

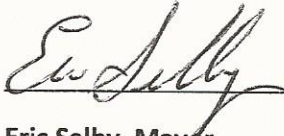
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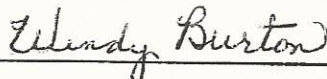
The Russell Springs City Council held their regular monthly meeting this date at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. In attendance were Ramie Hutchison, Jeanne Hudson, Tina Scholtz, Stephanie Salazar, Derek Aaron, Mike Scales, Joan Brashear, Jeramy Coffey, Kuthbert Eastham, Joe Irvin, David Blakey, Sherry Daniel, Ricky Barnes, Eddie Thomas, Timmy Hudson, Tommy Holt, Matthew DeHart, Eric Selby and Wendy Burton.

PRAYER was said by Eddie Thomas.

1. Mayor Eric Selby called the meeting to order.
2. **Eddie Thomas made the motion to accept the June 18 minutes. David Blakey seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.**
3. **Timmy Hudson made the motion to pay the bills. Ricky Barnes seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.**
4. The City Council heard the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2015-06 Modifying rates and charges for water and sewer service and tap fees provided by the combined and consolidated water and sewer system of the City.
5. Mayor Eric Selby stated, back in 1980's the City of Russell Springs agreed to shut down the water plant to help with efforts of Fruit of the Loom locating in Russell County. With the City of Russell Springs and City of Jamestown combining their utilities to help City of Jamestown in applying and receiving federal and state funding to build bigger water and wastewater plants to facilitate the necessary capacities to serve Fruit of the Loom. Simply the City got out of the water and sewer business. This was to benefit not only Jamestown or Russell Springs, but all of Russell County. In 2010 update rate agreement offered water for \$10.36 for 2,000 gallons and \$14.82 for wastewater for 2,000 gallons. With the current proposed rate increase by City of Jamestown water rates would increase to \$13.68 for 2,000 gallons and \$25.34 for 2,000 gallons of wastewater. Now as a community with the loss of Fruit of the Loom, one of the County's major employers, City of Jamestown has been hit hard in a financial situation. Sympathetic with that situation, but when Mayor Shearer took office, I wished him the best of luck. I hate it for the City of Jamestown. In late February or early March, I met with Mayor Shearer. We tried to come to an agreement; that has not been met yet. They have had several shortfalls as far as their sewer; water is not that big a deal. Both Mayors agreed for a rate study by Kenvirons to see how the wastewater flow from Russell Springs is coming, what rate and at what cost. I was told in a special called meeting, City of Jamestown didn't realize they had a flow meter. Mayor Selby states he has tried to reach an agreement, attended meetings, tried to meet with City of Jamestown. My Opinion and Only My Opinion that Ordinance 2015-06 NOT TO PASS. The decision is the Council's; floor is open for discussion.
6. Much discussion occurred with the following: too much of an increase; many on a fixed income cannot afford the increase, Jamestown should raise their rates also, cannot justify increase only to Russell Springs, five schools are affected-could eliminate a teacher; several businesses affected; sounds like we are a quick fix for Jamestown; Federal government will not allow a water or wastewater plant to be built just 6 miles from Jamestown, water customers at Jamestown are ok-they just need to increase their sewer rates also, Mayor Shearer stated he would not lay people off. As of right now rates will stay the same. Contract stays the same. If Jamestown was to cut our water supply, it would a big mistake.

7. Ordinance 2015-06 died for lack of a motion.
8. Timmy Hudson asked for research to be done on speeding at the Post Office. Ways to control this.
9. Joan Brashear asked regarding water in street at McDonald's. It is privately owned property, City cannot work on road.
10. Tree limbs in road on Epperson Street.
11. **David Blakey made the motion to give Mayor Eric Selby and City Attorney Matthew DeHart the authority to set down or work with a professional in regards to the water and sewer with the City of Jamestown. Timmy Hudson seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.**
12. Sherry Daniel stated appreciation for everyone that came to the meeting.
13. **David Blakey made the motion to adjourn. Tommy Holt seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.**


Eric Selby, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Wendy Burton, City Clerk

