

RUSSELL SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2023
6:00 P.M.

The Russell Springs City Council held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, January 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: Ricky Barnes, Timmy Hudson, Tom Holt, David Blakey, Sherry Daniel, and Cody Wilson, Police Chief Tim Pierce, City Attorney David Smith, Economic Development Director Jeramy Coffey, and City Clerk Christopher Ramsey.

Opening prayer was led by Pastor Dennis Price

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman David Blakey

WELCOME: Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone including new councilmember, Cody Wilson.

ROLL CALL: City Clerk Christopher Ramsey performed the roll call. Council Members Present: Mr. Barnes, Mr. Hudson, Mr. Holt, Mr. Blakey, Ms. Daniel, and Mr. Wilson.

MINUTES: Mayor Thomas presented the minutes from the previous meeting held on December 08, 2022. **Councilwoman Daniel 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 November 2022 to be approved. **Councilman Holt made a motion to accept the cash disbursements and financial statements with Councilman Wilson seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

APPRECIATION AWARD – FORMER RUSSELL COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE GARY D. ROBERTSON: On behalf of the City Council, and Citizens of Russell Springs, Mayor Thomas presented an award for his outstanding service as Russell County Judge Executive. Mr. Robertson had served four years as 5th District Magistrate before becoming County Judge Executive in 2011; serving in that position for three consecutive terms (12 years). Mr. Robertson is the first and only county judge in Russell County to serve three consecutive terms. Mayor Thomas stated that Mr. Robertson's leadership will be greatly missed.

AUDIT PRESENTATION: Mr. Kevin Fisher with RFH accounting firm presented the FY 2021 audit. RFH gave "clean audit opinion" to the City of Russell Springs. Mr. Fisher thanked city hall staff for being efficient and a willingness to help with the audit questions. **Councilwoman Daniel made a motion to accept the Audit Report as presented with Councilman Barnes seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2022-06: AN ORDINANCE OF INTENT TO ANNEX PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNED BY TIMOTHY ABERNATHY AND KEITH OWENS SPONSORED BY DAVID BLAKEY. Clerk Ramsey performed the second reading of Ordinance 2022-06. **Councilman Blakey made a motion to accept Ordinance 2022-06 as read with Councilwoman Daniel seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

RE-ZONING RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY (R2) LOCATED ON LAKEWAY DRIVE TO COMMERCIAL (C1): Mayor Thomas asked Mr. Coffey to present the recommendation from the Zoning and Planning Committee. Mr. Coffey stated all state requirements have been met on changing the properties status to C1 including the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Committee on Jan. 5, 2023. The land is owned by Mr. Brian McElroy. **Councilman Hudson made a motion to accept the recommendation from the Zoning and Planning Committee to accept the change for Mr. McElroy's property from R2 to C1 with Councilwoman Daniel. Motion Carried. The vote was 5-0 with one abstention from Councilman Barnes. Mr. Barnes stated that his abstention vote was nothing unfavorable about the motion or the property owner.**

RUSSELL SPRINGS VETERAN'S BANNERS: Mr. Brian Stephens presented to the City Council information about the Veteran's Banner program. Mr. Stephens plans on presenting an ordinance at next month's meeting. After the presentation, Councilman Blakey requested the city look at subsidizing the cost for the banners for veterans in need. After a recommendation from Mr. Robertson, Mayor Thomas said he would check with the Lake Cumberland Area Foundation about possible donations to help offset the price.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT: Mr. Coffey presented the monthly report to the City Council. Mr. Coffey gave updates on the old K-Mart Building and the New Hardee's building progress.

POLICE REPORT: Chief Tim Pierce presented the monthly police statistics. Several council members quested Chief Pierce on why DUIs are left off the report and requested that next month's report include DUIs statics.

MAYOR'S UPDATE:

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS STATS: 7,582 CARS (An estimated 30,328 people viewed the lights).

YULE LIGHT UP THE NIGHT 5K RUN/WALK – DEC 17TH: 109 People participated with a total donation to the Toys for Tots program in the amount of \$3,890.

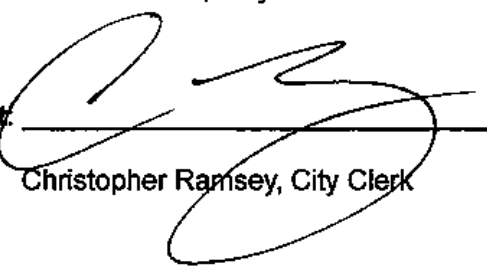
FIRE DEPARTMENT NEW ADDITION AND RENOVATION UPDATE: Mayor Thomas was happy to announce that the Fire Department received their letter of occupancy.

CITY HALL CLOSURE: City Hall will be closed on January 17th in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.

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

Signed:  _____

Eddie Thomas, Mayor

Attest:  _____
Christopher Ramsey, City Clerk