

RUSSELL SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2020
6:00 P.M.

The Russell Springs City Council held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, October 8, 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, 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 Donnie Emerson, Pastor of Russell Springs First 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: City Clerk Christopher Ramsey performed the roll call. Council Members in attendance, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Blakey, Ms. Daniel, Mr. Hudson, and Mr. Skaggs. Absent: Mr. Holt

MINUTES: Mayor Thomas presented the minutes from the regular meeting on September 9th and a special called meeting on September 21st. **Councilwoman Daniel 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 August 2020 to be approved. **Councilman Blakey made a motion to accept the cash disbursements and financial statements with Councilwoman Daniel seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

CHECK PRESENTATION TO RUSSELL COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD: Mayor Thomas presented a check in the amount of \$2,500 to the Russell County Rescue Squad Chief Rick Godbey and Assistant Chief Joe Branscum. Mayor Thomas also pointed out the City Council allocated these monies in the budget. Mr. Godbey thanked Mayor Thomas and each council member for supporting the rescue squad's mission.

RUSSELL COUNTY TOURISM: Jeanette Marson, Executive Director of the Russell County Tourism Commission gave a report of the 2019 tourism economic impact on Russell Springs & Russell County.

MUNICIPAL ORDER 2020-01 - FIRE DEPARTMENT BANK ACCOUNTS: Clerk Ramsey read Municipal Order 2020-01 sponsored by Councilman Skaggs. This Municipal Order gives the City Clerk the authority to combine all of the Fire Department bank accounts into one account. **Councilwoman Daniel made a motion to accept Municipal Order 2020-01 as presented with Councilman Hudson seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Councilman Blakey made a motion to go into executive session per KRS 61.810(1)(C) to discuss proposed or pending litigation with Councilman Hudson seconding. **Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous. Russell Springs City Council went into executive session at 6:15 pm.**

LEAVE EXECUTIVE SESSION: Councilwoman Daniel made a motion to come out of executive session under KRS 61.810(1)(C) with Councilman Barnes seconding. **Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous. Russell Springs City Council left executive session at 6:40 pm.** Mayor Thomas stated that no action was taken in executive session.

COUNCIL QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

Councilman Skaggs thanked the 911 mapping administration for assisting him with finding out his certified business address.

Councilman Blakey inquired about the construction trucks in front of the former K-Mart building. Mayor Thomas said that Kroger is in the process of updating their store and the area in front of the former K-Mart building is the holding area for those materials.

Mayor's Update:

Mayor Thomas gave an update on the new Police/ABC Building, the building is still progressing and is about 90% completed at this time.

New Dollar General Store is about thirty days or so to be ready for a grand opening of the facility.

Harvest Walk/Trunk-or-Treat on Main, might be cancelled this year due to Covid-19. A final decision will be made next week and Mayor Thomas will let the council and public know.

Blacktopping of roads: Rose Street, Sherry Lane, Village Drive, Shepherd Drive, Tonkin Drive, Old Sano Road Cut-Thru, and Sharon Ann Road are being completed by Gaddie Shamrock in the next few weeks. Rose, Sherry and Village were completed today.

Mayor Thomas encouraged everyone to vote in the upcoming election and if you have not filled out your census please do so. The census helps determine how much federal assistance could receive.

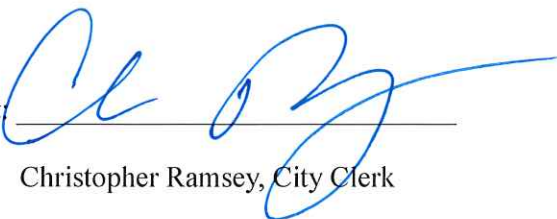
Police Chief applications need to be in no later than 4:00 pm on Monday, November 16th. The police chief hiring committee will be comprised of a city councilmember, city clerk, city attorney, two business citizen members, a citizen at-large member, a representative from the Kentucky League of Cities. This committee will help narrow down the applications and take the top applicants to Mayor Thomas.

Mayor Thomas let the council know that he has not received an update from KYTC District 8 office concerning the stop light at the end of Main Street. Mr. Thomas hoped to have an update at next month's meeting.

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

Signed:  _____

Eddie Thomas, Mayor

Attest:  _____
Christopher Ramsey, City Clerk