

RUSSELL SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2019
6:00 P.M.

The Russell Springs City Council held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, May 9, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Room at Russell Springs City Hall. Those in attendance were Mayor Eddie Thomas, Council Members David Blakey, Timothy Hudson, Ricky Barnes, Sherry Daniel, Larry Skaggs, Tommy Holt, City Attorney David Smith, Police Chief Joe Michael Irvin, ABC Administrator Jeramy Coffey, Code Enforcement Officer Brian Stephens, and City Clerk Christopher Ramsey.

Opening prayer was led by Jeric Devore

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

MINUTES: Mayor Thomas presented the minutes from the regular meeting held on April 11th. **Councilman Skaggs made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilman Blakey seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

CASH DISBURSEMENTS & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: Mayor Thomas submitted cash disbursements and financial statements to be approved. **Councilman Hudson made a motion to accept the cash disbursements and financial statements with Councilman Barnes seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

LCADD 50th Year of Service: Mayor Thomas presented a plaque of appreciation to Darryl McGaha, Executive Director of the Lake Cumberland Area Development District for their fifty years of service to the City of Russell Springs and the Lake Cumberland Area.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS: Mayor Thomas announced that this year David Blakey, Tom Holt, & Timmy Hudson will be reviewing the scholarship applications and choosing two winners of the 2019 City of Russell Springs' College Scholarships.

RURAL ROAD AID AGREEMENT. Clerk Ramsey read the Rural Road Aid Agreement Resolution 2019-01. **Councilman Holt made a motion adopt Resolution 2019-01 with Councilman Hudson seconding. Motion Carried. Vote was unanimous.**

SHIRLEY ROBERSON – RUSSELL COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT HEALTH STUDYASSESSMENT:

Ms. Shirley Roberson presented information to the Mayor and Council about the health and welfare of the community.

RUSSELL COUNTY JAYCEES: Mr. David Burke and Mr. Dustin Matthews spoke about the possibility of their organization applying for a grant from the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund, (50/50 Match Fund) (Tobacco Settlement Money) that would help assist financially with building a facility that would be used for agricultural educational purpose. The Jaycess in conjunction with the Russell County Conservation Office would be the grant applicators and as plans are focused, Mr. Burke plans on attending a city council meeting to seek funding assistance from the city. **Councilman Blakey made a motion to table this discussion until a later date with Councilman Skaggs seconding. Motion Carried. Vote was unanimous.**

HIRING OF LIFE GUARDS: Mayor Thomas requested that Mr. Jeramy Coffey explain to the council the hiring process and the details of the grant that the Lake Cumberland Area Development District has offered the city to help offset the cost of the lifeguards. Mr. Coffey stated he planned on having seven employees on the grant, the grant will pay appropriately \$2,400 per employee. This will be an estimated cost savings to the city of

approximately \$16,800 in payroll expense. The LCADD will pay those employees on the work program directly. The city would pick up the cost of the remaining staff not covered by the grant. Mr. Coffey has estimated that we would need to hire roughly 14 employees to cover the pool rotations. Councilman Skaggs made a motion to hire the lifeguards for the pool with Councilwoman Daniel seconding. **Motion Carried. Vote was unanimous.**

SALT BID: Mayor Thomas asked City Clerk Christopher Ramsey to give an update on the salt bid. Mr. Ramsey let the council know that this year was the first time the City of Russell Springs has participated in a reverse online auction. This bid was facilitated through the Kentucky Associations of County Officials (KACO). IBG Magic Salt of Kentuckiana, LLC won the bid at \$105.00 per ton. If the City agrees to accept this bid, the City would be agreeing to purchase a minimum of 140 tons of sale for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Councilwoman Daniels made a motion to accept the bid from Magic Salt for the 2019-2020 fiscal year with Councilman Holt seconding. **Motion Carried. Vote was unanimous.**

SURPLUS PROPERTY AND VEHICLES: Mayor Thomas discussed the need to surplus a backhoe, several vehicles and property on main street.

Councilman Blakey made a motion to sell the vehicles listed on the surplus sheet with Councilman Skaggs seconding. Motion Carried. Vote was unanimous.

Councilman Barnes made a motion to sell the 1999 Case backhoe listed on the surplus sheet with Councilman Holt seconding. Motion Carried. Vote was unanimous.

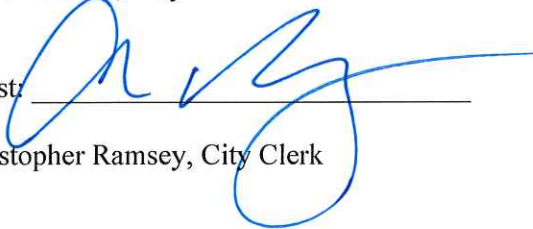
Councilman Skaggs made a motion to sell the property at 205 Main Street with a minimum threshold bid of \$38,000.00 with Councilman Blakey seconding. Motion Carried. Vote was unanimous.

Mayor's Update: All of the Welcome to Russell Springs signs are being taken down and freshened up. They should be back up in a few weeks. New reflective road signs will be put in place of the older non-reflective signs over the summer. Next month the City of Russell Springs notification application should be ready to go live starting next month. Five Star will be opening May 23rd of this month.

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



Eddie Thomas, Mayor

Attest: 

Christopher Ramsey, City Clerk