

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

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

Opening prayer was led by Tommy 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 June 11<sup>th</sup> and special called meetings held on June 15<sup>th</sup> and June 25<sup>th</sup>. **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 May 2020 to be approved. **Councilman Holt made a motion to accept the cash disbursements and financial statements with Councilman Blakey seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

**CROSS WALK & PARKING ON MAIN STREET UPDATE:** At the previous City Council Meeting, Councilmember Skaggs had requested more information on adding a cross walk and additional parking spaces on Main Street, close to the Billy Grider Stage. Mayor Thomas gave the council an update that Clerk Ramsey had submitted a request with Kentucky Hwy District 8, to add the additional parking spaces. The submittal process has been officially started. Mayor Thomas said that as new information comes available, he will let the council know.

**CITY PARK AND JOSEPH SMITH HAYES MEMORIAL SWIMMING POOL UPDATE:** City Pool, Basketball, and Shelter Rentals have been approved to begin per the Lake Cumberland District Health Department. The City has teamed up with the Lake Cumberland Hospital and Russell County Swim Team to use the pool as well.

**RUSSELL COUNTY JAYCEES DEMOLITION DERBY:** The Russell County Jaycees requested that Mayor Thomas let the council and citizens know that the Jaycee's Demolition Derby will be held as planned on July 11<sup>th</sup>. The Jaycees requested everyone to follow proper COVID-19 Health requirements if they plan on attending. That includes wearing a mask and following social distancing.

**Council Questions:**

Councilwoman Daniel had a question concerning the Festival at the Springs was still a go for the October dates. Mayor Thomas said he will check with Downtown Revitalization Committee and report back at the next meeting.

**Mayor's Update:**

Mayor Thomas let everyone know that Russell County Jailer Bobby Dunbar has invited everyone to a flag raising ceremony at the Russell County Detention Center at 2:00 pm.

ABC/Police Building is still progressing and is about 45-50% completed at this time.

Mayor Thomas thanked everyone for dropping off food and showing their support for all of city employees.

TJ Sampson is planning on having an open house and ribbon cutting this coming week. Clerk Ramsey will send out any updates to the council as dates and times become available.

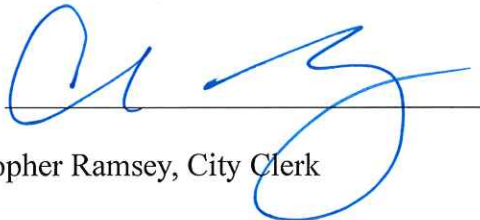
Retirement of Police Chief Joe Michael Irvin: Mayor Thomas presented a plaque for 24 years of outstanding service to the City of Russell Springs. All in attendance gave Police Chief Irvin a hearty round of applause and standing ovation. Several Councilmembers thanked Mr. Irvin for his service.

Melissa Taylor will step in as the Acting Police Chief for the next 30-60 days. The Kentucky League of Cities (KLC), will be assisting with the search for a new Police Chief.

**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