

RUSSELL SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2019
6:00 P.M.

The Russell Springs City Council held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, August 8, 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, Ricky Barnes, Timmy Hudson, Sherry Daniel, Tom Holt, Larry Skaggs, City Attorney David Smith, Police Chief Joe Michael Irvin, ABC Officer Jeramy Coffey, Code Enforcement Officer Brian Stephens, and City Clerk Christopher Ramsey.

Opening prayer was led by Dennis Price

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Larry Skaggs

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 July 11, 2019. **Councilman Holt made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilman Barnes seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

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

UPDATE ON SALE OF SURPLUS OF VEHICLES: Clerk Ramsey gave an update that all surplus vehicles have been sold and have been taken off of the city insurance policy. The sealed bids took place on July 26th and brought the total of sold surplus items to \$21,456 dollars.

ROSS, SINCLAIRE & ASSOCIATES (BOND SALE): Mr. Bryan Skinner and Wendell Emerson of Ross, Sinclair and Associates gave a presentation of the City Council of what savings could happen if the City Council chooses to refinance the bonds. Mr. Skinner is projecting a savings of \$306,000 dollars of savings. Mayor Thomas let the council know that there would be a special called meeting on Monday, August 5th at 7:00 am to have further discussions.

RESCUE SQUAD: Mayor Thomas and the City Council presented a donation check to the Russell County Rescue Squad with Rick Godbey accepting on behalf of the organization.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PURSUANT TO KRS 61.810, (1) (B): **Councilman Holt made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to KRS 61.810, (1)(B) to discuss the potential of purchasing real property with Councilman Hudson seconding. Motion Carried. Vote was unanimous. Russell Springs City Council went into executive session at 6:18 pm.**

Councilman Holt made a motion to come out of executive session with Councilman Barnes seconding. Motion Carried. Vote was unanimous. Russell Springs City Council came out of executive session at 6:27 pm. Mayor Thomas announced that no action was taken in executive session.

Councilwoman Daniel made a motion to authorized Mayor Thomas to negotiate and purchase the Gill Hammond property located next door to City Hall with Councilman Blakey seconding. Motion Carried. Vote was unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Councilwoman Daniel asked if speeding could be address down Old Columbia Road. Police Chief Irvin said he would look into it.

Councilwoman Daniel thanked Brian Stephens for power washing Main Street.

Councilman Skaggs requested that Mayor Thomas consider a different option as a vehicle for Safety Officer Richard Roy to drive. Mr. Skaggs stated several citizens had mentioned to him that the current vehicle look a bit rough.

Mayor's Update:

Mayor Thomas let the council know that audit has begun for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

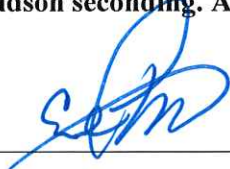
Mayor Thomas informed the council that negotiations are progressing with Mayor Nick Shearer about the two cities entering into a Water/Sewer contract.

Mayor Thomas wanted the public to know that the Utility Department will be starting a project of scoping all sewer lines. Mr. Thomas did not want the public to be alarmed seeing folks down in manholes.

Mayor Thomas acknowledged and congratulated Officer Nathan Antle's recent award from the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

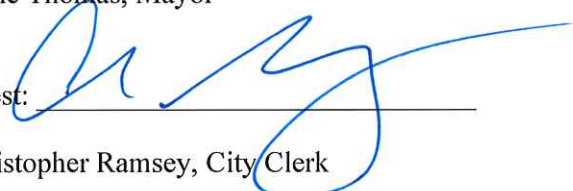
Mayor Thomas let the council know that Mr. Clete McAninch will be the 2019-2020 School Resource Officer.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilwoman Daniel made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Councilman Hudson seconding. All was in favor.



Eddie Thomas, Mayor

Attest: _____



Christopher Ramsey, City Clerk