

RUSSELL SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2022  
6:00 P.M.

The Russell Springs City Council held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, February 10, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Room at Russell Springs City Hall. Those in attendance were Mayor Eddie Thomas, Council Members, Timmy Hudson, Ricky Barnes, Tom Holt, Sherry Daniel, Larry Skaggs, and David Blakey, Police Chief Tim Pierce, Economic Development Director Jeramy Coffey, City Attorney David Smith, Safety Officer Amy Shirley, Officer Robert Baugh, and City Clerk Christopher Ramsey.

Opening prayer was led by Pastor Eric Bennett, Pine Top Church of Christ

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman 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. Blakey, Mr. Hudson, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Holt, Ms. Daniel, and Mr. Skaggs.

**MINUTES:** Mayor Thomas presented the minutes from the special called meeting on January 13<sup>th</sup>. **Councilman Barnes 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 December 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.**

**RESOLUTION 2021 – PROPERTY TAX UPDATE:** Clerk Ramsey informed the council on the current delinquent 2021 property tax list. Currently ninety-three percent of all property taxes have been paid. Those taxes that have not been paid will be listed in the Times-Journal newspaper as delinquent for three consecutive weeks. After the three-week publication period, if those taxes have not been paid a lien will be filed on all delinquent properties.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE:** Mr. Brad Vaughn presented his plans for future developments of the property he owns behind the K-Mart building located on Hammer Drive. Mr. Vaughn thanked Mayor Thomas, City Council, Jeramy Coffey and all of the economic development team. Mr. Vaughn stated that he wished all towns across the Commonwealth would be as progressive towards outside investments and economic developments.

**ENVIVO HEALTH COVID TESTING:** Mayor Thomas let the council know that he had been contact by Mr. Jeff Padilla with Envivo to do COVID-19 testing free for all employees, and citizens of Russell Springs. Envivo was awarded a contract by the Commonwealth of Kentucky to provide this service to the community. **Councilmember Skaggs made a motion to enter into an agreement with Envivo Health for COVID-19 testing with Councilwoman Daniel seconding. Motion Carried. The Vote was unanimous.**

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:** Wes Feese and John Overby let everyone know that they recently started an online newspaper called "The County Line". Their coverage area will be Adair and Russell County.

**MAYOR'S UPDATE:**

Cemetery Board Appointment: Mayor Thomas announced Kathy Bottom-Johnson will replace Mr. Ray Barrett due to his untimely death. Mr. Barrett had been involved in City government in several different capacities; Police Officer, Police Commissioner/City Council and most recently a member of the Russell Springs Cemetery Board.

Cemetery pavilion update: the construction of pavilion will be starting this week.

Mayor Thomas announced Amy Shirley's new dual role in City Government. Mrs. Shirley will be serving as the new Safety Officer as well as continue as the Office Manager for the Russell Springs Police Department. Mayor Thomas is excited to have her in the new role.

Mayor Thomas congratulated the Russell County Bowling Team for their recent regional championship and they will be advancing to the state championship. He also had best wishes for the Russell County Dance Team as they compete in the state championship in Louisville, KY, and the Russell County Cheerleaders as they compete in the national championship down in Orlando, FL.

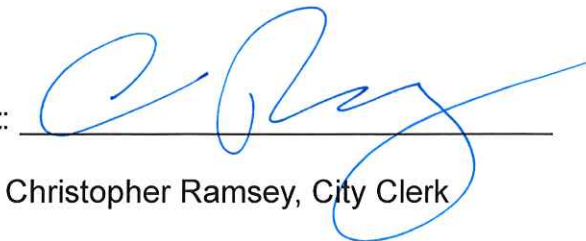
**ADJOURNMENT: Councilman Skaggs made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Councilman Blakey seconding. All was in favor.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_



Eddie Thomas, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_



Christopher Ramsey, City Clerk