

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

Item #1 Mayor Donna Duvall called the meeting to order at 12:01 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, Leonard Johnson, Damon Johnson, Town Clerk Melissa Numbers, and Chief of Police Delbert Keel.

Absent: Aldermen Ray Blanchard and Jeff Solinsky

Item #5 Alderman Damon Johnson made a motion that Alderman Bjornberg seconded to accept the minutes from the February 18, 2025, regular rescheduled meeting, as presented. All I's.

Alderman Solinsky arrived during the mayor's comments.

Item #6 Mayor Duvall congratulated the Rosepine basketball teams. She also mentioned that, due to health issues, they should keep Alderman Blanchard in their prayers.

Chuck Cannon from the Fort Johnson Public Affairs Office provided updates on recent developments at Fort Johnson, as well as information about upcoming events.

Item #7 Chief of Police Delbert Keel provided an update to the board regarding the current developments within the town.

Item #8 A discussion was held regarding the current and upcoming projects, as well as their associated costs. Alderman Damon Johnson then moved to accept the financial reports for the period ending February 28, 2025, as presented, and Alderman Solinsky seconded the motion. All I's.

Item #9 Andrew Mattingly with Meyer and Associates explained Phase 1 of the Main Street Rehabilitation Project. A discussion was held regarding the thickness of the asphalt required to ensure the street's longevity. A decision was made concerning the discussion during Item #12 on the agenda.

Item #10 Mayor Duvall stated that Tommy Edwards with CASA was unable to make this meeting and planned on coming next month.

Item #11 Rusty Reeves, with the Louisiana Rural Water Association, presented the board with the Community Development Block Grant rate study findings. He explained that after completing his study, he recommended the town increase the wastewater rates by one dollar in January of 2026. He provided a presentation on how he arrived at his recommendation. After a discussion, Alderman Solinsky made a motion to present an ordinance at the next meeting that would increase the wastewater rates by one dollar in July 2026. Alderman Bjornberg seconded the motion. All I's.

Item #12 Alderman Solinsky made a motion to adopt Resolution #9 of 2025, presented by Andrew Mattingly with Meyer and Associates, the town engineers. The resolution committed the town to cover all costs exceeding state funds, including a minimum of \$223,250 in construction funds, to provide for all necessary funding for the Base Bid for Phase I of the Main Street Rehabilitation, Planning and Construction Project No. 50-MQ1-24-01. This resolution would amend Resolution #6 of 2025 to cover the cost of three inches of asphalt rather than the cost of two inches listed in Resolution #6 of 2025. Alderman Damon Johnson seconded the motion. All I's.

Item #13 A motion was made by Alderman Solinsky that Alderman Damon Johnson seconded to adopt Resolution #7 of 2025 (Vernon Parish Police Jury Resolution for April 2025) with the addition of requesting help grading ditches to help with drainage issues on Yocum Street. All I's.

Item #14 Alderman Solinsky made a motion that Alderman Leonard Johnson seconded to adopt Resolution #8 of 2025 (Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Environmental Audit Report). All I's.

Item #15 Alderman Solinsky made a motion to present Ordinance #2 of 2025 (An Ordinance Revoking and Abandoning a Certain Portion of Second Street. Alderman Damon Johnson seconded the motion. All I's.

Item #16 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