

**MINUTES
TOWN OF ROSEPINE
REGULAR MEETING
HELD AT TOWN HALL
18846 JOHNNY B. HALL MEMORIAL HWY
ROSEPINE, LA 70659
FEBRUARY 18, 2025 – 12:00 PM**

Item #1 Mayor Donna Duvall called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm.

Item #2 Invocation was given by Alderman Damon Johnson.

Item #3 The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Item #4 Officials present were Mayor Donna Duvall, Aldermen BJ Bjornberg, Jeff Solinsky, Leonard Johnson, Damon Johnson, Town Clerk Melissa Numbers, and Chief of Police Delbert Keel.

Absent: Alderman Ray Blanchard.

Item #5 Alderman Bjornberg made a motion that Alderman Leonard Johnson seconded to accept the minutes from the January 27, 2025, regular rescheduled meeting, as presented. All I's.

Item #6 Mayor Duvall welcomed everyone in attendance and stated that she hoped the 12:00 pm time would continue to work for the regular meeting.

Alderman Bjornberg questioned the status of the new lift station that will be installed on land donated by Jason Benoit. The public works director gave an update. Alderman Bjornberg said it was important to move quickly with the project and requested that Mayor Duvall stay in contact with Mr. Benoit to let him know how it is progressing.

Item #7 Chief of Police Delbert Keel informed everyone of vandalism in and outside of town and further stated that he had a full crew of officers and hoped to stop a lot of the crime.

Item #8 Alderman Damon Johnson moved to accept the financial reports ending January 31, 2025, as presented and seconded by Alderman Leonard Johnson. All I's.

Item #9 Alderman Bjornberg made a motion that Alderman Leonard Johnson seconded to adopt Resolution #3 of 2025 (Local Government Assistance Program Application). All I's.

Item #10 A motion was made by Alderman Solinsky and seconded by Alderman Damon Johnson to adopt Resolution #4 of 2025 (Community Water Enrichment Fund Application). All I's.

Item #11 A motion was made by Alderman Solinsky that Alderman Damon Johnson seconded to adopt Resolution #5 of 2025 (Vernon Parish Police Jury Resolution for March 2025). All I's.

Item #12 Mayor Duvall explained the phases of the Main Street project. A discussion was held concerning whether two inches of asphalt would be enough to handle the large trucks that travel down Main Street. Alderman Solinsky motioned to adopt Resolution #6 of 2025 (Committing to cover all costs over state funds for Phase 1 of the Rehabilitation of Main Street, Planning and Construction, Project No. 50-MQ1-24-01). Alderman Solinsky wanted to clarify that this resolution only states that the town will cover any costs above state funds and did not make any decisions on the final construction of Main Street. Seconded by Alderman Damon Johnson. All I's.

Item #13 Alderman Bjornberg informed the board that the owners of Chevron had reached out to him expressing interest in taking over and maintaining a portion of Second Street behind the Chevron. A discussion was held concerning all the details. Alderman Bjornberg made a motion, seconded by Alderman Solinsky, to abandon a portion of Second Street that is behind the Chevron station to include they could not block the access to Highway 1146. Mayor Duvall stated we would get with the attorney to handle the wording. All I's.

Item #14 A motion was made by Alderman Damon Johnson to become a Louisiana Armed Forces Alliance (LAFA) member with Eagle Membership Level for \$1,000 and seconded by Alderman Leonard Johnson. All I's.

Item #15 Mayor Duvall opened a public hearing concerning Ordinance #1 of 2025 (An ordinance amending Appendix B – Utility fees schedule of the Town of Rosepine's Code of Ordinances). No one commented, and the public hearing was closed.

Item #16 Alderman Solinsky motioned to adopt Ordinance #1 of 2025. Seconded by Alderman Leonard Johnson. All I's by roll call vote.

Item #17 With no further business, Alderman Damon Johnson motioned to adjourn. Alderman Leonard Johnson seconded the motion. No objections.

Melissa Numbers, Town Clerk

Donna W. Duvall, Mayor