

November 13, 2008


The Russell Springs City Commission held their regular monthly meeting this date at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. In attendance were Raymie Hutchison, Jeanne Hudson, Jeramy Coffey, Richard Roy, Derek Aaron, Sherry Daniel, Scott Redmon, Claradon Wilson, Lisa Mann, Ricky Barnes, Jacky Burton, Joe Irvin, Matthew DeHart, Richard Wooldridge, Timmy Hudson, Wayne Gaskins, Ray Barrett, Don Byrom, Hollis DeHart and Wendy Burton.

1. Mayor Hollis DeHart called the meeting to order.
2. **Wayne Gaskins made the motion to accept the minutes of October 28 as written. Timmy Hudson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.**
3. **Mayor DeHart made the motion to pay the bills. Ray Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.**
4. The Commission heard the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance 2008-09- An Ordinance repealing Ordinance 2007-21 having an error in the legal description.
5. The Commission heard the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance 2008-10 –An Ordinance adopting a modern and accurate legal description of territory previously annexed.
6. Mayor DeHart presented to the Commission an Identity Theft Prevention Program for the Water and Sewer Department. The primary purpose of the program is to protect against the establishment of false accounts and ensure existing accounts are not being manipulated. **Mayor DeHart made the motion to accept the Identity Theft Prevention Program. Wayne Gaskins seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.**
7. **Ray Barrett made the motion to change Scott Redmon from part-time status to full-time. Richard Wooldridge seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0 with Mayor DeHart stating emphasis on the economy, being prepared for the future and last employee hired would be the first employee dismissed.**
8. Mayor DeHart informed the Commission of WGE a corporation from Ohio that has developed a new process to get rid of garbage and trash. A gentleman from Lawrenceburg, Ky. is involved with this. The City is currently paying approximately \$35 per ton to remove the garbage from residents. MXI-the WGE process came to Casey County and met with the County Judge of Casey Co. and asked the Casey County Fiscal Court to either sell or give them land that is next to an electrical switching station to build ovens that will bake all refuse this is sent to them. This would require approximately 100 tons per day to operate. Casey County, Liberty, Russell County, Jamestown, Russell Springs, Campbellsville, Taylor County, Columbia and Adair County have asked to be involved. The costs will be about \$15 per ton to deliver. If this comes to be, the refuse is now taken to Stanford, Casey County would be one-half the distance. WGE has asked for a letter of support for this project; City of Jamestown along with the Russell Co. Fiscal Court have given their letters of support. The

burning process creates a gas under pressure that will turn a turbine that will in turn make electricity that will be sold to RECC. The City of Russell Springs will receive a profit of 8% from this. Mayor DeHart suggested the City prepare a letter of support for this project. **Mayor DeHart made the motion to prepare a letter of support to WGE-MXI. Wayne Gaskins seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.**

9. Mayor DeHart welcomed Ricky Barnes and Lisa Mann new Council members to the meeting.
10. Mayor DeHart informed the Commission that as of January 1, 2009 the Mayor/Commission form of government will cease to be; will be replaced by Mayor/Council which most cities are Mayor/Council Government. Mayor/Council establishes much stronger checks and balances. Mayor/Commission is strictly legislative; now as Mayor, I am just another Commissioner. Mayor/Council the Mayor is the Executive body and the Council is the Legislative body. The Executive body runs the day to day operations, no vote except to break a tie, cannot make motions, presides at the meetings, can hire and fire if necessary. The Legislative body makes and passes ordinances, approves compensation for employees, creates positions, can override a veto by a majority vote plus one which would be five votes. Mayor and Council are co-equal; no one is superior over the other. Assurance that once established Mayor/Council will better equipped to serve the community. Anxious to get started in the new system and looking forward to working with each member. In-service classes will be held in the coming weeks at the local and state level.
11. Mayor DeHart deeply thanked Wayne Gaskins and Richard Wooldridge for their service and dedication to the City of Russell Springs.
12. Christmas Dinner will be December 13 at 6:00 p.m. at the Fire Department building.
13. Timmy Hudson stated the Fire Department had not been very busy, still sending letters for cleanup.
14. Ray Barrett stated work on the Park Maintenance building had resumed.
15. **Ray Barrett made the motion to adjourn. Wayne Gaskins seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.**

  
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Hollis DeHart, Mayor

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Wendy Burton, City Clerk