The Russell Springs City Council held their regular monthly meeting this date at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. In attendance were Claradon Wilson, Ramie Hutchison, Joey Hoover, Derek Aaron, John Thompson, Richard Roy, Jeramy Coffey, Joe Irvin, Athena Cooper, Ray Barrett, Lisa Mann, Ricky Barnes, Timmy Hudson, David Blakey, Eric Selby, Matthew DeHart, 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 June 24. David Blakey seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.
- Ray Barrett questioned a bill paid to Carl's Auto Care. This was a park vehicle sent to Louisville to pick up blow-ups for SpringFest and vehicle locked up. Timmy Hudson was called; he was tied up on another call and couldn't respond for 2 ½ to 3 hours. Ray Barrett questioned why another towing service in the county wasn't called. Also a bill to Wilson & Deal 2 Way; he was informed this was coded to the Fire Department. Ray Barrett made the motion to pay the bills. Timmy Hudson seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.
- 4. The Council heard the 2nd reading of Amended Water and Sewer Rates Ordinance 2010-06. Ray Barrett questioned the amount of increase; City Attorney Matthew DeHart stated approximately \$1.00 on inside rates; David Blakey stated the City had <u>no choice</u> in increasing rates. Eric Selby made the motion to accept Ordinance 2010-06. David Blakey seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.
- 5. Mayor DeHart informed the Council he received a letter dated June 23, 2010 regarding the Interlocal E-911 Agreement from the Russell County Ambulance Board to terminate the Interlocal E-911 Agreement pursuant to Section 10 of said agreement giving 120 days of notice. A letter dated July 7, 2010 to Mr. James Gray, Russell County Ambulance Board Chair was the resignation of Athena Cooper, Council for Russell County Ambulance Board. A letter dated June 30, 2010 to Mayor DeHart and Council Members from Judge Executive Mickey Garner stated again that the Ambulance Board had voted to terminate the Interlocal E-911 Agreement and the County would be taking over the system. With all that said, Judge Garner stated approximately \$201,000 would need to be raised to cover costs. Mayor DeHart stated Judge Executive Mickey Garner came by July 6. Mayor DeHart stated he cannot recommend at this time to return to the way it was previously; yes we have to have ambulances and 911. Mayor DeHart pointed out inflated items in the 911 budget. Garnishments-\$5,705.00 is not an expense to an entity, but rather an order from a Judge for wages to be withheld. Wages increased from \$116,589.21 to \$160,743.67; a one year raise of \$44,154.00 Mayor DeHart read a partial letter he has started to Judge Executive Mickey Garner stating 2008 was the last donation from the City of \$42,000 over and above the CMRS money, taxes collected and money collected by

ambulance services for runs. Mayor DeHart asked for many explanations including training, reserve fund, medical insurance and the mapping service. Management has been lax in financial matters. Mayor DeHart stated his recommendations: 1) AUDIT; 2) IMPROVE PERSONNEL DRAMATICALLY 3) CADS \$38,000 with HIGH MAINTENANCE COSTS 4) MAPPING- HAVE A PART-TIME PERSON 1-2 DAYS A WEEK, REMAINDER OF TIME- A DISPATCHER. David Blakey asked was mapping ongoing? Mayor DeHart stated with reverse 911 all existing housing was numbered with only new construction needing numbers. Ray Barrett asked regarding the Ambulance budget? Mayor DeHart stated possibly inflated. Mayor DeHart stated a person of previous management stated he could run the system without funding from the other entities and he did. David Blakey asked why giving the system to the KSP would increase the ISO? Eric Selby stated the telephone company had actually stopped the tax being placed on land lines several years ago. Timmy Hudson stated just to cut expenses. Mayor DeHart stated he had a chart that the City could possibly be charged for every call that is made. Eric Selby stated then Eli Fire Department and South Russell with no Government would not have to pay a tax. Mayor DeHart stated more questions need to be answered on the Ambulance budget: David Blakev agreed with Mayor DeHart.

- 6. Mayor DeHart informed the Council approximately \$49,000 is in the Municipal Road Fund for blacktopping. \$10,000-\$12,000 has to remain for road salt for winter leaving \$37,000 some of which needs to remain for emergencies. Blacktop is \$80 per ton. Mayor DeHart placed Ray Barrett, Lisa Mann and Ricky Barnes on a Prioritize Committee to recommend roads for blacktopping.
- 7. The Council was informed that Triple D Construction has rented the old Water plant at the City Park for \$600 per month for 6-12 months.
- 8. Disagreements over the survey at the old Police Department. A line agreement or easement will have to be done with a neighbor to satisfy the disagreement. Also the HVAC is out at old Police Dept. building; two different bids 1) 2,000 BTU & 3,000 BTU units \$12,000 2) 5,000 BTU unit will change air handler; approximately \$5,000. Proceed with the lowest bid.
- 9. Ray Barrett made the motion to adjourn. Ricky Barnes seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Hollis DeHart, Mayor

Wendy Burton, City Clerk