

October 12, 2006

The Russell Springs City Commission held their regular monthly meeting this date at 6:00 p.m. In attendance were Terry Russell, Jeramy Coffey, Joe Michael Irvin, Wanda Burton, James Osborne, Greg Wells, Olbie Foley, Denver Wilson, Lonnie Bunch, Jacky Burton, Dr. Miles, Dr. Peck, Dr. Jann, Richard Wooldridge, Jeremy Burton, Dr. Westerfield, Dr. Tommy Johnson, Dr. Lawson, Gary Ford, Don Byrom, Matt DeHart, Kelly Morrow, Rose Tarter, Carla Grider, Ray Barrett, Eric Selby, and Wendy Burton.

1. Mayor Eric Selby called the meeting to order.
2. Item #2 on September 19 minutes; progress on Bluebird Drive; problem with citing actual owner; eye-sore; certified letter has been sent; next step constructive notice having court to appoint warning order attorney and/or publish in newspaper, 1<sup>st</sup> priority on attorneys list; move forward.
3. Mayor Selby made the motion to accept the minutes of September 19 as written. Commissioner Tarter seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
4. Commissioner Grider made the motion to adjust the pay scale for the Police Dept Personnel according to the sheet that was passed out in July. Commissioner Tarter seconded the motion. Roll call Vote with Ray Barrett-nay; Kelly Morrow-nay; Eric Selby-nay, Carla Grider-yes, Rose Tarter-yes. Motion fails 3-2.
5. Dr. Richard Miles addressed the Commission regarding the insurance premium tax. His understanding the majority of states does not have this tax; Kentucky does but not done in most of the communities; malpractice is extremely high ranging from approximately \$1,100 to \$11,500 per year. Asking the commission to resend this tax, already paying property taxes and payroll taxes. Feels is an undue burden on small group of people. Insurance premiums have raised 100% in last 5 years. Mayor Selby stated the City has had an insurance premium tax since 1984, which was 6.5% and new ordinance in 2001 with an increase to 10%. Insurance companies receive 1 ½ % of this amount. Mayor along with attorneys will look into this matter to see what can be done. Six surrounding counties had been contacted. They all had this insurance premium tax ranging from 4%-10%. Tax is on all insurance including car insurance.
6. Mayor Selby read the Pride Proclamation for Roadside Pride Month for the month of October. City employees will be used a couple of days for road side cleanup.
7. 1<sup>st</sup> read of Amended Budget Ordinance 2006-08. Amendments were for \$3,000 for Police Dept uniforms, \$48,731 for two police cruisers, and the extra funds agreed to give Dispatch.
8. Jeremy Coffey brought recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Board for a change of property owned by Jeff Wilson on 300 North Hwy 127 be changed from R-2 to C-1 Hwy Oriented Commercial. Hearing had been held on September 28, neighbors contacted, posted for two weeks, no opposition. Mayor Selby made the motion to change property from R-2

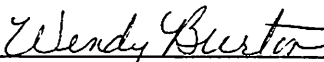
Residential to C-1 Hwy Oriented Commercial. Commissioner Grider seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

9. Mayor Selby informed the commission on the current pay for the Planning & Zoning Board Members. Chairman Coy Harris is paid \$50 per month and also \$33 for cell phone and four members are paid \$25 per month. A lot of time and work goes into this board. Mayor Selby made the motion to increase Chairperson of the Planning and Zoning Board from \$50 a month to \$100 and the members from \$25 a month to \$50. Commissioner Tarter seconded the motion. Roll call; Barrett-yes, Morrow-yes, Selby-yes, Grider-yes, Tarter-yes. Motion carried 4-1.
10. Curtis Hardwick of the Transportation Cabinet spoke with Mayor Selby informing him of money still available, discretionary funds for roads. ~~Needing authority from Commission to fill out application to apply for these funds.~~ Mayor Selby made the motion for the Commission to give himself the authority to fill out the application to apply for discretionary fund money. Commissioner Grider seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
11. On the grade scale, actually have 5 employees not at the correct grade scale, currently at the 05-06 and needing to be at the grade scale of 06-07 fiscal year. 1<sup>st</sup> read of Ordinance 2006-09 updating Classification and Compensation Plan.
12. Commissioner Barrett questioned check in the amount of \$682.27 to USA Bluebook, which was for supplies for water & sewer dept; Monticello Banking for trailblazer payment and Sept 12<sup>th</sup> check to Byrom & DeHart for \$3,405. Byrom said itemized bill available for inspection. Also questioned Delta Dental; deducted from employees paycheck. Byrom stated a great deal of their work involved is litigation. The City has a \$10,000 deductible and \$25,000 deductible for Police Dept. Anything up to \$10,000 deductible sent to Insurance Co., then billed to city. Need to research on this situation.
13. Commissioner Barrett made the motion to amend the budget for \$46,168.69 to pay Gaddie Shamrock for paving of the walking trail at City Park. Commissioner Tarter seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
14. Commissioner Barrett passed out pictures of old dump truck and spreader the City is working with now. Terry Russell researching, found used 2001 GMC dump truck and will get additional quotes by next meeting.
15. Commissioner Morrow questioned Russell on statutes of water project on Main Street. Stated possibly in two weeks ready to request bids. Project will be from stop light to Highway 80. Also reported to commission that all bids had been awarded on maintenance building and framing to start Monday with weather permitting.
16. Commissioner Tarter reported that Fire Dept doing a great job.
17. Attorney Byrom reported on the Cemetery. Had met with Mr. Hoover, said that all liens against property had been settled all but the \$17,000 to Batesville Casket; who will not budge. Recently an additional \$17,000 judgment lien added. Spoke with owner, possibly filing bankruptcy. May

be able at that time to purchase for lesser amount than the \$27,000 which was first quoted. Commissioner Tarter expressed that the City needs to buy the cemetery and a Cemetery Board needs to be established.

18. Mayor Selby made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Grider seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

  
Eric Selby, Mayor

ATTEST:   
Wendy Burton, City Clerk

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