

RUSSELL SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 2022  
6:00 P.M.

The Russell Springs City Council held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, August 11, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Room at Russell Springs City Hall. Those in attendance were Mayor Eddie Thomas, Council Members, Ricky Barnes, Timmy Hudson, Sherry Daniel, Tom Holt, David Blakey, 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 Josh Owens, Pastor of Clear Springs Missionary Baptist Church

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Larry Skaggs

**WELCOME:** Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

**ROLL CALL:** City Clerk Christopher Ramsey performed the roll call. Council Members Present: Mr. Barnes, Mr. Hudson, Mr. Holt, Ms. Daniel, Mr. Blakey, and Mr. Skaggs. A quorum was established.

**MINUTES:** Mayor Thomas presented the minutes from the previous meeting held on July 11, 2022. **Councilwoman Daniel 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 2022 to be approved. **Councilman Holt made a motion to accept the cash disbursements and financial statements with Councilman Hudson seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

**RECOGNITION OF CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD MEMBERS:** Mayor Thomas presented Mr. Chuck Gossett with a plaque thanking him for his many years of service on the Code Enforcement Board.

**ACCEPTANCE OF ASPHALT BIDS:** Clerk Ramsey presented the 2022-2023 asphalt bids to the council. Mr. Ramsey stated an advertisement for bids had been placed in the local paper and the city received one bid from Gaddie Shamrock for all asphalt and other road supplies, and another bid from Selby Asphalt for general road maintenance. **Councilman Blakely made a motion to accept the bids from Gaddie Shamrock & Selby Asphalt for the 2022-2023 fiscal year with Councilwoman Daniel seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

**REPORT OF MUNICIPAL ROAD AID PUBLIC MEETING:** Clerk Ramsey let the council know that on June 30<sup>th</sup> a budget hearing regarding the proposed use of municipal road aid funds was held. The meeting was open to the public and the only attendees were Mr. Ramsey and Mr. Jeramy Coffey.

**RESOLUTION 2022-05 FIRE DEPARTMENT ADDITION:** Mayor Thomas let the council know that to spend the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA Funds), a resolution will need to be presented for each project. The first is the Fire Department Addition that will be constructed at the High Street address. This project will use an approximate total of combination \$375,000 (three-hundred and seventy-five thousand) of ARPA funds and city funds. Clerk Ramsey read the resolution for the record. **Councilman Skaggs made a motion to accept and proceed with Resolution 2022-05 with Councilman Holt seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

**RESOLUTION 2022-06 COMMUNITY CENTER IMPROVEMENTS:** Mayor Thomas let the council know that improvements will include interior paint, tables, chairs, camera system, and security doors. This project will use an approximate total of combination \$25,000 (Twenty-five thousand) of ARPA funds and city funds. **Councilwoman Daniel made a motion to accept and proceed with Resolution 2022-06 with Councilman Hudson seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

**RESOLUTION 2022-07 RUSSELL SPRINGS CEMETERY IMPROVEMENTS:** Mayor Thomas let the council know that improvements will include cemetery road improvements, new flagpole and possible fencing for the project. This project will use an approximate total of combination \$65,000 (sixty-five thousand) of ARPA funds and city funds. **Councilman Hudson made a motion to accept and proceed with Resolution 2022-07 with Councilman Blakey seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

**2022-2023 INTERLOCAL E-911 AGREEMENT:** Mayor Thomas asked Clerk Ramsey to summarize the Interlocal E-911 Agreement with the City of Jamestown, Russell County Fiscal Court, and Russell County Ambulance Board. City of Russell Springs, City of Jamestown, and Russell County Ambulance Board each will contribute \$35,000 each with the Russell County Fiscal Court making up the difference to fund operating expenses of the Russell County E-911. **Councilman Hudson made a motion to accept the 2022-2023 Interlocal E-911 Agreement with Councilwoman Daniel seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

**MUNICIPAL ORDER 2022-01 PAYROLL BANK ACCOUNT:** Clerk Ramsey asked permission to close the payroll account at First National Bank of Russell Springs and transfer the remaining funds in the payroll account to the General Fund account. Clerk Ramsey read Municipal Order 2022-01 in its entirety. **Councilman Skaggs made a motion to accept Municipal Order 2022-01 as read with Councilman Holt seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

**ORDINANCE 2022-05 AD VALOREMUM TAX ON REAL, PROPERTY, MOTOR VEHICLES AND MOTOR BOATS:** Mayor Thomas had Clerk Ramsey to perform the first reading of Ordinance 2022-05. No action can be taken on a first reading.

**OLD FORD GARAGE ON MAIN STREET:** Mayor Thomas asked that the council give Mr. Terry Stephens the 100 X 100 square of property behind the old ford garage across from City Hall. Mr. Stephens plans on tearing the building down and will need the extra property behind his building to construct the new building. **Councilman Hudson made a motion to sell the property the City owns behind the old ford garage that is approximately a 100 x 100 square for \$1 (one-dollar) to Mr. Terry Stephens with Councilman Blakey seconding. Motion Carried. The Vote was unanimous.**

#### **MAYOR'S UPDATE:**

Mayor Thomas congratulated new officers, Mason Miniard and Brenton Llano for their recent graduation from the Kentucky Police Academy.

Mayor Thomas congratulated Safety Officer Amy Shirley for doing such a great job. He is hearing nothing but good things from the community about the safety officer.

**POLICE UPDATE:** Chief Pierce presented the Police Department's July stats to the council

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

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

Eddie Thomas, Mayor

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

Christopher Ramsey, City Clerk