

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

The Russell Springs City Council held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, March 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, and City Clerk Christopher Ramsey.

Opening prayer was led by Pastor Josh Owens, Clear Springs Baptist Church

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 February 10th. **Councilman Skaggs 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 January 2022 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.**

PRESENTATION OF HONORARY CITIZENSHIP: Mayor Thomas presented an honorary citizenship to former City of Jamestown Mayor, Nicholas Shearer.

EMERGENCY SHELTER INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT: Clerk Ramsey read the Inter-Local Homeless agreement between the City of Russell Springs, Russell County Fiscal Court, and City of Jamestown. Each governmental body will be contributing \$1,500 each. **Councilwoman Daniel made a motion to accept and participate in the Emergency Shelter Inter-Local Agreement with Councilman Holt seconding. Motion Carried. The Vote was unanimous.**

ORDINANCE 2022-01 NAMING OF ROAD NAME TO RICK NEFF ROAD: Clerk Ramsey performed the first reading of Ordinance 2022-01 sponsored by Councilman Skaggs. The road name change has already been adopted by the City of Russell Springs Zoning Board.

PRESENTATION OF CHECK FOR MT. EDEN/SALEM AREA WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT: Mayor Thomas presented to the City Council the check that Governor Andy Beshear had given to city officials at the Lake Cumberland Area Development District the previous week.

KIA RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING AN ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RUSSELL SPRINGS, KY AND THE KENTUCKY INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE UP TO \$682,000 OF LOAN FUNDS FOR PROJECT NUMBER A21-034: Clerk Ramsey read the KIA Resolution in its entirety. **Councilwoman Daniel made a motion to accept the KIA Resolution as read with Councilman Hudson seconding. Motion Carried. The Vote was unanimous.**

LAKE CUMBERLAND REGIONAL INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX SITE – SPEC BUILDING UPDATE:

Mayor Thomas announced that the Spec Building at the Lake Cumberland Regional Industrial Complex Site has been sold to Cumberland Family Medical Center. Economic Development Jeramy Coffey discuss the details of the sale.

Russell County Industrial Development Authority Appointment: Mayor Thomas made a recommendation of Christopher Ramsey to be appointed to the Russell County IDA for a four-year term. If accepted Mr. Ramsey's term would start on March 19, 2022. **Councilwoman Daniel made a motion to accept the appointment of Christopher Ramsey to the Russell County Industrial Development Authority with Councilman Holt seconding. Motion Carried. The Vote was unanimous.**

ORDINANCE 2022-02: MAYOR SALARY AND COMPENSATION – FIRST READING (SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN HUDSON). Clerk Ramsey read a summary of Ordinance 2022-02 stating that Mayor's salary would go from \$1,639 to \$1,250.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilman Skaggs noted that he had a request by a citizen that the property by the old cement plant be cleaned up.

Police Department Update: Chief Pierce gave an update on the department and that the Safety Officer is in training this week.

Economic Development Update: Mr. Coffey gave an update on the Stropli's restaurant is hoping to be open by the first of April.

MAYOR'S UPDATE:

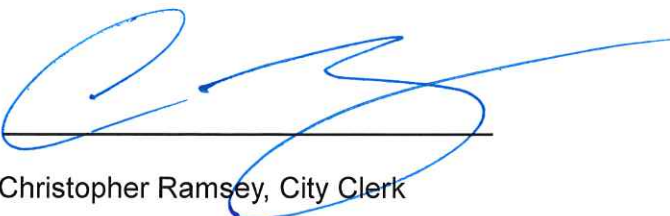
Mayor Thomas announced that Shelia Hadley opened Right Smart Bargains at 635 Main Street and is now open for business.

Mayor Thomas announced that he will be taking a trip next week to Washington D.C. with the Lake Cumberland Area Development District. They have meetings scheduled with Senator Mitch McConnell and Congressman James Comer

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