## RUSSELL SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL MEETING REGULAR MEETING THURSDAY, JULY 8, 2021 6:00 P.M.

The Russell Springs City Council held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, July 8, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Room at Russell Springs City Hall. Those in attendance were Mayor Eddie Thomas, Council Members, Sherry Daniel, Larry Skaggs, Timmy Hudson, Ricky Barnes and David Blakey, Police Chief Tim Pierce, K-9 Officer Hayden Phillips, Code Enforcement Officer Brian Stephens, City Attorney David Smith, and City Clerk Christopher Ramsey.

Opening prayer was led by Frank Irvin, Russell County Honor Guard

Pledge of Allegiance was led by James Clark, DAV - Chapter 51

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. Blakey, Ms. Daniel, Mr. Hudson, Mr. Barnes and Mr. Skaggs. Absent: Mr. Holt

MINUTES: Mayor Thomas presented the minutes from the regular meeting on June 10<sup>th</sup> and special called meeting on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Councilwoman Daniel 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 May 2021 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.

**DONATIONS TO THE RUSSELL COUNTY HONOR GUARD AND DAV CHAPTER – 51.** Mayor Thomas presented the donations to both organizations. Both organizations thanked the City of Russell Springs for the donation and Mr. Clark on behalf of the Russell County DAV-51 presented Mayor Thomas and the City Council a plaque as a symbol of his group's appreciation.

**DONATION TO THE RUSSELL COUNTY 13U ALL STARS SOFTBALL TEAM:** Mayor Thomas presented a check to the 13U All Star Softball team for five-hundred dollars and wished them well in the upcoming tournament. On behalf of the team, Head Coach Reggie Roy thanked the City of Russell Springs for the donation.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD APPOINTMENT:** Mayor Thomas announced that Anthony Darnell had recently resigned from the Code Enforcement Board. Mayor Thomas let the Council know that he appointed Mr. David Withers to fill out the remainder of Mr. Darnell's term that expires in July 2021.

**KLC INSURANCE UPDATE:** Clerk Ramsey let everyone know that the City's KLC insurances are under contract for another year. The City has been working with KLC's insurance division on ways to lower the City's insurance premiums. After completing KLC's check list, KLC sent a new renewal contract with a 12% discount on the liability side and a 4% discount on the health insurance.

SURPLUS ITEMS – RESOLUTION 2021-04: Clerk Ramsey read Resolution 2021-04 in its entirety. The vehicles will be listed in the local newspaper and the smaller items will be available for bid on govdeals.com. Councilman Skaggs made a motion to accept Resolution 2012-04 with Councilwoman Daniel seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.

**COUNCIL UPDATES AND COMMENTS:** Mr. Skaggs thanked the Russell County Auxiliary Guard for their service to the community.

## **MAYOR'S UPDATE:**

Mayor Thomas thanked City Employees, Leslie Simpson and Homer Phillips for working a sewer leak during the  $4^{th}$  of July holiday. The City of Russell Springs is a 24-hour, seven day a week operation.

On behalf of the City Council, Mayor Thomas congratulated Mayor Nick Shearer and the City of Jamestown for a successful LakeFest celebration. He also thanked all police agencies for working together to help make that a success.

Weather permitting E. Steve Wariner Drive & Lakeway Drive intersection will be undergoing construction starting Monday, July 12<sup>th</sup>.

KLC Conference will be September 21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>; if any council member would like to attend, please get in contact with our City Clerk for reservations and to get registered.

## **CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:**

Mr. James Clark invited all in attendance to the Wolf Creek Dam to participate in the Wounded Warrior program.

## **POLICE UPDATE:**

K-9 Officer Phillips introduced everyone to the City's new K-9 unit, Joli.

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

Signed:

Eddie Thomas, Mayor

Attest:

Christopher Ramsey, City Clerk