

RUSSELL SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SPECIAL CALLED REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2023
7:30 A.M.

The Russell Springs City Council held a special called meeting on Tuesday, May 23, 2023, at 7:30 a.m., in the Council Room at Russell Springs City Hall. Those in attendance were Mayor Eddie Thomas, Council Members: Ricky Barnes, David Blakey, Timmy Hudson, Sherry Daniel, Cody Wilson, Lisa Mann, Interim Police Chief Bryan Shepard, Zoning Administrator Tommy Holt, Director of Facilities Brian Stephens, and City Clerk Christopher Ramsey.

WELCOME: Mayor Thomas convened the meeting and greeted everyone, emphasizing that only matters outlined in the agenda would be open for discussion.

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

MUNICIPAL ORDER 2023-01: A MUNICIPAL ORDER AMENDING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS PROCEDURES (SPONSORED BY COUNCILWOMAN MANN): Clerk Ramsey provided a clarification stating that Kentucky League of Cities "KLC" had advised all cities to update their practices in order to adhere to the recently enacted state law from March of this year. The updated regulations will take effect on July 1st of this year. This Municipal Order aims to raise the limit for the Mayor's authority to make purchases without following the procurement procedure, as long as the purchase amount does not exceed \$40,000. **Councilman Hudson made a motion to accept Municipal Order 2023-01 as presented with Councilwoman Mann seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

MUNICIPAL ORDER 2023-02: A MUNICIPAL ORDER CLOSING THE DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE BANK ACCOUNT AND TRANSFERRING THE FUNDS TO THE GENERAL FUND (SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN BARNES): Mayor Thomas stated that the downtown revitalization committee had been inactive for a period of three years and urged for its dissolution, along with the transfer of funds back to the general fund. **Councilwoman Mann made a motion to accept Municipal Order 2023-02 as presented with Councilman Wilson seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

MUNICIPAL ORDER 2023-03: A MUNICIPAL ORDER AMENDING EMPLOYEE SICK TIME, VACATION TIME, AND DONATION POLICY (SPONSORED BY COUNCILWOMAN DANIEL): Clerk Ramsey gave a brief reading of the municipal order and highlighted the changes from the current policies. **Councilman Wilson made a motion to accept Municipal Order 2023-03 as presented with Councilwoman Daniel seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

MUNICIPAL ORDER 2023-04: A MUNICIPAL ORDER CREATING THE POSITION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR (Sponsored by Councilman Blakey) Clerk Ramsey read the ordinance and stated this update would be reflected in the Policy and Procedures. **Councilwoman Daniel made a motion to accept Municipal Order 2023-04 as presented with Councilwoman Mann seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

MUNICIPAL ORDER 2023-05: AN MUNICIPAL ORDER CREATING THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE (Sponsored by Councilman Hudson) Clerk Ramsey read the ordinance and stated this update would be reflected in the Policy and Procedures. **Councilwoman Daniel made a motion to accept Municipal Order 2023-05 as presented with Councilman Hudson seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

MUNICIPAL ORDER 2023-06: AN MUNICIPAL ORDER CREATING THE POSITION OF CHIEF OF STAFF (Sponsored by Councilwoman Daniel) Clerk Ramsey read the ordinance and stated this update would be reflected in the Policy and Procedures. **Councilman Wilson made a motion to accept Municipal Order 2023-06 as presented with Councilman Hudson seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

RESOLUTION 2023-06: PURCHASE OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT: Mayor Thomas provided an explanation that the city is actively exploring the acquisition of Caterpillar operating equipment from BoydCat through the state

purchasing agreement. The desired purchase comprises a Caterpillar Skid-steer, which is estimated to cost \$73,624.20, and a Caterpillar Mini Track Hoe, estimated at \$47,477.21. Furthermore, as part of the transaction, the City plans to trade in an older Mini Track Hoe. **Councilman Hudson made a motion to accept Resolution 2023-06 as presented with Councilman Wilson seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

RESOLUTION 2023-07 - HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL: Clerk Ramsey proposed the renewal of the City's Health Insurance through the Kentucky League of Cities for an additional year. The health insurance policy for the existing healthcare plan is set to rise by 7.9% for FY 2023-2024. **Councilwoman Daniel made a motion to accept Resolution 2023-07 as presented with Councilwoman Mann seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

FIRST READING ORDINANCE 2023-04 – ORDINANCE FOR ANNUAL BUDGET – FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN BLAKEY: Clerk Ramsey conducted the reading of the ordinance, while Mayor Thomas clarified that no action could be taken on it since it was the first read.

FIRST READING ORDINANCE 2023-05 - ORDINANCE FOR AMENDED ANNUAL BUDGET – FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 SPONSORED BY COUNCILWOMAN MANN: Clerk Ramsey conducted the reading of the ordinance, while Mayor Thomas clarified that no action could be taken on it since it was the first read.

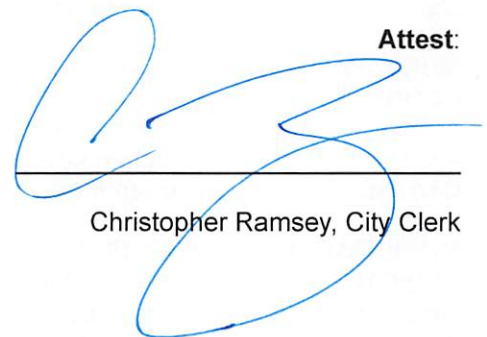
ADJOURNMENT: Councilman Barnes made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Councilman Holt seconding. All was in favor.

Signed:



Eddie Thomas, Mayor

Attest:



Christopher Ramsey, City Clerk