

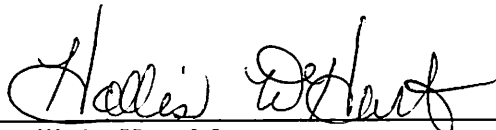
January 8, 2009

The Russell Springs City Council held their regular monthly meeting this date at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. In attendance were Jeanne Hudson, Ramie Hutchison, Jeremy Coffey, Richard Roy, Terry Russell, Brittany Emerson, John Thompson, Derek Aaron, Claradon Wilson, Joey Hoover, Michael Selby, Joe Irvin, Ray Barrett, Lisa Mann, Ricky Barnes, Timmy Hudson, David Blakey, Eric Selby, Don Byrom, Hollis DeHart and Wendy Burton.


1. Mayor Hollis DeHart called the meeting to order.
2. **Ray Barrett made the motion to accept the December 22, 2008 minutes as written. Ricky Barnes seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.**
3. **Timmy Hudson made the motion to pay the bills. Lisa Mann seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.**
4. Mayor DeHart addressed the Council: Members attending the Public Officials Academy next week-pick up your City Officials Legal Handbook; if not attending ask someone to pick up yours for you: Mayor DeHart along with Chief Irvin and the Kentucky League of Cities have been working on a new Police Policy & Procedures Manual-very lengthy; we will email to each council member who has an email address and make copies for the council members who don't-discussion will occur at next month's meeting. Please call several days in advance with items for the agenda. Welcome back old hands from the Commission and new members for the Council; returning members will tell you not an easy job sometimes, not all things are black or white, but varying shades of gray; look forward to working with each member; possibly face tough economic decisions ahead, but we will place problems in hands greater than ours.
5. Mayor DeHart stated the procedure by which to have a Mayor Pro-Tem. (1) nominate from the Council for the next year- an ordinance is required with two readings and publication. (2) appoint a Mayor Pro-Tem at the meeting where a Mayor Pro-Tem is needed. Timmy Hudson suggested an appointment for a year at a time. **Timmy Hudson made the motion to nominate Ray Barrett as Mayor Pro-Tem for the calendar year of 2009. David Blakey made the motion to nominate Eric Selby as Mayor Pro-Tem for the calendar year of 2009. Eric Selby declined the nomination. David Blakey made the motion nominations cease. Motion carried 6-0.** An Ordinance will be prepared for next month's meeting with that being the first reading and second reading in March unless a special meeting is called.
6. Mayor DeHart informed the Council that grants were being applied for regarding sidewalks, downtown revitalization and to build public restrooms at the picnic area in the City Park. Mayor DeHart read Resolution 2009-01- a pre-application through Land and Water Conservation Fund Program to redo the public restrooms at the picnic area in the City Park. Resolution proposes for a 50% of in kind labor, vehicles,

equipment, etc. **David Blakey made the motion to accept Resolution 2009-01 as written. Timmy Hudson seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.**

7. Mayor DeHart stated the following regarding water and sewer: Ordinances 2003-11 and 2004-06 established mandated procedures for the payment of water and sewage services; property owners meter deposit is \$50 and non property owners meter deposit is \$100. Water bills are mailed the last working day of the month with payment by the 15th day of the month. On the 16th day of the month a 10% penalty is added which extends the payment of the bill until the 25th. If bill is still unpaid after the 25th day of the month, water service is discontinued until bill is paid. When customer comes in to pay the bill, he/she must pay the original bill, 10% penalty and \$25 to have the water service reactivated within 24 hours. Additionally if City owned locks are damaged an additional \$25 will be added to replace the lock. The City of Russell Springs has 380 miles of water lines, 65 miles of sewer lines, 400 manholes, 37 lift stations and 8 water tanks. This creates a large maintenance load with men, machines and equipment which are very expensive. The City purchases 28-30 million gallons of water per month and the provider requires a timely payment of this. That is why the City has to charge the \$25 for the reconnect service to encompass one trip to cut off water and one trip to reconnect the water service. Long standing policy and no reason to change.
8. **Timmy Hudson made the motion to adjourn. Ray Barrett seconded the motion. Motion 6-0.**



Hollis DeHart, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Wendy Burton, City Clerk