

RUSSELL SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2023
6:00 P.M.

The Russell Springs City Council held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, March 9, 2023, 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, 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.

Before the Opening Prayer, a moment of silence was observed for the recent passing of former Mayor Hollis DeHart

Opening prayer was led by Mr. Timmy Hudson

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman David Blakey

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. Blakey, Ms. Daniel, and Mr. Wilson.

MINUTES: Mayor Thomas presented the minutes from the previous meeting held on February 9, 2023. **Councilman Blakey made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilman Wilson seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

CASH DISBURSEMENTS & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: Mayor Thomas submitted cash disbursements and financial statements for January 2023 to be approved. **Councilwoman Daniel made a motion to accept the cash disbursements and financial statements with Councilman Hudson seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

RESIGNATION OF COUNCILMAN TOM HOLT: Mayor Thomas asked Clerk Ramsey to read the resignation letter from former Councilman Tom Holt. Clerk Ramsey read the letter to all in the open meeting. Mr. Holt's resignation was effective immediately, leaving a vacancy on the Russell Springs City Council.

COUNCIL APPOINTMENT: **Councilwoman Daniel made a motion to appoint Lisa Mann to fill the council seat with Councilman Wilson seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

APPRECIATION AWARD TO PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, TERRY RUSSELL: Mayor Thomas presented Mr. Russell with a plaque proclaiming him as an honorary citizenship of the City of Russell Springs. Mayor Thomas also presented Mr. Russell with an award for his 28 years of service to the City of Russell Springs. Mr. Russell briefly spoke about his experience of working as the Public Works Director, thanked everyone for treating him like family, and said that he will greatly miss everyone.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2023:01: AN ORDINANCE GOVERNING THE RUSSELL SPRINGS VETERANS BANNER PROGRAM (SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN BLAKEY): Clerk Ramsey presented the second reading of Ordinance 2023-01 to the council. **Councilman Barnes made a motion to accept Ordinance 2023-01 as presented with Councilwoman Daniel seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2023-02: AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PARKING VIOLATIONS, RESTRICTIONS, PENALTIES, AND IMPOUNDMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES (SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN BARNES). Clerk Ramsey presented the first reading of Ordinance 2023-02 to the council. **Councilman Blakey made a motion to accept Ordinance**

2023-02 as presented with Councilman Barnes seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.

2023-2024 INTERLOCAL HOMELESS PREVENTION AND SUPPORT AGREEMENT: Mayor Thomas asked Clerk Ramsey to summarize the agreement. **Councilwoman Daniel made a motion to accept the 2023-2024 Interlocal Homeless Agreement with the Russell County Fiscal Court, with Councilman Hudson seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

RESOLUTION 2023-03 - A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PASSAGE OF ANY ANTI-ANNEXATION LEGISLATION: Mayor Thomas spoke briefly on the importance of opposing this legislation and that this an important bill for the Kentucky League of Cities. **Councilman Hudson made a motion to pass Resolution 2023-03 as presented with Councilwoman Daniel seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER KRS 61.810(1)(C) – DISCUSSIONS OF PROPOSED OR PENDING LITIGATION AGAINST OR ON BEHALF OF A PUBLIC AGENCY: Motion was made by **Councilman Wilson to go into executive session under KRS 61.810(1)(C) with Councilman Barnes seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous. Council entered executive Session at 6:24 PM.**

EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER 61.810(1)(C): **Councilman Blakey made motion to exit executive session under KRS 61.810(1)(C) with Councilman Wilson seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous. Council exited executive session at 6:38 PM.** Mayor Thomas stated that no action was taken in executive session. Mayor Thomas stated that no action was taken in executive session.

Councilwoman Daniel made a motion to give Mayor Thomas the authority to negotiate a settlement of a claim that was discussed in executive session on March 9, 2023, with Councilman Blakey seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT: Mr. Jeremy Coffey gave an update on Hardees and the possibility of the old K-Mart building being rented. Mr. Coffey let the council know that we have several different entities looking at the area.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Councilwoman Daniel thanked the Russell Spring Fire Department for all they do to serve the community. Mayor Thomas thanked them for doing clean up during the recent sever storm that came through the area.

MAYOR'S UPDATE:

Fire Department Renovation is now complete, please stop in and see the finished project.

Park Damage from the recent storm is close to \$100,000 of damage and a claim has been submitted to the Kentucky League of Cities.

Kevin's Kids Benefit Concert will be held on April 15, 2023, at First Baptist Church in Russell Springs.

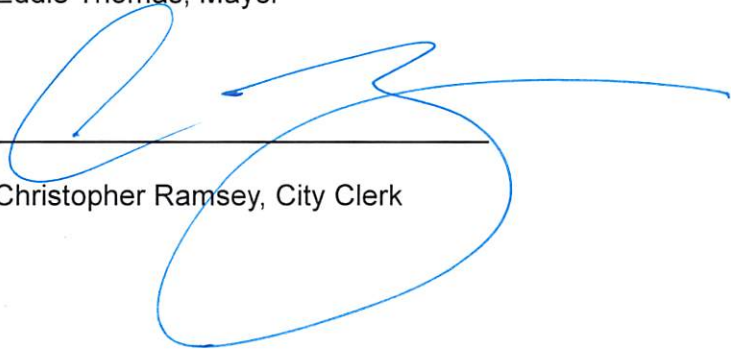
City Hall will be temporarily closed on Thursday, March 30th, from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm to celebrate and honor our Public Works Director, Terry Russell.

Easter Egg Hunt in the park will be on April 2nd, at the Russell Springs City Park. The event will be a partnership with Russell County Judge Executive Randy Marcum and the Russell County Fiscal Court, 3 Trees Church, and us, the City of Russell Springs.

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

Signed:  _____

Eddie Thomas, Mayor

Attest:  _____

Christopher Ramsey, City Clerk