

August 10, 2017

The Russell Springs City Council held their regular monthly meeting this date at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. In attendance were John Thompson, Alan Lawson, Charles Gossett, Brian Stephens, Jeramy Coffey, Joe Irvin, Ray Barrett, Chari Bennett, Mike Scales, Chintu Patel, Jim Lieb, Billy Selby, Ben Oaks, Joan Brashear, Stuart Carmen, David Blakey, Sherry Daniel, Ricky Barnes, Larry Skaggs, Timmy Hudson, Eddie Thomas, Matthew DeHart, Eric Selby and Wendy Burton.

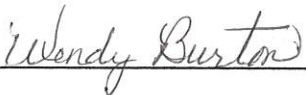
PRAYER WAS SAID BY TIMMY HUDSON.

1. Mayor Eric Selby called the meeting to order.
2. **Larry Skaggs made the motion to accept the July 13 minutes. Ricky Barnes seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.**
3. **Timmy Hudson made the motion to pay the bills. Eddie Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.**
4. The Council heard the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance 2017-04 Sunday Sales Amendment to the City's Alcohol Beverage Control Ordinance. Mr. Larry Skaggs stated he is a "non-drinker", so is Sunday Sales –Respect or a Sin? Sunday is a day of worship-God's day, stop on Sunday-needs to be stopped on Wednesday Night also and on Saturday for the Seventh Day Adventist. If it is a sin: a drink for me is a "sin". He received three calls for Sunday Sales, 1 call against Sunday Sales. While as a Coroner-had 2 cases directly related to alcohol; wondering why drug problem is not being looked at like Sunday Sales are. He stated he is a God-fearing man; was used against me in election. ALCOHOL IS HERE-GET USED TO IT. Mr. Alan Lawson-Valero-challenged the no votes to his store to take a survey. Losing 4% on Sunday Sales. John Thompson along with Mayor Selby working on a possible polling site. Ms. Sherry Daniel asked Alan Lawson how long Valero had been in business? Mr. Lawson stated he thought since 1998. Ms. Daniel asked how had they made a living if they were losing money since alcohol sales had only been here over a year? An Outback will not locate here because of enough people and the medium income. The election was for Monday through Saturday Sales, then the law changed allowing the City to vote on Sunday Sales. Ms. Daniel had received one call to vote no. Charles Gossett stated 4 ½ million people come to Lake Cumberland each year. City needs restaurants, hotel and truck stop. Sunday Sales equals or surpasses Monday through Wednesday Sales. Mr. David Blakey stated progress will not happen overnight. Ms. Sherry Daniel stated the City has been working on growth. Mr. Eddie Thomas asked would there be discussions tonight and at next meeting? Chintu Patel stated only way to come with a sit-down restaurant and a Hampton Inn or Holiday Inn would be with Sunday Sales. Mr. Patel urged Council to vote for Sunday Sales.
5. The Council heard the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance 2017-05 Ad Valorem Tax for the City of Russell Springs, Kentucky for 2017. New tax rate is .168 per \$100.00 of property. City had an increase in assessment of \$7,914,600.00.
6. Mayor Selby and Chief Joe Irvin conducted interviews for the Russell Springs Police Department. Nathan Antle will be the new officer for the Department. Trained, interviewed well.
7. Russell Springs Police Department have had the same uniforms for 17 years; company has discontinued these uniforms. Will change uniform company; color is dark blue; approximately \$6500 to outfit everyone; alcohol money may pay a portion of costs.

8. Mayor Selby stated he attended a cookout at Dr. Schneider's on August 4 for their Plant #2. Wolfgang and Tordstum spoke; very pleased; currently have 320 employees, by December 31, 2017 400 employees. As of current date, enough contracts to continue till 2022. Needing employees.
9. John Thompson requested everyone purchase a Times Journal with Dr. Schneider news; stated Wolfgang was excited about a branded Hotel; clients/owners stay 4-6 months at a time; 10-12 rooms weekly.
10. **Eddie Thomas made the motion to adjourn. David Blakey seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.**



Eric Selby, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Wendy Burton, City Clerk