

RUSSELL SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 2021
6:00 P.M.

The Russell Springs City Council held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, August 12, 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, Ricky Barnes, Tom Holt, and David Blakey, Police Chief Tim Pierce, Assistant Police Chief Bryan Shepard, Code Enforcement Officer Brian Stephens, City Attorney David Smith, and City Clerk Christopher Ramsey.

Opening prayer was led by Ronnie Ford, New Pleasant Point United Baptist Church

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Assistant Police Chief Bryan Shepard

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. Barnes, Mr. Holt, and Mr. Skaggs. Absent: Mr. Hudson

MINUTES: Mayor Thomas presented the minutes from the regular meeting on July 8th. **Councilman Blakey 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 June 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.**

OLD BUSINESS: Councilman Holt commented that he was excited to see the sidewalks being repaired this week on main street. He thanked Mayor Thomas and the rest of the council for doing the much needed repairs.

RECOGNITION OF RETIRING CITY EMPLOYEE: Mayor Thomas recognized Mr. Mark Barnett's twenty-five years service to the City of Russell Springs. Mr. Barnett will retire September 1st. A plaque was presented to Mr. Barnett by Mayor Thomas on behalf of the City Council and himself. Mr. Barnett thanked Mayor Thomas and the City Council on how great it has been to work with them over the past twenty-five years.

RECOGNITION OF POLICE OFFICER: Officer Debra Necessary was recognized for her actions in the line of duty by Police Chief Pierce. Officer Necessary saved an individual's life earlier in the week by her taking such quick action. A plaque was presented to Office Necessary by Chief Pierce on behalf of Mayor Thomas and the City Council. Officer Necessary said that she feels that any officer in that situation would have taken the same course of action.

RESOLUTION 2021-05 - City Government Month: Mayor Thomas explained that the Kentucky League of Cities requested that the council proclaim the month of September as "City Government Month". Clerk Ramsey read the resolution in its entirety. **Councilwoman Daniel made a motion to accept Resolution 2021-05 with Councilman Blakey seconding. The vote was unanimous.**

RESOLUTION 2021-06 – USDA VEHICLE GRANT: Mayor Thomas announced that the city is applying for a USDA Police Vehicle Grant. The City of Russell Springs is eligible for this grant every four to five years. The City would be purchasing a Chevy Tahoe (Police Package) retailing for approximately \$50,000 dollars, the City's part of this grant would be \$11,219. Clerk Ramsey read the resolution in its entirety. **Councilman Barnes made motion to accept Resolution 2021-06 with Councilman Holt seconding. The vote was unanimous.**

RESOLUTION 2021-07 – LAW ENFORCEMENT PROTECTION VESTS: Mayor Thomas explained that several of our officers are wearing expired safety vests and are in dire need of purchasing new ones. Mayor Thomas thanked Susan Melton with the Russell County Sheriff's Office for writing a grant to secure funding for those vests. **Councilwoman Daniel made a motion to accept Resolution 2021-07 with Councilman Holt seconding. The vote was unanimous.**

ASPHALT BIDS: Mayor Thomas announced that the City received the asphalt bids for the year and that this is the second year in a row to do so. Last year Gaddie Shamrock won the bid at seventy-eight dollars a ton. This year Gaddie Shamrock bid eight-four dollars a ton. Also, Selby Asphalt received the bid on road maintenance. **Councilman Skaggs made a motion to accept the bids for both Gaddie Shamrock and Selby Asphalt for the 2021-2022 fiscal year with Councilwoman Daniel seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

2021-2022 INTERLOCAL E-911 AGREEMENT: Clerk Ramsey read the 2021-2022 Interlocal E-911 Agreement in its entirety. **Councilwoman made a motion to accept and participate in the 2021-2022 Interlocal E-911 Agreement with Councilman Barnes. The vote was unanimous.**

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2021-03, BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR CDBG (SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN HUDSON): Mayor Thomas explained that tonight is only a first reading of Ordinance 2021-03 and it is an ordinance that will allow the City to accept roughly one-hundred and twenty-six-thousand to help pay any outstanding water and sewer bills.

CUMBERLAND WORKFORCE BOARD – AARON POYNTER: Mr. Poynter presented to the Mayor and Council an opportunity to participate and help fund a pilot project in the Lake Cumberland Area. This database would help direct those that are underserved or those-in-need to the correct departments or non-profit groups for assistance. Mr. Poynter requested that the City of Russell Springs join the pilot project for an amount of one-thousand three-hundred dollars for a one-year-term. **Councilman Skaggs made a motion to join the Cumberland Workforce pilot project for one-year at a cost of no more than one-thousand three-hundred dollars with Councilman Holt seconding. Motion Carries 4-1 Yeas – Mr. Skaggs, Mr. Holt, Mr. Barnes, Mrs. Daniel Nays – Mr. Blakey**

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Chief Pierce wanted the council to know that all Police Department Vehicles have been marked.

COUNCIL UPDATES AND COMMENTS: Councilwoman Daniel wished Mayor Thomas a Happy 60th Birthday. Also, Coach Mac with the University of Louisville Basketball program via a video wished Mayor Thomas a Happy 60th Birthday.

MAYOR'S UPDATE:

Mayor Thomas announced that the road construction on the corner of Lakeway Drive and E. Steve Wariner Drive has been completed. This road work was done one hundred percent by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. Mayor Thomas thanked State Hwy Department for getting this project completed in such a quick and timely fashion.

The City will be getting with the State Hwy Department to discuss the "grades" of the city streets and Gaddie Shamrock to receive bids.

At KLC's recommendation, the City has hired a company to repair the sidewalks on both sides of main street.

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

Signed: _____

Eddie Thomas, Mayor

Attest: _____

Christopher Ramsey, City Clerk