## September 9, 2010

The Russell Springs City Council held their regular monthly meeting this date at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. In attendance were Richard Roy, Elaina Andrews, Joey Hoover, Aron Houdini, Claradon Wilson, John Thompson, Kim Graham, Tim Fisher, Joe Irvin, Timmy Hudson, David Blakey, Eric Selby, Ray Barrett, Lisa Mann, Ricky Barnes, Athena Cooper, Hollis DeHart and Wendy Burton.

- 1. Mayor Hollis DeHart called the meeting to order.
- 2. David Blakey made the motion to accept the minutes of August 12. Lisa Mann seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.
- 3. Ricky Barnes made the motion to pay the bills. Ray Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.
- 4. Ray Barrett commended Mayor DeHart for the resurfacing of several roads within the City; David Blakey stated part of the sidewalk on Hwy 379 needed repair.
- 5. The Council heard the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the Ad Valorem Tax Ordinance 2010-07 for 2010.
- 6. Mayor DeHart addressed unrestrained pets; pets are loved and part of our families, but within the City Limits pets have to be under control (on a leash); we do not want to pick up dogs and take the animals to the pound; Responsibility is going to have to be taken by the owner; Fines can be from \$100 to \$500 in Russell Springs.
- 7. David Blakey made the motion to give the Chamber of Commerce \$100 to sponsor a Golf Hole. Ricky Barnes seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.
- 8. Lisa Mann made the motion to purchase the \$850 ad through the Russell County Tourist Commission magazine. Ray Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.
- 9. Mayor DeHart informed the Council he had an invitation to the Russell County Fiscal Court meeting Monday September 13. In his capacity as Mayor, he has no authority to make decisions of how much if any money to put in that operation, he felt like the cart was before the horse if decisions are made Monday night without an audit report. David Blakey suggested the two cities and the county meet together to come up with a solution. October 19 is the last day for the 911 system to be in effect and if need be the City of Russell Springs will establish a telephone number that residents may call and reach an operator and a Russell Springs Police Officer after 4:00 p.m. supposing the Ambulance Building can still be called between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Fiscal Court members have a tough job, but before any decisions are made data needs to be examined. Mayor DeHart stated we pay 3.8 cents per \$100 real property and 5 cents per tangible, we expect something from this tax. Double taxation for the people who live inside the City. Charge everyone the same tax.
- 10. Special called meeting will be September 21, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. for the audit presentation.

- 11. Saturday, September 11 will be Open House 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.
- 12. Aron Houdini gave an update on the Downtown Revitalization and the Haunted House. Over 2,000 volunteer hours have been spent on the Haunted House and it will be competing in a National Competition. Aron Houdini asked the City to sponsor a meet and greet event for a gentleman who played in the Ernest movies. Eric Selby made the motion to sponsor the event with \$300. Lisa Mann seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.
- 13. Eric Selby stated a vehicle was seen on the Walking Trail at the City Park. No gates to prevent access and signs have been removed. Mayor DeHart said he would see what could be done to prevent access.
- 14. Eric Selby made the motion at 6:32 p.m. pursuant to KRS 61.810 1 (c) to enter into executive session for pending litigation. David Blakey seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.
- 15. Eric Selby made the motion to reconvene from executive session at 6:50 p.m. David Blakey seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.
- **16.** No action was taken.
- 17. Ray Barrett made the motion to adjourn. Timmy Hudson seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Hollis DeHart, Mayor

Wendy Burton, City Clerk