

RUSSELL SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2020
6:00 P.M.

The Russell Springs City Council held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, June 11, 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, Police Chief Joe Michael Irvin, Assistant Police Chief Melissa Taylor, and City Clerk Christopher Ramsey.

Opening prayer was led by Sherry Daniel

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 May 14, 2020. **Councilwoman Daniel 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 April 2020 to be approved. **Councilman Holt made a motion to accept the cash disbursements and financial statements with Councilman Hudson seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2020-02 – ORDINANCE FOR ANNUAL BUDGET – FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021: Clerk Ramsey performed Ordinance 2020-02 as the first reading. This ordinance was sponsored by Councilman Blakey.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2020-03 – AMENDED ORDINANCE FOR ANNUAL BUDGET – FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020: Clerk Ramsey presented Ordinance 2020-03 as the first reading. This ordinance was sponsored by Councilman Hudson.

MUNICIPAL ROAD AID COPPERATIVE PROGRAM AGREEMENT: Mayor Thomas let the council know that they needed to vote on an amended road aid agreement that the Municipal Road Aid Office had sent down. Originally, the council had voted to accept \$50,572.48 at a special called meeting on February 24, 2020. The Commonwealth of Kentucky had to amend their budget to reflect the funds lost by COVID-19, this resulted in the City of Russell Springs receiving less monies. Clerk Ramsey read the resolution to enter into an agreement with the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Department of Transportation, Municipal Road Aid Agreement. Mayor Thomas said the new amount for the 2020-2021 Municipal Road Aid will be \$44,370.75. **Councilman Blakey made a motion to accept resolution 2020-03 with Councilman Barnes seconding. The vote was unanimous.**

INTERLOCAL ROAD AGREEMENT WITH THE RUSSELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT:

Mayor Thomas explain to the council that it was time to renew our annual agreement with the Russell County Fiscal Court and Fifth District Magistrate Larry Holt. Clerk Ramsey presented the Interlocal Agreement Road Agreement to the Council. **Councilman Blakey made a motion to accept the Interlocal Road Agreement with the Russell County Fiscal Court with Councilwoman Daniel seconding. Motion Carried. Vote was unanimous.**

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT – AUDIT FIRM: Mayor Thomas let the council know he and the clerk have been interviewing several audit firms. Mayor Thomas said that KLC had recommended to change audit firms periodically. Mr. Thomas and Mr. Ramsey said they both feel comfortable with going with RFH PLLC. **Councilman Blakey made a motion to enter into a contract with RFH, PLLC to handle the City’s future audits with Councilman Hudson seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

Council Questions:

Councilman Skaggs had a question about speed limit on main street and asked if an additional patrol could be added. Councilmember Holt agreed. Police Chief Irvin said that he would address the situation.

Councilwoman Daniel asked if the City is planning on having Dowell Road repair/blacktopped. Mayor Thomas let everyone know that Dowell Road should be completed in the next couple of weeks.


Mayor's Update:

Mayor Thomas gave an update that three new business are opening up in the City of Russell Springs. AB Gymnastics, Cotton Mill, and KY Valley Music Company.

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



Eddie Thomas, Mayor

Attest: 

Christopher Ramsey, City Clerk