

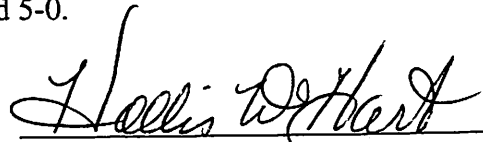
September 11, 2008


The Russell Springs City Commission held their regular monthly meeting this date at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. In attendance were Joey Hoover, Ramie Hutchinson, Jeanne Hudson, Richard Roy, Jeramy Coffey, Derek Aaron, Brittany Emerson, Claradon Wilson, Michael Bray, Joe Irvin, Amy Wooldridge, Timmy Hudson, Richard Wooldridge, Ray Barrett, Wayne Gaskins, Don Byrom, Matthew DeHart, 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 August 14. Richard Wooldridge seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
3. Mayor DeHart made the motion to pay the bills. Richard Wooldridge seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
4. The City Commission heard the 1st reading of Ad Valorem Tax Ordinance 2008-08 setting the tax rate at 17.4 cents per \$100 of assessed value. Mayor DeHart stated the rate is based on revenue from increase or decrease of taxable real property assessments from 2007-2008. If increase in revenue is more than 4% after exclusions of new property added to tax roll during 2008; the prior year rate is reduced. Because of a slight decrease of revenue from property taxes, tax rate for 2008 will be 17.4 cents compared to 17.2 cents in 2007. That is 2 tenths of .01 increase which is negligible.
5. Richard Wooldridge informed the Commission he had contacted Ronnie McGaha and H.M. Bottom regarding the name of the road where he resides. Road has never been named; the Wooldridge family moved to this area in 2002 with Amy Wooldridge being very instrumental in helping clean the existing area. Richard Wooldridge asked that the road be named Amy Wooldridge Lane. Ray Barrett made the motion to name the road where Richard Wooldridge resides "Amy Wooldridge Lane". Timmy Hudson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
6. Mayor DeHart was approached by Larry Skaggs who is heading up the Committee to collect donations to pay for the Doughboy. Would the City contribute to that fund? Questions asked: had City of Jamestown and Russell Co. Fiscal Court responded; What amount of money is asked for; Would each entity contribute the same amount of money? Richard Wooldridge made the motion to allow Mayor DeHart look into the Doughboy and return with an answer at the next meeting. Ray Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
7. Discussion regarding the Senior Citizens shortfall. Lake Cumberland Community Action Agency (LCCAA) say they cannot afford to keep a full time (8 hours per day with insurance) Aging Director without the assistance of Russell County Fiscal Court, City of Jamestown and City of Russell Springs. Under Mayor Brian Walters the City received grants and loans to build the Senior Citizens Center with little or no help from anyone else. Russell Co. Fiscal Court and the City did costs share on the parking

lot with the City building a walking area with Cherry Trees. Total costs well over \$1,000,000. LCCAA pays the City \$1,300 per month with a yearly total being \$15,600; The City of Russell Springs pays South Kentucky RECC \$2,500 per month with a yearly total being \$30,000. The City of Russell Springs loses \$14,400 each year and now we are asked to supplement the director's salary. The director is not an employee of the City of Russell Springs, rather an employee of LCCAA. Mayor DeHart stated he could not ask the citizens of Russell Springs to take on this responsibility.

8. Mayor DeHart and Jeramy Coffey met with the director of Transportation this week. The intention was to put new street lights down Main Street. Merchants had been spoken to. Thought everything was fine; thus entered the State. Our original ideas were to have lights and decorative lights down this side of street. City would run conduit that would meet KU requirements and have plug ins at every light to run Christmas lights, etc. The way it is now, no Christmas lights can be lit. State says they require a 42" deep ditch; the City cannot comply with that because of water and sewer lines, gas lines, etc. Held out very little hope to accomplish this. Costs would be approximately \$5,000. Other ways would be more costly. Mayor DeHart will keep everyone up to date on this situation.
9. Timmy Hudson stated two volunteer firemen have been certified, one other one still working on certification. Check Express brought cake and ice cream for a remembrance of 911; invitation to everyone to stop by.
10. Richard Wooldridge informed the Commission that several complaints had been received; bad batch of water from Jamestown- will continue to flush lines to help problem; complaints of sewer problems on Maple Street, in front of Russell Sportswear building and Loy's Mid Town- these complaints have been taken care of.
11. Ray Barrett stated Jeramy Coffey along with park employees had installed a fence around the new basket ball court with a savings of approximately \$3,600
12. Wayne Gaskins informed the Commission the Police Department had received 25-30 applications. All applicants who are not trained will be sent for the POPS test on Monday September 29. Then move forward from there.
13. Richard Wooldridge made the motion to adjourn. Timmy Hudson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.


Hollis DeHart, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Wendy Burton, City Clerk