

RUSSELL SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2022
6:00 P.M.

The Russell Springs City Council held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, April 14, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Room at Russell Springs City Hall. Those in attendance were Mayor Eddie Thomas, Council Members, David Blakey, Timmy Hudson, Sherry Daniel, Ricky Barnes, Tom Holt, and Larry Skaggs, Police Chief Tim Pierce, Economic Development Director Jeramy Coffey, City Attorney David Smith, and City Clerk Christopher Ramsey.

Opening prayer was led by Pastor Rick Neff, New Victory Baptist Church

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commander James Clark, DAV

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 meeting on March 10, 2022. **Councilwoman Daniel 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 February 2022 to be approved. **Councilman Holt made a motion to accept the cash disbursements and financial statements with Councilman Skaggs seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

KY HWY 80 SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT UPDATE: Public Works Director Terry Russell gave the council an update that the project is ready to move forward with the council accepting the bid by the lowest bidder Akin Construction. **Councilman Holt made a motion to accept and award the bid to Akins Construction for \$419,795 with Councilwoman Daniel seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

PRESENTATION OF HONORARY CITIZENSHIP: Mayor Thomas and Mr. Coffey presented an honorary citizenship to former Russell County Tourism Executive Director Janettee Marson. Mayor Thomas thanked Mrs. Marson for her work and dedication to Russell Springs & Russell County and wished her well in her future endeavors.

PRESENTATION OF RUSSELL COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICE AWARD: Mayor Thomas presented a service award to Mr. Steve Branscum for his thirty-one years of service on the Russell County IDA Board. Mayor Thomas thanked him for his many years of service to the City of Russell Springs. Mr. Branscum thanked Mayor Thomas and City Council for this award.

PRESENTATION OF RAY BARRETT MEMORIAL GIFT: The family of Ray Barrett presented a check to the Russell Springs City Cemetery in his memory. Mayor Thomas and Council thanked the family for Mr. Barrett's service to the City of Russell Springs as a police officer, police commissioner, and cemetery board member.

PRESENTATION OF HONORY CITIZENSHIPS AND HONORY AMBASSADOR: Mayor Thomas presented an honorary citizenship to Mr. James Clark, Mr. Tom Burgess, and Mr. Stan Milby. As well, Mayor Thomas presented an honorary Ambassadorship to Mr. Ron Burton, Mr. Burton is already a citizen of Russell Springs. These gentlemen were bestowed these honors by the Mayor and Council because of their service to our country and their exposure to the chemical agent orange.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2022-01 NAMING OF ROAD NAME TO RICK NEFF ROAD: Clerk Ramsey performed the second 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. **Councilman Holt made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-01 as presented with Councilman Hudson seconding. Motion Carried. The Vote was unanimous.**

PRESENTATION OF RICK NEFF ROAD: Mayor Thomas presented Mr. Rick Neff with a duplicate of Rick Neff Road sign. Mayor Thomas thanked Mr. Neff for his devotion and dedication to the City of Russell Springs and Russell County.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2022-02: MAYOR SALARY AND COMPENSATION (SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN HUDSON): Clerk Ramsey performed the second reading of Ordinance 2022-02. **Councilwoman Daniel made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-02 as presented with Councilman Hudson seconding. Motion Carried. The Vote was unanimous.**

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Police Chief Tim Pierce gave a monthly update of the Police Department. Chief Pierce said that his department is continuing the nightly door inspection of local businesses.

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Fire Chief Bobby Johnson and Assistant Fire Chief Mark Barnett gave a presentation of the quarterly activities of their department.

CITY CLERK UPDATE: Clerk Ramsey gave the council a brief update of last month's activities and some upcoming items.

KEVIN'S KIDS UPDATE: Mr. Kevin William gave a video update on Kevin's Kids and invited everyone to attend his event hosted by the First Baptist Church on May 14th starting at 6:00 P.M.

MAYOR'S UPDATE:

Mayor Thomas announced that the flag at Chelbaute Park will be flown at half-staff in recognition of the recently departed, Mr. Tommy McClendon.

Property for the new 911 Center was signed and paid for by the Russell County Fiscal Court earlier this week. Mayor Thomas thanked the council for supporting this project.

Happy Easter! City Hall will close tomorrow at noon in observance of Good Friday.

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

Signed: _____

Eddie Thomas, Mayor

Attest: _____

Christopher Ramsey, City Clerk