

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

The Russell Springs City Council held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, December 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 Ricky Barnes, Sherry Daniel, Larry Skaggs, Tom Holt, and David Blakey, 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 Pastor Don Emerson, Russell Springs Christian Church

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, and Mr. Skaggs. Absent Mr. Hudson

**MINUTES:** Mayor Thomas presented the minutes from the regular meeting held on November 14<sup>th</sup> and the special called meetings held on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. **Councilman Holt made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilman Skaggs seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

**CASH DISBURSEMENTS & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** Mayor Thomas submitted cash disbursements and financial statements for October 2019 to be approved. **Councilwoman Daniel made a motion to accept the cash disbursements and financial statements with Councilman Skaggs seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

**HEALTH INSURANCE DISCUSSION:** Mayor Thomas let the council know that insurance companies were contacted in obtaining bids for the City's Health Insurance Policy. Clerk Ramsey informed the council that our current healthcare agent, Gary Godby, had closed his business and the City had negotiated a new contract with the Kentucky League of Cities/Grider Insurance as the agent of choice. The City had been notified by Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield that the current healthcare plan was going up 12.4%. By entering into a new contract and new plan the City was able to provide a comprehensive healthcare plan to the employees and lower the overall rate. The new plan with Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield will go into effect January 1, 2020.

**PVA BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT APPOINTMENT:** Mayor Thomas appointed Troy Coffey to a two year term on the PVA Board of Adjustments. Mr. Coffey's appointment will begin on January 1, 2020. Mayor Thomas thanked Darryl McQueary for serving the last two years.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** **Councilman Holt made a motion to go into closed session under KRS 61.810(1)(f) for discussion or hearing which might lead to the appointment, discipline, or dismissal of an individual employee with Councilman Blakey seconding. Motion Carried. The Vote was unanimous. The Russell Springs City Council went into Executive Session at 6:09 pm.**

**LEAVE EXECUTIVE SESSION:** **Councilman Barnes made a motion to come out of closed**

session under KRS 61.810(1)(f) with Councilwoman Daniel seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous. The Russell Springs City Council came out of closed session at 6:40 pm. No action was taken during the closed session.

**COUNCIL QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:**

Councilwoman Daniel thanked Brian Stephens for all his hard work on making the Firehouse look great for Fire Chief HM Bottom's Fire House dedication. Also, Councilwoman Daniel thanked all involved with the Christmas Parade.

Councilman Skaggs requested an update on the parking ordinance. Mayor Thomas said it was under review with the KLC Attorney and will present it to the council as soon as it is ready.

**Mayor's Update:**

Taco Bell has broken ground this past month. Their target opening date is around the middle of March 2020.

Gentry Mill Road and Milton Heights have been blacktopped.

Entrance of Roy Drive was been widened.

City Hall will be closed on Dec 24<sup>th</sup> & Dec 25<sup>th</sup> for the Christmas Holiday.

Property by the old ready mix property has been cleaned up.

Mayor Thomas thanked all involved with the Christmas Parade for making it a successful event.

Mayor Thomas and the City Council wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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



Eddie Thomas, Mayor

Attest:



Christopher Ramsey, City Clerk