## September 14, 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, Jim Lieb, Jeff Womack, Richie Stephens, Dev Smith, Jim Smith, Jane A. Coffey, R E Bryant, Linda Stephens, Roger & Virginia Garner, Glenna Thomas, Scott Proctor, Kate Proctor, Janett Grant, Deborah Schuman, David ?, Wes Bottom, Billy Dunbar, Jimmy Dunbar, Isaac Dunbar, Jim Spivey, Dennis Price, Lynette Price, Emile Stephens, Charles Edwards, Pastor & Sis Cornett, Joan Brashear, Debbie Hooper, Jackie Aaron, Jack Hudson, Phillip Weston, Jim Heathman, Mary Lee Eads, Alan Gosser, Paul & Marilyn Aaron, Ray Barrett, Dale Carey, Bill Mullins, Corey Hayes, Tracy Stephens, Liana McQueary, Barry Stephens, Scott Allen, David Grider, Krista & Lexie Grider, Joe & Elaina Grider, Randy & Tammy McFall, Chris Rexroat, Wayne Radford, Kuthbert Eastham, Chintu Patel, Jason Polston, Stacey Perkins, Dylan Perkins, Chris Stapp, John Meincken, Billy Selby, Ethan Selby, Alan Lawson, Daniel ?, Charles Gossett, Jeff Jones, Brian Stephens, Jeramy Coffey, 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 DENNIS PRICE.

- 1. Mayor Eric Selby called the meeting to order.
- 2. Larry Skaggs made the motion to accept the August 10 minutes. David Blakey seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.
- Eddie Thomas made the motion to pay the bills. Timmy Hudson seconded the motion.
  Motion carried 6-0.
- 4. Mayor Eric Selby stated his thoughts: In February of this year, he was introduced to Chintu Patel, after phone calls and emails from Jeramy Coffey and Mayor Selby to Mr. Patel, a meeting was set up for Jeramy Coffey along with Mayor Selby to travel to Indiana to tour Mr. Patel's businesses. Mr. Patel voiced an interest in coming to Russell Springs for his next commercial development. Mr. Patel was informed regarding the City of Russell Springs owning 10 acres on Hwy 127, South of the Cumberland Parkway. Mr. Patel inquired regarding Sunday Sales and being told the City did not have Sunday Sales stated it would be difficult to recruit a restaurant and a Class A Hotel, possibly be a B or C rated hotel. After several months with a local bank checking his past history and credit rating, Mr. Patel was approved to purchase approximately 50 acres in Russell Springs, land belonging to the City and 2 other Russell County families. In a previous meeting, the Council requested to have a vote for Sunday Sales to be revisited and to have a poll also. Last Saturday, John Thompson, Sherry Daniels, David Blakey and myself met at the Times Journal office to check results. Unofficial voting revealed 191 votes, with 31 voting no and 160 voting yes. Mayor Selby stated it is not all about Sunday Sales, it is also about growth. We have an opportunity to grow and move forward.
- 5. Speakers for/against Sunday Sales: Lindsey Cornett-Pastor of Bernard Ridge Church of Godplead with Council/Mayor to vote "No". Mary Lee Eads-City not growing, money going out of town, vote "Yes". Dennis Price-little evidence to enhance amenities, alcohol still most lethal vote "No". Scott Proctor-Pastor West 80 Church of God, we will lose more than we have gained vote "No". Charles Gossett-should be for City Limits only, would like to see families stay here instead of having to leave the County vote "Yes". Alan Lawson-Valero, loss of approximately 5% because of Sunday Sales vote "Yes". Kuthbert Eastham-been

Magistrate, Council Member, Mayor vote "No". Corey Hayes-opposes alcohol sales, progress is not measured in dollars and cents vote "No". Lynette Price-issue is completely about alcohol, majority opinion is not always correct, alcohol is not the answer, vote "No". Debbie Schuman-Tourism Chairman, tourists coming here want nice hotels, restaurants vote "Yes". Richie Stephens-RSVFD-alcohol can be horrible, everything has to be done in moderation, choices/freedom, vote "Yes". Wayne Radford-Christian, used to drink, nothing good comes from drinking, vote "No". David Blakey-voted for Sunday Sales before, will vote "Yes" again. Eddie Thomas-Alcohol has been here since February 2016, Council members were reelected 1,2,3,4, will vote "No". Larry Skaggs-alcohol not good, but it is a Free Country; wants progress for the City; need to consider Seventh Day Adventist, Wednesday Night; major drug problems that need to be resolved. Dennis Price-tremendous drug problem, prevailing issue is alcohol, takes everyone to be involved to start to make a difference. Sherry Danielhave drank in the past, want the City to move forward, make a positive impression. Emily Stephens-it's not all about revenue, what do we gain if we lose more souls in the process?

- 6. The Council heard the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance 2017-04 Sunday Sales Amendment to the City's Alcohol Beverage Control Ordinance. David Blakey made the motion to accept Ordinance 2017-04 as written. Larry Skaggs seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Mr. Skaggs-yes; Mr. Hudson-no; Mr. Thomas-no; Mr. Barnes-no; Ms Daniel-no; Mr. Blakey-yes. Motion failed with four (4) votes-no and two (2) votes -yes.
- 7. The Council heard the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance 2017-05 Ad Valorem Tax Ordinance for 2017. Sherry Daniel made the motion to accept Ad Valorem Tax Ordinance 2017-05. Timmy Hudson seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Mr. Blakey-yes; Ms. Daniel-yes; Mr. Barnes-yes; Mr. Thomas-yes; Mr. Hudson-yes; Mr. Skaggs-yes. Motion carried 6-0.
- 8. Larry Skaggs made the motion to accept the 2017-2018 Interlocal E-911 Agreement. Sherry Daniel seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.
- 9. Sherry Daniel asked could the City research "alerts" for boil water advisories, closings, etc. Reach Alert will be at the KLC Fall Convention; possibly obtain information from them.
- 10. Mayor Selby informed everyone Festival at the Springs will be October 20 and 21. Gospel singing on Friday night featuring Cumberland Thunder, The Higginbotham's and Driven. Saturday night concert will be Smithfield and Chase Bryant. Beauty pageants will be held Saturday September 23.
- 11. Larry Skaggs made the motion to adjourn. Timmy Hudson seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

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Wendy Burton, City Clerk