

RUSSELL SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2021
6:00 P.M.

The Russell Springs City Council held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, May 13, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Room at Russell Springs City Hall. Those in attendance were Mayor Eddie Thomas, Council Members Tom Holt, Sherry Daniel, Larry Skaggs, Timmy Hudson, Ricky Barnes and David Blakey, Police Chief Tim Pierce, Economic Development Director Jeramy Coffey, Code Enforcement Officer Brian Stephens, City Attorney David Smith, and City Clerk Christopher Ramsey

Opening prayer was led by Dennis Price, Associate Pastor with First United Methodist 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. Holt, Mr. Blakey, Ms. Daniel, Mr. Hudson, Mr. Barnes and Mr. Skaggs.

MINUTES: Mayor Thomas presented the minutes from the regular meeting on April 7th. **Councilman Skaggs made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilman Hudson seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

CASH DISBURSEMENTS & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: Mayor Thomas submitted cash disbursements and financial statements for March 2021 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.**

DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY: Mrs. Lindsey Westerfield gave a presentation on Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.

RUSSELL COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – BASSMASTER TOURNAMENT: Mr. Stephen Hill thanked Mayor Thomas and the Council for sponsoring the Bassmaster event held on Lake Cumberland this past week. Mr. Hill stated that the event hosted 994 anglers from all over the country and gave the local economy an estimated boost of approximately \$1.28 million dollars.

KENTUCKY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT DISTRICT 8 UPDATE: Mr. James Jones, Chief District Engineer for KY Hwy District 8, presented some updates of concerning the former stop light on the corner of Main Street and Hales Hwy.

RUSSELL SPRINGS MUNICIPAL ROAD AID AGREEMENT: Mayor Thomas announced that the City of Russell Springs in the upcoming fiscal year will be receiving \$49,577.65 from the Municipal Road Aid Fund. That is approximately a five-thousand dollar increase from last year. Clerk Ramsey read Resolution 2021-02; Resolution adopting and approving the execution of a Municipal Road Aid Co-op Program Contract between the Incorporated City and the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Transportation Cabinet, Department of Rural and Municipal Aid for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021. **Councilman Holt made a motion to accept Resolution 2021-02 as read with Councilman Barnes seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

RUSSELL SPRINGS CV-UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROJECT RESOLUTION: Clerk Ramsey read Resolution 2021-03 in its entirety. Resolution 2021-03; gives Mayor Thomas authority to enter into and file a grant application to be submitted to the Kentucky Department for Local Government for funding under the Community Block Grant. **Councilwoman Daniel made a motion to accept Resolution 2021-03 as read with Councilman Hudson seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAX UPDATE: Mayor Thomas asked Clerk Ramsey to give the Council and update concerning the 2020 delinquent property taxes; Mr. Ramsey let the council know that approximately 97.5% of

taxpayers have paid and that under current ordinance his office is required to publish the delinquent tax roll for three consecutive weeks before filing property liens.

POLICE CHIEF PIERCE UPDATE: Chief Pierce gave the council an update of police activities for the last month and that all but one police vehicle is now marked. Chief Pierce also requested the authorization to add two part-time officers to the police roster. **Councilman Holt made a motion to hire two part-time officers with Councilwoman Daniel seconding. Motion Carried 5-1. Yeas: Barnes, Blakey, Holt, Hudson, Daniel. Nays: Skaggs**

Several council members thanked Chief Pierce and the police department for a job well done.

STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS: Mayor Thomas gave his State-of-the-City Address. (Full text of the speech is archived in the clerk's office).

COUNCIL DISCUSSION: Mayor Thomas asked the council if they had anything; **Councilwoman Daniel made a motion to donate \$500 to the Russell County HonorGuard with Councilman Holt seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

MAYOR'S UPDATE: Before Mayor Thomas gave his Mayor's update, Mr. Thomas apologized to Mr. Richard Shively for not having the paperwork ready to close the road by his property.

Trash in the City Limits: The police department has been giving out warning this past month but now will begin issuing citations for littering.

Code Enforcement Officer Brian Stephens will begin sending out notices to residents that have not mowed their lawns.

Mayor Thomas thanked Jailer Bobby Dunbar, County Judge Gary Robertson, and State Hwy for having their crews, mow, weeding, and picking up trash along the road on Hwy 127.

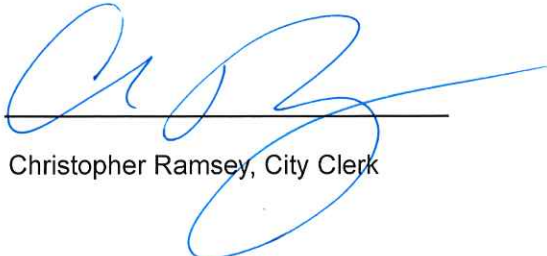
Mayor Thomas let the council know that he and Mr. Ramsey has started working on the 2021-2022 budget. Mr. Ramsey will be setting up a time to go over the budget with everyone hopefully by mid-May with a first reading before June 1st.

Pool will be opening on Memorial Day Weekend.

Mayor Thomas introduced and welcomed new police officer Kyle Wilson.

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

Signed: 
Eddie Thomas, Mayor

Attest: 
Christopher Ramsey, City Clerk