October 12, 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, Mike Scales, Richie Stephens, Jason Edmonds, Jim Lieb, Brian Stephens, Joe Irvin, 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. Eddie Thomas made the motion to accept the September 14 minutes. Ricky Barnes seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.
- 3. Timmy Hudson made the motion to pay the bills. Ricky Barnes seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.
- 4. Sherry Daniel informed the Council regarding a "Mass Call System"- same company that does the Russell Co. School System. A \$750 one time set up fee-approximately \$5250.00 annually with unlimited calls. Also attended "Reach Alert" at KLC Fall Convention about the same; Mayor Selby asked that each Council Member receive the information to review.
- 5. Trunk or Treat-October 31 on Main Street from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Local churches and individuals along with Lake Cumberland Break-Away Project will participate. Ask that a Public Service Announcement be placed on WJRS and WHVE.
- 6. The 2017 Property Tax Bills will be mailed on October 16; tax bills paid by November 30 will receive a 2% discount.
- 7. Mayor Selby informed the Council a new business will be locating in Russell Springs-"Huddle House" in the Taco Bell building. Owner Jamie Hicks will employee 40 full time people, opening date March 1, 2018. Also, Malachi will reopen within the next 3-4 weeks. Possibly research tax incentives for both restaurants.
- 8. Sherry Daniel informed the Council she spoke with the Millers from Somerset-Goodwill. Sherry will contact the Millers to see about a presentation for the Council.
- Mayor Selby stated the Retail Strategy meeting that was held in Alabama on October 3-4
 was very beneficial to Russell County. Contact names were received to attract new
 businesses to our area. Complete information package would cost approximately \$800.00
- 10. Jason Edmonds with Lake Cumberland Breakaway Project said they were grateful for their donation last year through the ABC Regulatory Fees; wanted to see if the City would be able to help with a donation this year. LCBP has been open over 1 year, with meetings the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Selby said the Council would have an answer next month.
- 11. Sherry Daniel informed the Council regarding the "Angel Program" that was presented at the KLC Fall Convention. She will get the information to Jason Edmonds.
- 12. Richie Stephens came before the Council-RSVF member; Ask had the Council ever risked their life for the City- all RSVF members have; Council makes 5 times what a volunteer fireman makes-understands that the Fire Department cannot be paid; also Dr. Schneider Company is a blessing to the community. David Blakey stated that the last 2-3 years the Mayor and Assistants have worked hard to get people to locate here. Mr. Stephens asked where a college graduate could get a job to make a decent living in Russell County/Russell Springs with an accounting degree-Council stated Russell County Hospital, Dr. Schneider,

and Stephens Pipe & Steel. Living in a rural area doesn't compare to living in a metropolitan area. At last month's meeting, the no vote, sale of alcohol is six days a week-how does our town benefit from no Sunday Sales? Timmy Hudson said to rely on God; Eddie Thomas stated the drug problem is as bad now or worse than when alcohol came. Ricky Barnes said that the City was gaining plenty of revenue from alcohol. Mr. Stephens wondered how so many people attended last month's meeting, City of Jamestown only had media when they voted for Sunday Sales. Eddie Thomas stated he had great respect for Richie-RSVF and Joe-RSPD. City Attorney Matthew DeHart asked each Council member if they had anything else to say. All stated NO. Mr. Stephens read two Kentucky Revised Statutes. He also stated to look at the whole picture.

13. David Blakey made the motion to adjourn. Eddie Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Larry Skaggs had left the meeting.

Eric Selby, Mayor

ATTEST: Wendy Burton

Wendy Burton, City Clerk