

January 12, 2006

The Russell Springs City Commission held their regular monthly meeting this date at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. In attendance were Terry Russell, Olbie Foley, Mark Barnett, Denver Wilson, Devin Wilson, Jacky Burton, Jeremy Burton, Kevin Stephens, James Osborne, Shawn Cook, Ralph Creech, Greg Wells, Greg Hammond, Larry Rogers & son, Sherry Daniel, Chasity Shirley, Rebecca Irvin, Tracy Irvin, Carolyn Williams, Richard Wooldridge, David Withers Jr., Toni Withers, David Harris, Wade Daffron, Janice Blair, Dale Garner, Michael Bray, Jamie Rogers, Joe Irvin, Brent Kelsey, Ray Barrett, Joe Branscum, Don Byrom, Carla Grider, Eric Selby, Matthew DeHart, Brian Walters and Wendy Burton.

1. Mayor Brian Walters called the meeting to order.
2. Mayor Brian Walters made the motion to accept the January 10 minutes as written. Joe Branscum seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
3. Joe Branscum reported that by making a modification in materials used for making a one inch tap the costs of the tap could be kept at the price of \$1,000. No increase at this time.
4. Mayor & Commissioners & Departments as they currently are: Finance & Administration-Mayor Walters; Fire, Sanitation, Planning-Eric Selby; Parks & Streets-Ray Barrett; Police-Carla Grider: Water & Sewer-Joe Branscum. Carla Grider made the motion that everyone keeps their same department. Mayor Walters seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
5. Carla Grider made the motion to extend vacation time until April 1 for 2005 or lose it. Mayor Walters seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
6. Mayor Walters made the motion to reappoint Scott Wells to a 4 year term on the Planning & Zoning Board. Eric Selby seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
7. Mayor Walters made the motion to accept the agreement with Paul Combs for 2006. Joe Branscum seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
8. Road Aid Agreement 2006-01 was tabled to a later meeting.
9. Eric Selby informed the Commission the Fire Department will purchase a Jaws of Life for \$12, 989. \$12,000 will be taken from the General Fund and approximately \$1,000 from the Fire Department Equipment Fund.
10. Carla Grider made the motion to amend the budget to hire the 8th police officer. Joe Branscum asked for an amended budget proposal? Carla Grider said that the Police Department didn't have the funds, but the General Fund had \$119,000. Eric Selby asked how much the 8th police officer would cost. After discussion, Mayor Walters stated approximately \$40,000. Motion failed for lack of a second.
11. Ray Barrett commented the Surplus Auction will be held around April 1st at the Maintenance building. The Auction Co. will charge \$10 per hour for the clerk and \$100 to hold the auction. Chief Irvin stated that the Court could possibly free up more items. A storage area is needed for items; Terry Russell will decide on an area.

12. Mayor Walters made the motion not to exceed \$500 for advertising for the Surplus Auction. Ray Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
13. Joe Branscum discussed fixing an office space at the Maintenance Building, also a break area, a map room and to insulate the inside walls and to install fencing. Joe Branscum asked for the authority to gather information on costs and to move on the approval at a later time. See Joe Branscum or Terry Russell with ideas.
14. Mayor Walters welcomed Don Byrom and Matthew DeHart to the City of Russell Springs as being the legal counsel. Contract was presented to the Commission for approval; last paragraph added with a 30 day notice to be relieved of duties to work both ways. Ray Barrett asked regarding insurance; insurance coverage on Mr. Byrom.
15. Mayor Walters made the motion to accept the contract with Byrom and DeHart Law Offices as stated. Carla Grider seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
16. Jimmy Dale Garner addressed the Commission about dog problems; asked about a leash law in the City; Mayor Walters said he will speak with the new attorney on this matter. Chief Irvin stated that we have a County Dog Warden who will attempt to catch animals when called; Mr. Garner stated it could take the Dog Warden two days to respond. Mr. Garner stated a street light was going out on Sullivan Street. Ray Barrett said he would get the number and turn it in to Terry Russell.
17. Brent Kelsey-Lakeway Drive-300-400 tires in an old garage building owned by Ruel Wilson are mosquito and rat infested; prevents Mr. Kelsey's family from enjoying the outdoors. Previous City Attorney sent a notice in 2005; Ray Barrett, H.M. Bottom and EPA have looked at the property. Mayor Walters will discuss this situation with our new attorney and will inform Mr. Kelsey of the steps to be followed.
18. Mayor Walters made the motion to enter executive session at 6:45 p.m. pursuant to KRS 61.810 (c) to discuss possible litigation and 61.810 (f) for a personnel matter that might lead to the appointment, discipline or dismissal of an employee. Joe Branscum seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
19. The Commission reconvened at 7:25 p.m. in open session with no action taken.
20. Mayor Walters made the motion to adjourn. Ray Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.


Brian Walters, Mayor

ATTEST: Wendy Burton
Wendy Burton, City Clerk