

**MINUTES
TOWN OF ROSEPINE
REGULAR MEETING HELD AT TOWN HALL
18846 JOHNNY B. HALL MEMORIAL HWY
ROSEPINE, LA 70659**

AUGUST 18, 2026– 12:00 PM

Item #1 Mayor Donna Duvall called the meeting to order.

Item #2 Invocation was given by Alderman Solinsky.

Item #3 The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Alderman Leonard Johnson made a motion to add “Bryan Somers, Candidate for Division C District Court Judge” to the agenda as Item #18. Seconded by Alderman Solinsky. All I’s.

Alderman Solinsky made a motion to add “Act of Donation of Rosepine Historical Park Signing” to the agenda as Item #19. Seconded by Alderman Damon Johnson. All I’s.

Alderman Solinsky made a motion to add “Whitney Lambright, Representative of Speaker of the House Mike Johnson” to the agenda as Item #20. Seconded by Alderman Leonard Johnson. All I’s.

Item #5 Alderman Damon Johnson made a motion, and Alderwoman Shell seconded, to accept the minutes as presented from the July 21, 2026, regular meeting. All I’s.

Item #6 Mayor Duvall reminded the board of the ethics, sexual harassment, and municipal contracting training that must be completed by the end of the year. She then informed everyone of upcoming events in the area.

Item #7 Chief Keel addressed the issue of school traffic, describing it as chaotic. He indicated that he and his staff are actively working to manage the situation and are doing their best. A discussion took place regarding the traffic congestion around the elementary and high school. Alderman Bjornberg stated that the school was experiencing traffic issues on Louisiana Avenue, which backs up all the way to Weeks Road, making it difficult for buses to turn and access the high school. Additionally, buses are struggling to pick up students on Barbara Avenue due to cars parked along the roadside. The board requested that Chief Keel look into these issues, and he confirmed he would.

Item #8 Bruce Ward, a candidate for Mayor of the Town of Rosepine, addressed all attendees and discussed his accomplishments from his previous term in office.

Item #9 Susan Marr, a resident of Rosepine, introduced herself and expressed concerns about the town since her return after moving away. She highlighted safety issues and the need to clean up properties, including the town's rights-of-way. Susan offered suggestions to the mayor and the board and expressed her willingness to volunteer to write grants on behalf of the town. Alderman Solinsky acknowledged her complaints and explained that addressing these issues starts with a formal complaint.

Item #10 A motion was made by Alderman Damon Johnson and seconded by Alderwoman Shell to accept the financial reports ending July 31, 2026, as presented. All I's.

Item #11 A motion was made by Alderman Solinsky, seconded by Alderman Bjornberg, to adopt Resolution #13 of 2026 (Vernon Parish Police Jury Resolution for September 2026) with the addition of assistance in installing culverts on Fagan Circle and First Street. All I's.

Item #12 Alderwoman Shell made a motion that was seconded by Alderman Bjornberg to adopt Resolution #14 of 2026 (La. Compliance Questionnaire for FY 2025 - 2026 Audit). All I's.

Item #13 Alderman Damon Johnson made a motion to present Ordinance #5 OF 2026 (RESTRICTED PARKING IN FRONT OF AND OR NEAR SCHOOLS DURING CERTAIN TIME PERIODS). Seconded by Alderwoman Shell. All I's.

Item #14 A motion was made by Alderman Solinsky and seconded by Alderman Leonard Johnson to present Ordinance #6 of 2026 (AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT AN AMENDED OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026). All I's.

Item #15 Alderman Leonard Johnson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Solinsky, to reimburse the Rosepine Historical Society for the cost of the survey done on the portion of the park that is going to be donated to the town. All I's.

Item #16 Chief Keel mentioned that it has been four years since the department last purchased any police units, and the older units are currently costing around two thousand dollars a month to maintain. He also indicated that he asked the Assistant Chief to explore some options. The options for leasing two new units were presented to the board.

Assistant Chief Green informed them that the two units currently being leased will be paid off in August 2027. He noted that the department's budget allows for the purchase of one new unit, but not two, which is why they are considering a lease rather than an outright purchase. The details of the leasing options were discussed.

Alderman Solinsky expressed interest in reviewing invoices that show how much the department is actually spending on maintaining the older units. He believes this information will help determine if there is a necessity to lease two new units.

A motion was made by Alderman Solinsky to table "Discussion and possible decision on the leasing of two new police units". Seconded by Alderman Bjornberg. All I's.

Item #17 The public works director provided an update on the progress of reopening Oak Street. He presented the board with quotes for tree clearance needed to reopen the road. A

discussion followed. Mayor Duvall mentioned that she would reach out to the school board member to attend the next meeting to explore potential financial assistance from the Vernon Paish School Board. Alderman Solinsky made a motion, which was seconded by Alderman Damon Johnson, to accept the lowest quote from Family Land and Tree Service for the tree clearing on Oak Street. However, no work will commence until we receive approval from the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) to reopen the street. The motion passed with all in favor.

Item #18 Bryan Somers introduced himself as a Candidate for Division C District Court Judge. Mr. Somers spoke of his qualifications for the District Judge position and his plans should he be elected.

Item #19 Mayor Duvall gave the key to the town to Paul Granberry, Vice-President of the Rosepine Historical Society. She thanked him for all of the hard work put into the park. Mayor Duvall stated that they would sign the Act of Donation of the Rosepine Historical Park after the meeting. The mayor and board expressed gratitude for the donation.

Item #20 Whitney Lambright, a representative from Speaker of the House Mike Johnson's office, spoke on behalf of Speaker Johnson. She informed everyone of what Speaker Johnson has been working on in the past couple of years.

Item #21 With no further business, Alderman Solinsky moved to adjourn. No objections.

Melissa Numbers, Town Clerk

Donna W. Duvall, Mayor