

June 5, 2009

The Russell Springs City Council held a special called meeting this date at City Hall at 4:00 p.m. In attendance were Greg Wells, Sherri Daniels, Amy Mischler, Anna Mae Grider, Melinda Loy, James Faller, Richard Roy, Wanda Burton, Joe Irvin, Timmy Hudson, David Blakey, Eric Selby, Ricky Barnes, Lisa Mann, Ray Barrett, Don Byrom, Hollis DeHart and Wendy Burton.

1. Mayor Hollis DeHart called the meeting to order.
2. **Lisa Mann made the motion to accept the minutes of May 14, 2009. David Blakey seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.**
3. Mayor Hollis DeHart stated he had given a lot of thought about the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. I have awakened about 2:00 a.m. the last two mornings and would finally get up thinking about the proposed celebration. At one hour I would be for it, and the next against it. I have talked to a lot of people and I think we should really look closely at some real problems that would undoubtedly arise. First, I spoke to Mayor Bates on two occasions today and he informs me that Jamestown is not just canceling the Lakefest, but is only putting it off this year. The main reason, it seems to me is because City Hall has moved and they would have a problem with electrical hook-ups. Next, with construction about to begin on the Justice Center, the room to set up the festivities is extremely limited. I really believe the relations between the two towns would really suffer if we go forward. Next, the very logistics, with this particular time frame would be extremely difficult. Getting singers at this late date, providing fireworks, getting vendors, beauty contests, getting musicians would be most difficult. Now under normal conditions, if we had more time to plan, if we had a person who was very organized, a self-starter to head up a committee of citizens, of which at this time we have neither, it might be different. Now our employees carry a large load of yet some of them have volunteered to take straight time instead of charging overtime, and there would be a lot of overtime. The Downtown Revitalization Committee was planning a Fall Festival or an Octoberfest. Having a 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration would just about sound the death nail on that. I will do whatever the Council decides. Insurance for the event will cost approximately \$700. Questions asked were how far along the Jamestown Committee had gotten on the Lakefest and would they be interested in helping with this celebration? Mayor DeHart stated he didn't know the extent of the Committee. Fireworks are expensive-local man that is licensed to work with fireworks-depends on whether he would do the job. Time frame is critical. Joey Hoover with WJRS would promote and advertise for free. Ray Barrett stated we were not trying to take anything from Jamestown. Sherry Daniel and daughter Rachel will do anything they can to help. Mayor DeHart is waiting for a call from a District Engineer to be able to close Main Street for the celebration. Eric Selby stated he had a small donation for fireworks. **Ray Barrett made the motion to have the 4<sup>th</sup> of**

**July Celebration in Russell Springs. David Blakey seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.**

4. **The Council heard the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Budget Ordinance 2009-04 for 2009-2010. Lisa Mann made the motion to accept Budget Ordinance 2009-04 as written. Ricky Barnes seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Timmy Hudson-aye; David Blakey-aye, Eric Selby-aye, Ricky Barnes-aye, Lisa Mann-aye, Ray Barrett-aye. Motion carried.**
5. **The Council heard the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Amended Budget 2009-05 for 2008-2009. Ray Barrett made the motion to accept Amended Budget 2009-05. Lisa Mann seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Timmy Hudson-aye, David Blakey-aye, Eric Selby-aye, Ricky Barnes-aye, Lisa Mann-aye, Ray Barrett-aye. Motion carried.**
6. **David Blakey made the motion to adjourn. Timmy Hudson seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.**

  
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**Hollis DeHart, Mayor**

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**Wendy Burton, City Clerk**