

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

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

Opening prayer was led by Councilman Timmy Hudson

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 October 13, 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 September 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.**

**POLICE REPORT:** Chief Tim Pierce presented the monthly police statistics.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT:** Mr. Coffey let the council know that Hardee's Restaurant will be locating in the City of Russell Springs. Construction of the new restaurant will begin late spring/early summer with a target opening of late fall 2023. The new restaurant will be locating on Hwy 127 close to the Russell County Middle School & High School complex. Mr. Coffey read a statement from the new owner Mike Whitaker thanking Mayor Thomas, City Council, and economic development team for assisting with their selection of the City of Russell Springs.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER KRS 61.810(1)(B) – ACQUISITION OR SALE OF REAL PROPERTY:** **Councilwoman Daniel made a motion to go into executive session under KRS 61.810(1)(b) with Councilman Skaggs seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous. Council entered executive session at 6:11 pm.**

**EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION:** **Councilman Blakey made a motion to exit executive session under KRS 61.810(1)(b) with Councilman Holt seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous. Council left executive session at 6:40 pm.** Mayor Thomas stated that no action was taken in executive session.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:** On behalf of her fellow councilmembers, Councilwoman Daniel congratulated Councilman Skaggs on his upcoming new role as 5<sup>th</sup> District Magistrate on the Russell County Fiscal Court.

**MAYOR'S UPDATE:**

Mayor Thomas congratulated the five councilmembers on their re-election efforts to remain on the council and welcomed newly elected councilmember Cody Wilson. Mayor Thomas also thanked Mr. Skaggs for his service and wished him well on his new role at Russell County Magistrate.

Mayor Thomas thanked all involved in making Trunk or Treat on main street a success.

Reminder that City Hall will be closed tomorrow, November 11<sup>th</sup> in observance of Veterans Day.

Veterans Cemetery Update: Due to the negative weather forecast, the dedication ceremony has been moved to Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. The dedication is open to the public. Mayor Thomas thanked the City Council for their support for this project.

This year's Christmas Parade theme will be a "Blue Christmas". Please contact Christopher Ramsey at City Hall to request Christmas Parade registration form. After the parade, the lights in the park will be turned on for the community. This event will be free to the public. The Grand Marshall for this year's event will be Russell County Judge Executive Gary D. Robertson.

Mayor Thomas re-appointed all members currently on the planning and zoning commission for another two-year term; Coy Harris, Lou Ann Flanagan, Kellie Malone, Ronnie Veach, and Karen Dalton. Their term of office is set to expire December 1, 2024.

This year the KLC City officials Academy will be Jan 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>. If any councilmembers are interested in attending, please get with the City Clerk.

A reminder that the City Park is now closed during the installation of the Christmas Lights.

Yule Light Up the Night 5K Run/Walk – Dec 17<sup>th</sup>. A big thank you to the Russell County Jaycess for letting the city use the fairground for the Christmas Parade and 5K Run.

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

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

Eddie Thomas, Mayor

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

Christopher Ramsey, City Clerk