

RUSSELL SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2020  
6:00 P.M.

The Russell Springs City Council held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, March 12, 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, Timmy Hudson, Tom Holt, and David Blakey, City Attorney David Smith, Police Chief Joe Michael Irvin, Code Enforcement Officer Brian Stephens, and City Clerk Christopher Ramsey.

Opening prayer was led by Tom Holt

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Larry Skaggs

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

**ROLL CALL:** City Clerk Christopher Ramsey performed the 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 February 13, 2020 and the special called meeting held on February 24, 2020. **Councilman Holt 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 January 2020 to be approved. **Councilwoman Daniel made a motion to accept the cash disbursements and financial statements with Councilman Blakey seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

**WATER/SEWER CLERK DISCUSSION:** Mayor Thomas brought up the discussion of Deputy Clerk Wanda Burton's intention to retire next year and that it is important that we go ahead and hire someone to help out upfront as one of the current clerks would take over the Deputy Clerk role leaving the front shorthanded. Mayor Thomas asked the council to create a new Water/Sewer Clerk position. **Councilman Holt made a motion to create a new Water/Sewer Clerk position with Councilman Skaggs seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

**RESOLUTION #2020-02:** Clerk Christopher Ramsey informed the council that the Kentucky League of Cities has requested their support for Kentucky House Bill 434 and has requested a resolution stating support of the bill. Clerk Ramsey brief the council on the issues with the Kentucky Retirement System and what HB 434 would hope to accomplish. Mayor Thomas stated his support for the HB 434 and believes it will be the best for the employees and will also be beneficial for the City of Russell Springs City Government. **Councilman Skaggs made a motion to pass Resolution #2020-02 in support for HB 434 with Councilman Holt seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

**CUMBERLANDS WIOA YOUTH OJT/WORK EXPERIENCE GRANT:** Mayor Thomas explain to the council the details of the grant that the Lake Cumberland Area Development District has offered the city to help offset the cost of the summer help. This grant pays for young adults ages 18-24 years to work at various jobs throughout the City and helps the young adults an opportunity to gain workforce experience. This program pays \$8.00 per hour for a total number of 300 hours. This grant is at no cost to the City. **Councilman Hudson made to participate in the Cumberland's WIOA Youth OJT/Work Experience Grant with Councilwoman Daniel seconding. Motion Carried. Vote was unanimous.**

**RENEW FIREFIGHTER'S LIFE INSURANCE POLICY:** Mayor Thomas let the council know it was that time of year, that we need to renew the life insurance policies for the City Volunteer Firefighters. Mr. Thomas also let that this item was already included in this year's budget. **Councilman Blakey made a motion to renew the Russell Springs Volunteer Firefighter's life insurance policy with Councilwoman Daniel seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

**Mayor's Update:**

Mayor Thomas gave an update on the new computer system and server system that was installed earlier this week. It was the first major computer system updated in thirteen years.

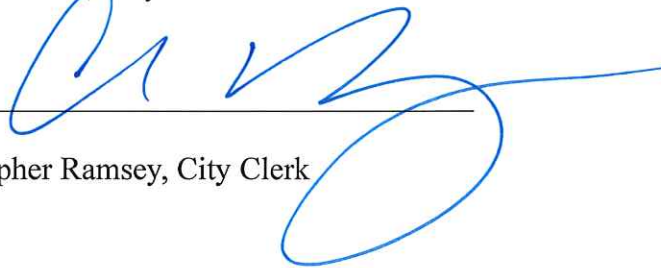
Several members along with Mayor Thomas attended the Lake Cumberland Health Department's briefing on COVID-19. Mr. Thomas thanked the staff of the LCHD for the update. Also, Mayor Thomas encouraged everyone to stay calm and work together to get through this.

**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