audit. All I's.

Item #12 Alderman Leonard Johnson made a motion that was seconded by Alderman Damon Johnson to appoint the Leesville Leader as the FY 2024 – 2025 Legal Journal. All I's.

Alderman Leonard Johnson made a motion to amend the agenda to add “Slow Children at Play sign for Ernestine Drive”. Seconded by Alderman Jeff Solinsky. All I’s.

Alderman Jeff Solinsky made a motion that was seconded by Alderman Leonard Johnson to place a “Slow Children at Play” and “Radar Enforced” sign on Ernestine Drive. All I’s.

Item #13 It was noted during a detailed discussion that there is an ongoing concern with the sewer system at Benoit Motors. The director of public works highlighted that the lack of maintenance is the primary issue with the lift station. The lift station is the property of the apartment complex, and Benoit Motors is directing its sewer to it. The board expressed concern about the financial impact on the town of resolving the issue. The board requested the town attorney to investigate what legal remedies could be pursued to address the situation. Alderman Solinsky motioned for the Public Works Director to obtain a quote from the engineers regarding the cost of investigating a solution. However, no action should be taken until the board approves. it. Seconded by Alderman Damon Johnson. All I’s.

Item #14 With no further business, Alderman Solinsky made a motion to adjourn. No objections.

Melissa Numbers, Town Clerk

Donna W. Duvall, Mayor