

RUSSELL SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2018
6:00 P.M.

The Russell Springs City Council held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, March 8, 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, Police Chief Joe Michael Irvin, ABC Officer Jeremy Coffey, ABC Investigator Brian Stephens, and City Clerk Christopher Ramsey.

Opening prayer was led by Mr. Jeric Devore

WELCOME: Mayor Selby called the meeting to order and welcomed all those present.

MINUTES: Mayor Selby presented the minutes from the February 8, 2018 meeting and February 13, meeting. **Councilman Larry Skaggs made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilman Barnes seconding. The vote was unanimous.**

PAY BILLS: Mayor Selby submitted a list of regular bills to be approved. **Councilman Thomas made a motion to pay the bills with Councilman Barnes seconding. The vote was unanimous.**

HIGHWAY 127 FENCE UPDATE: Mr. Jeremy Coffey said all easements have been obtained and there are a few property owners who did sign the easement but would like to leave their part of the fence up for safety reasons. Mr. Coffey stated that currently the city is looking at an estimated cost of \$18,500 for surveying, monuments and removal of the fence. Mr. Coffey asked for permission to proceed with this project. Mayor Selby said this project is roughly 2.2 miles of fence removal along both sides of HWY 127. Mayor Selby stated that he had been given financial commitments in the amount of \$1,100 from local businesses and individuals to help with the funding of this project. **Councilman David Blakey made the motion to give Mayor Selby the full authority to proceed with the HWY 127 Project with Councilman Skaggs seconding. The vote was unanimous.**

POLICE ROSTER UPDATE: Chief Irvin let the council know that Assistant Chief Jamie Rogers has officially retired and that Sargent Troy Young expected retirement date will be at the end of March. Sargent Young's retirement is pending due to his audit by the Kentucky Retirement System.

ORDINANCE 2018-01: Second reading of Ordinance 2018-01 (Water Rate Increase) was read in its entirety by City Attorney Matthew DeHart. **Councilman Blakey made the motion to accept Ordinance 2018-01 with Councilman Hudson seconding. The vote was unanimous.**

ORDINANCE 2018-02: Second reading of Ordinance 2018-02 (Sewer Rate Increase) was read in its entirety by City Attorney Matthew DeHart. **Councilman Barnes made the motion to accept Ordinance 2018-02 with Councilman Daniel seconding. The vote was unanimous.**

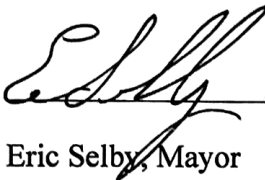
ARTWORKS: Mrs. Cheryl Adams, a board member of ArtWorks a non-profit organization with a mission to help provide all people in the community with a quality arts education. Mrs Adams requested a donation from the council to help several underprivileged Russell Springs children attend the art classes. **Councilman Blakey made the motion to give a donation of \$500 with Councilman Hudson seconding. The vote was unanimous.**

RUSSELL SPRINGS CEMETERY: First reading of Ordinance 2018-03. Mayor Selby said he was contacted by a couple of folks that would like to serve on the cemetery board; Ms. Lisa Mann and Mr. Ray Barrett. Mayor Selby said he would gladly take them up on the offer to serve. Ms. Mann and Mr. Barrett would not be able to start serving on the board until after the second reading of the ordinance. Also, Mayor Selby stated that he would have Brian Stephens and Jeramy Coffey to be over the cemetery operations during the initial phase.

FIREFIGHTERS LIFE INSURANCE POLICY: Mayor Selby stated we have eighteen active firefighters and that providing a life policy for these volunteer firefighters has been done for several years. If these policies are renewed, it costs the city \$112 per policy holder. **Councilman Skaggs made the motion to continue to provide the life insurance policies for the firefighters for another year with Councilman Thomas seconding. The vote was unanimous.**

SAFE ROOMS: Mayor Selby stated he spoke with Russell County Emergency Manager Coordinator H. M. Bottom about a new safe room to be constructed by the Russell County Fiscal Court on the lot by the Russell Springs Fire Department Building. It will be no cost to the City of Russell Springs. Currently, the fire department building is open during bad weather.

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


Eric Selby, Mayor

Attest: 
Christopher Ramsey, City Clerk