

RUSSELL SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2020
6:00 P.M.

The Russell Springs City Council held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Room at Russell Springs City Hall. Those in attendance were Mayor Eddie Thomas, Council Members Ricky Barnes, Sherry Daniel, Larry Skaggs, Tom Holt, Timmy Hudson, and David Blakey, City Attorney David Smith, Police Chief Joe Michael Irvin, Assistant Police Chief Melissa Taylor, ABC Administrator Jeramy Coffey, Code Enforcement Officer Brian Stephens, and City Clerk Christopher Ramsey.

Opening prayer was led by Councilman Holt

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Larry Skaggs

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

ROLL CALL: Council Members in attendance, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Blakey, Ms. Daniel, Mr. Holt, Mr. Hudson, and Mr. Skaggs.

MINUTES: Mayor Thomas presented the minutes from the regular meeting held on December 12th and the special called meeting held on December 18th. **Councilman Blakey made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilwoman Daniel seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

CASH DISBURSEMENTS & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: Mayor Thomas submitted cash disbursements and financial statements for November 2019 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.**

CONGRESSMAN COMER'S OFFICE: Mrs. Sandy Simpson spoke on behalf of Congressman James Comer. Mrs. Simpson gave a brief update and announced that she will be holding officer hours in the near future at Russell Springs City Hall. Dates and hours will be announced at a later date.

CLASS ACTION OPIOID LAWSUIT: Mr. Smith explained the City of Jamestown and the Russell County Fiscal Court has joined a class action opioid lawsuit. The City of Russell Springs has been asked to join in the suit as well. Mr. Smith explained that if the city chooses the lawsuit it would be at no cost unless a settlement is reached. A local firm, Helm, Shearer and Wilson is representing the City of Jamestown and the Russell County Fiscal Court. Mayor Thomas said he would bring it back up at the next meeting after everyone has had a chance to think over it.

Mayor's Update:

Mayor Thomas let the council know that a Water & Sewer Maintenance/Repair account has been opened at Citizens National Bank. These set aside monies are to be used for grant matches, maintenance, and repairs for Water & Sewer projects only.

The property behind K-Mart is being developed by Brad Vaughn. He is in the process of building a 12,000 sq foot building that will house a Hop, Skip, and Play (a children's bouncy playhouse) and a laundry mat. In the future, he plans on building an apartment complex and storage units on the 9 acre development.

Parking ordinance is still be reviewed by the attorneys at the Kentucky League of Cities (KLC) and KLC is working with Mr. Smith to make sure that the city will be in compliance with state law in respect to this ordinance.

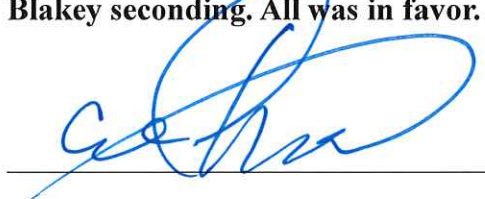
Baldwin and Associates CPAs are wrapping up the 2018-2019 audit and hope to have it ready for submission to the City Council at the February meeting.

The city park will be operating under winter operations hours until further notice. The city park will be open Monday – Sunday from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm.


City Hall will be closed on January 20, 2020 in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. This will be the first time the city will observe this holiday.

Mayor Thomas thanked Police Chief and the Russell Springs Police Department for their service and dedication to our city.

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



Eddie Thomas, Mayor

Attest: 

Christopher Ramsey, City Clerk