

RUSSELL SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2018  
6:00 P.M.

The Russell County City Council held a special called meeting on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Room at Russell Springs City Hall. Those in attendance were Mayor Eric Selby, Council Members David Blakey, Timothy Hudson, Eddie Thomas, Ricky Barnes, Sherry Daniel, Larry Skaggs, City Attorney Matthew DeHart, ABC Officer Jeramy Coffey, ABC Investigator Brian Stephens, and City Clerk Christopher Ramsey.

**WELCOME:** Mayor Selby called the meeting to order and welcomed all those present. Mayor Selby reminded everyone that with it being a special called meeting only the item listed could be discussed.

**RUSSELL SPRINGS CITY CEMETERY:** Mayor Selby gave a brief history of how and why the Russell Springs City Cemetery was managed by a local group of volunteers. Mayor Selby said about seven years ago, Noel Godby, Terry Stephens and a few others met with Mayor Hollis DeHart and requested that the City of Russell Springs take over the day-to-day operations of the cemetery. Mayor DeHart and the council was reluctant to do so at the time with several liens being placed on the property due to bad debts from the previous owner.

Noel Godby addressed the council to let them know that as of February 13, 2018; the Russell Springs City Cemetery has a free and clear title. With the assistance of Mr. Tony Kerr, the last property lien was removed. Mr. Godby said that with the help of donations his group has also been able to pay, FastGrass to mow and maintain the property for one-hundred-seventy five dollars per week.

Councilman Blakey asked if the city does in-fact take over the cemetery, would we have a board overseeing the operations? Mayor Selby said that he had already asked City Attorney DeHart to start researching different structuring options the city would have if ownership was taken.


Bridget Popplewell said she has all of the plots mapped and digitally stored. Ms. Popplewell said it would be good to have all of the information at a central location like city hall.

Mayor Selby asked Mr. Godby would it be possible for his group to take care of the property for an additional thirty days until the city can get their paperwork in order. Mr. Godby said he did not have a problem with that.

**Councilman Blakey made a motion to accept the Russell Springs City Cemetery property and assets into the ownership of the City of Russell Springs with Councilman Thomas seconding. The vote was unanimous.**

Matthew DeHart gave a brief explanation of what the city will need to do to establish a board and an ordinance will need to have a first and second reading for ownership transfer to take place. At the next city council meeting Mr. DeHart will have a ordinance prepared for the first reading and changes can be made after the first reading.

**ADJOURNMENT: Councilman Thomas made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Councilman Skaggs seconding. All was in favor.**

  
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Eric Selby, Mayor

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Christopher Ramsey, City Clerk