

RUSSELL SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2020  
6:00 P.M.

The Russell Springs City Council held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, September 13, 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, Interim Police Chief Melissa Taylor, Code Enforcement Officer Brian Stephens, ABC Administrator Jeramy Coffey, City Attorney David Smith, and City Clerk Christopher Ramsey.

Opening prayer was led by Larry Huckaby, Pastor of Pickett's Chapel Church

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 August 13<sup>th</sup>. **Councilman Blakey 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 for July 2020 to be approved. **Councilman Holt made a motion to accept the cash disbursements and financial statements with Councilwoman Daniel seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

**RESOLUTION 2020-04 – DESIGNATE SEPTEMBER 2020 AS “CITY GOVERNMENT MONTH”:** Clerk Ramsey read Resolution 2020-04. **Councilman Skaggs made a motion to accept Resolution 2020-04 as presented with Councilman Hudson seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

**RESOLUTION 2020-05 – CARES ACT:** Clerk Ramsey read Resolution 2020-05. Mayor Thomas let the council know that he was planning on applying for the Cares Act monies and would need this resolution to apply. **Councilman Blakey made a motion to accept Resolution 2020-05 as presented with Councilman Barnes seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

**RESOLUTION 2020-06 – MORGAN SANITATION:** Clerk Ramsey read Resolution 2020-06. This resolution gives Mayor Thomas the authority to negotiate and sign a new contract with Morgan Sanitation. **Councilwoman Daniel made a motion to accept Resolution 2020-06 as presented with Councilman Larry Skaggs seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

**US CENSUS 2020 – KEN HAMILTON:** Mayor Thomas welcomed Mr. Hamilton and gave the floor to him. Mr. Hamilton spoke of the importance of all Citizens of Russell Springs filling out their 2020 Census.

**FIRE HOUSE REPAIR DISCUSSION:** Fire Chief H.M. Bottom explained the need to repair the roof on the Fire House and asked the Council for permission to proceed with the project. Mayor Thomas said that he had spoke with a couple of local companies that do roof repair and got a few estimates. He estimated that it could cost around thirty-two thousand dollars. **Councilman Holt made a motion to repair the Fire House with Councilwoman Daniel seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

**2nd READING OF ORDINANCE 2020-04 – CLOSING PORTION OF WALNUT LANE:** Mr. Ramsey read a summary of Ordinance 2020-04 sponsored by Councilwoman Daniel. **Councilwoman Daniel made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-04 with Councilman Blakey seconding. Motion Carried 5-1; Yea – Barnes, Blakey, Holt, Skaggs, Daniel. No – Hudson.**

**2nd READING OF ORDINANCE 2020-05 – CLOSING PORTION OF BURD ROAD:** Clerk Ramsey read a summary of Ordinance 2020-05 sponsored by Councilman Barnes. **Councilman Holt made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-05 with Councilwoman Daniel seconding. Motion Carried 5-1; Yea – Barnes, Blakey, Daniel, Holt, Skaggs. No – Hudson.**

**1st READING OF ORDINANCE 2020-06 – 2020 PROPERTY TAX RATES:** Clerk Ramsey performed the first reading of Ordinance 2020-06 sponsored by Councilman Holt.

**COUNCIL QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:**

Councilman Holt thanked the administration for removing the dead trees at the park.

Councilwoman said the park was looking good this year and commended parks department.

Councilman Barnes asked about the status of the stop light at the corner of Main Street & Jamestown Street. Mayor Thomas said the State Hwy Department has not given any updates to him.

**Mayor's Update:**

Mayor Thomas gave an update on the new Police/ABC Building, the building is still progressing and is about 80% completed at this time. He thanked city employee Jeramy Coffey for overseeing the project.


New Dollar General Store is being constructed across from the Russell County High School. Construction has already started.

City Hall will make an announcement in the next couple of weeks concerning the status of the Harvest Walk/Truck-or-Treat on Main.

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

Signed:  \_\_\_\_\_

Eddie Thomas, Mayor

Attest:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Christopher Ramsey, City Clerk