

RUSSELL SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2022
6:00 P.M.

The Russell Springs City Council held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, May 12, 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, Tom Holt, and Larry Skaggs, Police Chief Tim Pierce, Economic Development Director Jeremy Coffey, City Attorney David Smith, Fire Chief Bobby Johnson, and Assistant Fire Chief Mark Barnett, and City Clerk Christopher Ramsey.

Opening prayer was led by Pastor Christian Naylor, Russell Springs First 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 Present: Mr. Blakey, Mr. Hudson, Mr. Holt, Ms. Daniel, and Mr. Skaggs. Council Members Absent: Rick Barnes

MINUTES: Mayor Thomas presented the minutes from the meeting on April 14, 2022. **Councilman Blakey made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilwoman Daniel seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

CASH DISBURSEMENTS & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: Mayor Thomas submitted cash disbursements and financial statements for March 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.**

RESOLUTION 2022-03: IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA DESIGNATION: Clerk Ramsey explained that Eastern Kentucky Pride along with Congressman Roger's office requested the reading and adoption of the resolution. Clerk Ramsey read Resolution 2022-03 in its entirety. **Councilwoman Daniel made a motion to accept Resolution 2022-03 as read with Councilman Holt seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2022-03 – ORDINANCE FOR ANNUAL BUDGET – FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN SKAGGS: Clerk Ramsey presented a summary of ordinance 2022-03. This counts as a first reading. No action was taken.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2022-04 – ORDINANCE FOR AMENDED ANNUAL BUDGET – FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 SPONSORED BY COUNCILWOMAN DANIEL: Clerk Ramsey presented a summary of Ordinance 2022-04. This counts as a first reading. No action was taken.

REACH ALERT SYSTEM: Mayor Thomas asked the clerk to explain the new alert system. This new system will help reach citizens to keep them informed on happenings around the City of Russell Springs.

KLC HEALTH AND DENTAL RENEWAL: Mayor Thomas directed that Mr. Ramsey explain to council the change in health & dental insurance rates. Mr. Ramsey let the council know that the City's policy will be going up at 7% and that now the city can provide up to fifty percent of the deductible on both single and family policies. **Councilwoman Daniels made a motion to accept the KLC Health and Dental Renewal and to give authorization to the Mayor and Clerk to sign the necessary documents with Councilman Hudson seconding. The vote was unanimous.**

WHAS CRUSADE FOR KIDS: Fire Chief Bobby Johnson and Assistant Fire Chief Mark Barnett gave all present an update on the dates of the Crusade. The Fire Department will be standing at the intersections of HWY 127 & HWY 80 collecting monies for the charity on June 3rd, 4th, and 5th.

H.M. BOTTOM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP & CITY OF RUSSELL SPRINGS COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: Mayor Thomas announced the winner of the H.M. Bottom Memorial Scholarship is Jessie Bryant and Mckenna Meeks is the winner of the City of Russell Springs Community Achievement Scholarship. Mayor Thomas thanked Councilmen Holt, Blakey, and Hudson for leading the scholarship panel.

2022 MUNICIPAL ROAD AID COOPERATIVE: Mayor Thomas asked that Clerk Ramsey update the council on the Commonwealth of Kentucky's 2022 Road Aid Agreement. Clerk Ramsey read the 2022 Municipal Road Aid in its entirety. **Councilman Holt made a motion to accept the 2022 Municipal Road Aid Cooperative as presented with Councilman Hudson seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS: Mayor Thomas gave his State of the City Speech. (A record of the speech will be archived in the minutes book).

ABC DEPARTMENT UPDATE: ABC Administrator Jeremy Coffey gave an update about the recent ABC sobriety check point that was done in conjunction with the Russell Springs Police Department, Kentucky State Police, Russell County Sheriff's Department, and a local constable. Police Chief Tim Pierce statistics from the check point.

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Police Chief Tim Pierce gave a monthly update of the Police Department.

MAYOR'S UPDATE:

Kevin's Kids charity event will be hosted by the First Baptist Church on May 14th starting at 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Thomas asked citizens to not blow their grass clippings in the road. It is a hazard to motorcycles.

City Pool will be opening on Memorial Day Weekend.

Mayor Thomas congratulated all Seniors of the Class of 2022.

City Hall will be closed for a half day this Tuesday for the Primary Voting. Good Luck to all the Candidates.

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