

RUSSELL SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2019
6:00 P.M.

The Russell Springs City Council held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, September 12, 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, Public Works Director Terry Russell, and City Clerk Christopher Ramsey.

Opening prayer was led by Larry Huckaby

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 August 8, 2019 and the special called meeting held on August 12, 2019. **Councilman Skaggs made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilman Holt seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

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

BOND UPDATE: Clerk Ramsey gave an update to the Council about the refinancing of the USDA Bonds. The City had a very successful bond sale on September 4th, the new interest rate was lowered from 4.58% to 2.95% saving the city \$384,865 and reduced the term of debt by nine years.

READING OF RESOLUTION 2019-03 APPROVING WATER PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF JAMESTOWN: Attorney Smith read Resolution 2019-03. Councilwoman Daniel made a motion to accept Resolution 2019-03 with Councilman Holt seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.

READING OF RESOLUTION 2019-04 APPROVING WASTEWATER TREATMENT AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF JAMESTOWN: Attorney Smith read Resolution 209-04. Councilman Barnes made a motion to accept Resolution 2019-04 with Councilman Holt seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.

E-911 AGREEMENT: Mayor Thomas informed the council that the current E-911 was about to expire and it is time to renew if the council so chooses. Attorney Smith read the E-911 agreement between City of Russell Springs, Russell County Fiscal Court, and Russell County Ambulance Board. Councilwoman Daniel made a motion to renew the E-911 Agreement for another year at the cost of \$25,000 dollars with Councilman Hudson seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.

1ST READING OF ORDINANCE 2019-04 – AN ORDINANCE LEVYING THE ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAX ON REAL, PROPERTY, MOTOR VEHICLES AND MOTOR BOATS AND OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR CITY PURPOSES IN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF RUSSELL SPRINGS, KENTUCKY FOR THE YEAR 2019. Attorney Smith read the ordinance in its entirety. Ordinance 2019-04 is sponsored by Councilman Holt. Mayor Thomas informed the Council that he is calling a special called meeting for the 2nd reading of the ordinance on Monday, September 16, 2019 at 7:00 a.m.

MAIN STREET/DOWNTOWN BEAUTIFICATION RENEWAL PLAN: Mayor Thomas and City Council are partnering up with local business in downtown Russell Springs to make the area look better. The grant package will either cover materials if the business should choose to repaint their buildings and/or the City will

cost share if the business decides to install a new awning on their building. Mayor Thomas and the Council hopes this will help breathe some life back into downtown Russell Springs. Also, Mayor Thomas let the everyone know that the City has purchased a sweeper truck with the assistance of the Russell County Industrial Development Authority. The sweeper truck should be cleaning up Main Street in the next few weeks.

Mayor's Update:

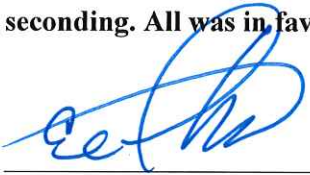
Taco Bell submitted plans to the Zoning Board earlier this week and those plans were approved. The potential Taco Bell would be building on the lot between Russell County Kwik Lube and Kroger Gas Station. Taco Bell coming back to Russell Springs is not a done deal just yet, but it does increase the favorable outcome with them submitting plans to the Zoning Board.

Mayor Thomas let the Council and public know that the purchase of the property beside City Hall was finalized earlier this week. The old radio station was torn down and hauled off by the Utility Department workers. Mayor Thomas thanked Terry Russell and his guys for doing the task in a quick and orderly fashion.

Festival at the Springs will be October 4th and 5th this year.


October 12th will be Hope For The Homeless Night at the City Park. Mayor Thomas invited everyone to sleep out that night in the park to raise awareness of homelessness in Russell Springs.

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